



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
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Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
For Agenda of: 06/26/12
Placement: Departmental - Hearing
Estimated Tme: 15 minutes
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date form:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Scott McGolpin, P.E., x3010
Director(s) Public Works Director

Contact Info: Mark A. Schleich, P.E., x3600
Deputy Public Works Director

SUBJECT: Establishing Benefit Assessments for County Service Area 3 (CSA 3) for Fiscal Year 2012-2013, 2nd and 3rd Supervisorial Districts

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form: Community Service Department

Recommended Actions: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. At the hearing consider the following recommendations:
 - a. Receive and file a report entitled *Fixed Charges Fee Report for County Service Area 3 for Fiscal Year 2012-2013*, included in Attachment A, with the Clerk of the Board. The Benefit Assessment is proposed to be restored to \$24.00 (currently \$8.00) per residential unit;
 - b. Adopt at the conclusion of the public hearing the attached resolution establishing streetlighting charges for County Service Area 3 for fiscal year 2012-2013.
 - c. Adopt the findings in the attached Notice of Exemption that the proposed action is for the establishment of rates for services provided by County Service Area 3, that no expansion of services or facilities will result, and that any increased revenues will be used for meeting operating expenses and financial reserve needs and requirements, and that the action is therefore exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to 14 CCR Section 15273. Approve and direct staff to file and post the Notice of Exemption on that basis.

Summary Text:

These actions address setting the benefit assessment rates for streetlighting in County Service Area 3 which serves the unincorporated Goleta and Santa Barbara areas. The proposed action restores the benefit assessment rate from \$8.00 to the previous rate of \$24.00 per residential equivalent.

Background:

County Service Area 3 currently has 1,402 streetlights, over 534 acres of developed and undeveloped park land, roadway medians and supports library services in the unincorporated Goleta and Santa Barbara areas. A separate benefit assessment specific to libraries is expected to come to the Board of Supervisors for consideration on July 10, 2012. Total expenses for next year’s services are expected to be \$1,144,322 with streetlighting costs accounting for \$204,750. Upon restoration of the benefit assessment rate from \$8.00 to \$24.00 per residential parcel (with factored amounts for other development types), benefit assessment revenue would account for \$199,848. Total revenues would be \$1,148,706. The revenues and expenditures are summarized in the table below. \$4,384 will be added to fund balance.

Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Fund Summary			
Revenue		Expenditures	
Interest	\$2,380	Administration	\$20,269
Property Taxes	\$776,478	Streetlighting	\$204,750
Library Assessments (est.)	\$170,000	Median Maint. & Imp.	\$50,000
Benefit Assessments	\$199,848	Street Tree Trimming	\$20,000
		Utilities	\$59,303
		Library Services (est.)	\$170,000
		Park Services	\$620,000
Total Revenue	\$1,148,706	Total Expenditures	\$1,144,322

If the benefit assessment is restored, an additional \$133,000 would be available for use annually. The Public Works Department proposes to provide a greater level of service for landscaped medians and tree trimming around street lights. The Community Service Department (CSD) proposes to replace fixed assets and maintenance activities for open spaces and trails in CSA 3. The Parks Division of CSD maintains over 534 acres of developed and undeveloped park land in CSA 3. This level of service includes trail maintenance as well. A separate benefit assessment rate is established for library services and will pass through to the library account. The restoration of benefit assessments are allowed pursuant to Government Code Section 53750(h)(2)(B) and Article XIIC of the California Constitution without an election given that the rate does not exceed historical amounts set prior to the passage of Proposition 218. If approved, this action restores the benefit assessment rate to the fiscal year 1991-1992 (Resolution 91-469) level, the previous high. Also, the method used to determine the rate is unchanged.

Please see the Engineering Report in Attachment A, which identifies the benefit assessment rate per parcel in CSA 3 as well describes the streetlighting functions and provides fund histories and projections.

Performance Measure:

No changes to the streetlighting level of service provided by County Service Area 3 are currently anticipated or proposed.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts: The restoration of benefit assessment for County Service Area 3 will modify the revenues as summarized in the table below.

<u>CSA, District or Zone</u>	<u>Benefit Assessment Revenue</u>	<u>Apportioned Property Tax Revenue</u>	<u>Fund Reserve</u>	<u>Streetlighting Service Costs</u>
CSA 3	\$199,848	\$4,902	\$0	\$204,750
Total	\$199,848	\$4,902	\$0	\$204,750

Staffing Impacts:

No new staffing positions are proposed in this budget.

Special Instructions:

- A. Request the Clerk of the Board to publish notice of the meeting, as set forth in Attachment B, in the Daily Sound pursuant to Government Code Section 6066. The recommended publication dates are June 12 and June 19, 2012.

- B. Following Board approval, request Clerk of the Board to post the Notice of Exemption (Attachment C) and forward a stamped copy to the Public Works Dept, Santa Maria, Attention: Christy Angkahan

- C. Request the Clerk of the Board to forward a certified copy of the noticing resolution and the acceptance resolution to:
 - Christy Angkahan, Public Works Dept., Santa Maria
 - Shannon Barcelona, Public Works Dept., RRWM, Santa Barbara

Attachments:

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