

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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Department Name: Clerk-Recorder-

Assessor

Department No.: 062

For Agenda Of: Mar 6, 2012

Placement: Admin

Estimated Tme:

Continued Item: Select_Continued

If Yes, date from:

Vote Required: majority

TO: Board of Supervisor's

FROM: Joe Holland, Clerk-Recorder-Assessor

Contact Info: Rick Holly, Chief Deputy Assessor x 2573

SUBJECT: Posting Annual Value Notices on the county website.

<u>County Counsel Concurrence</u> <u>Auditor-Controller Concurrence</u>

As to form: yes As to form: yes

Recommended Actions:

Adopt the attached resolution approving the posting of annual value notices for assesses of real and personal property on the county website under Revenue and Tax Code section 621.

Summary Text:

Background:

Assessors are required by California Revenue and Taxation Code section 619 to provide notice of changes in assessed value to assessees of real and personal property when the assessment roll is turned over to the Auditor in July of each year. The information required in the July value notice is repeated on the property tax bill that all property owners receive in early October.

Effective January 1, 2011, the assessor, with the approval of the Board of Supervisors, can provide value notices on the county website pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code section 621. The notice will be displayed through the existing access available to the public now. Property owners will be able to search for the notice by their parcel number or situs address. The owners name and mailing address will not display on the notice pursuant to state law.

Providing notice via the website will save the county staff time, printing and postage costs for printing and mailing 30,000 regular valuation and Proposition 8 notices annually. Implementation will save approximately \$15,000 per year in printing and mailing costs.. For the first year, savings will be slightly reduced to pay for a display ad and public service announcements to notify the public of the change?.

Assessees without internet access, or who prefer a mailed notice will be able to request a value notice by contacting the Assessor's Office.

Performance Measure:

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Select_Budgeted

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Sources	Current FY Cost:	Annualized On-going Cost:	Total One-Time Project Cost
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative:

The reduction in the number of value notices mailed annually will save the Assessor roughly \$15,000 in annual printing and postage cost.

Staffing Impacts:

<u>Legal Positions:</u> <u>FTEs:</u>

Special Instructions:

Send a copy of signed resolution to Richard Holly in the Assessor's Office, 2nd Floor County Administration Building. Also, copy to CC Maria LaSala.

Attachments: Resolution

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