

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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Agenda Number:
Prepared on: 1/12/05
Department Name: Treasurer - Tax Collector
Department No.: 065
Agenda Date: 1/25/05
Placement: Administrative
Estimate Time:
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Bernice James, Treasurer - Tax Collector

STAFF CONTACT: Stacey Matson, CPA, Treasury Finance Chief, 568-2158

SUBJECT: Santa Maria Joint Union High School District Voter Approved Bond Issuance

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:
Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District to Issue and Sell General Obligation Bonds, in its Own Behalf, in Accordance with Education Code Section 15140.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with actions required by law or routine business necessity.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

On November 2, 2004 the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District (the District) was authorized by the requisite two-thirds (2/3) vote of qualified voters to issue General Obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$79.0 million.

The District's is now preparing to issue the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District (Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties, CA) General Obligation Bonds Election 2004, Series 2005 in a not to exceed amount of \$35.0 million, leaving \$44.0 million for future issuance. The Santa Maria Joint Union High School District will be liable for repayment of the bonds.

The Santa Barbara County Superintendent of Schools has jurisdiction over the District. Santa Barbara County will levy and collect the taxes and make the payments, as required by Section 15140(b). San Luis Obispo County shall also levy and collect the taxes, as required. Collected amounts will be paid to the Treasurer – Tax Collector of Santa Barbara County.

Per Education Code § 15140, in order for the District to issue these bonds, rather than the County, it is necessary for the County Board of Supervisors to adopt the “Resolution Authorizing the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District to Issue and Sell, on its own Behalf, General Obligation Bonds in Accordance with Education Code § 15140”. (See attached Resolution.) The resolution authorizes the issuance, up to \$35.0 million, approved by the passage of Measure C in November 2004. The District has met the requirement of receiving a positive certification in its most recent interim report.

Mandates and Service Levels:

None

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

None

Special Instructions:

Please forward eight dated resolutions with original signatures to the Santa Barbara County Treasurer – Tax Collector, Attention: Stacey Matson.

Concurrence:

Auditor-Controller

County Counsel

Attachments:

Resolution

COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE SANTA MARIA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ISSUE AND SELL ON ITS OWN BEHALF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH EDUCATION CODE SECTION 15140

WHEREAS, an election was held in the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District (the “District”), on November 2, 2004, and thereafter canvassed pursuant to law; and

WHEREAS, at the election there was submitted to and approved by the requisite two-thirds vote of the qualified electors of the District the proposition of issuing bonds of the District in the maximum principal amount of \$79,000,000; and

WHEREAS, based upon the canvass certificates of the Registrar of Voters of Santa Barbara County and the Registrar of Voters of San Luis Obispo County, more than two-thirds of the votes cast on the measure were in favor of issuing the bonds;

WHEREAS, California Education Code Section 15140(b) authorizes a county board of supervisors to adopt a resolution providing that, in specified circumstances, the governing board of any school district or community college district over which the county superintendent of schools has jurisdiction may issue and sell bonds on its own behalf and without further action by the board of supervisors or other officers of the county; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors desires to make such procedures available to the governing board of the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District within the County of Santa Barbara (“County”) over which the Santa Barbara County Superintendent of Schools has jurisdiction, subject to limitations contained in Education Code Section 15140 and set forth below;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, as follows:

1. (a) Subject to the provisions of subparagraph (b) below, the governing board of the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District (the “District”) over which the Santa Barbara County Superintendent of Schools has jurisdiction, and which has not received a qualified or negative certification in its most recent interim report, may issue and sell bonds on its own behalf pursuant to Chapter 1 of Part 10 of Division 1 of Title 1 of the Education Code without further action of the Board of Supervisors or other officers of the County of Santa Barbara or of any other county in which a portion of the school district is located, in an amount not to exceed \$35 million and in accordance with all of the provisions and limitations of Measure C2004 approved by the voters on November 2, 2004.

(b) The District shall transmit a copy of the following documents to the County Auditor and the County Treasurer-Tax Collector in sufficient time to permit them to establish tax rates and necessary funds or accounts for the bonds: the District resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of the bonds; the final debt

service schedule for the bonds reflecting the principal amounts and interest rates of the bonds as determined in the sale of the bonds; and where applicable, the debt service schedule for any bonds to be refunded.

The Assessor of this County shall cause to be certified to this Board the assessed value of all taxable property in this County that is situated in the District. The Assessor of this County shall request from the Assessor of San Luis Obispo County the assessed value of all taxable property in San Luis Obispo County that is situated in the District. The tax shall thereafter be levied in the two counties and, when collected, paid to the Treasurer-Tax Collector of this County pursuant to Sections 15260 and 15261 of the Education Code.

2. The County, its officers, agents and employees shall have no responsibility for the proceedings for sale and issuance of the bonds of the District; nor for establishing a tax rate for any new issue of school bonds or reducing a tax rate for any outstanding issue of bonds that may have been refunded in any year in which the information required by Paragraph 1(b) of this Resolution is delivered to the County Assessor, the County Auditor and the County Treasurer-Tax Collector later or other than as specified by those County officers.

3. The County will levy and collect taxes, pay monies sufficient to pay principal of and interest, accreted value and redemption premium, if any, on the Bonds to the paying agent and bond registrar, and hold the Bond proceeds and tax funds pursuant to Chapter 1 of Part 10, Division 1, Title 1 (commencing with Section 15100) of the Education Code for the bonds issued and sold.

4. County officials and staff are hereby authorized and directed, jointly and severally, to do any and all things and to execute and deliver any and all documents that they may deem necessary or advisable in order to enable the District to proceed with the issuance of the Bonds, and otherwise carry out, give effect to and comply with the terms and intent of this Resolution. Such actions heretofore taken by such officers, officials and staff are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

5. The Clerk of this Board is hereby directed to provide a copy of this Resolution to the District and to the County Superintendent of Schools.

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6. The Clerk of this Board is hereby directed to deliver a copy of this Resolution to the District.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, the _____ day of January, 2005.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTION:

Chair of the Board of Supervisors

[SEAL]

ATTEST:

Michael F. Brown,
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Stephen Shane Stark,
County Counsel

By: _____
Deputy County Counsel

**APPROVED AS TO ACCOUNTING
FORM:**

Robert W. Geis, C.P.A.,
Auditor-Controller

By: _____