

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Establishment of the 2003-04 Library Tax Rate for County Service Area #3 (Goleta)

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors: Set a hearing for August 19, 2003 to consider adopting a resolution that increases the 2003-04 library special tax rate in County Service Area #3 (Goleta), by 2.8% CPI adjustment for 2002.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with Goal No. 5.A High Quality of Life for All Residents, and Goal No. 7. A Community that Fosters the Safety and Well-Being of Families and Children.

Executive Summary and Discussion: In June 1990, more than 2/3 of the voters in CSA#3 (Goleta) approved a special tax to fund enhanced services at the Goleta Library. In accordance with the terms of ballot Measure L that authorized the special tax, your Board must hold a public hearing to annually fix the amount of tax to be collected. The tax can be adjusted each year for changes in the cost of living. Changes in the cost of living are based upon the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Los Angeles/Anaheim/Riverside area using the calendar year immediately preceding the applicable tax year, as the base.

The assessment for FY2003-04 is proposed to increase by 2.8%, which reflects the CPI adjustment for 2002. The chart below shows proposed changes in tax rates by parcel category:

Parcel Description	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Amount of Increase
Single Family Dwelling	\$ 16.18	\$ 16.63	\$ 0.45
Apartments (2 to 3 units)	\$ 32.32	\$ 33.22	\$ 0.90
Apartments (4 or more units)	\$ 96.96	\$ 99.67	\$ 2.71
Commercial/Industrial Parcels	\$ 72.69	\$ 74.73	\$ 2.04
Vacant Farm Land	\$ 8.07	\$ 8.30	\$ 0.23
Misc. Parcels (Churches, etc.)	\$ 32.32	\$ 33.22	\$ 0.90

A written report detailing the 2003-04 tax per parcel for CSA #3 will be filed with the Clerk of the Board. A second copy will be available for public viewing at the Goleta Library.

Enclosure (1) is a summary of the library tax proposed for parcels located in the **unincorporated area** of County Service Area 3, outside the boundaries of the City of Goleta.

Enclosure (2) is the proposed Board of Supervisors' resolution that sets the tax for County Service Area 3 for the 2003-04 fiscal year.

Mandates and Service Levels:

The 2003-04 budget for the Goleta Library provides for basic library services, book delivery, pre-school story time, reference service, overdue follow-up service and basic collection maintenance. Books, video tapes, audio tapes, and technological/automation materials will be purchased.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

County Service Area 3 special tax proceeds for the library are proposed to increase from approximately \$127,900 for 2002-03 to approximately \$131,225 for 2003-04, within the unincorporated area. The increase is the result of the 2.8% CPI adjustment and additional new taxable units within CSA 3. The \$131,225 will help fund operating costs for the Goleta Library for Fiscal Year 2003-04.

The Goleta Library tax proceeds will be managed in Department #990 (Non-Departmental), Division #01 (Transfers to Other Govts & Orgs), Sub-Division #02 (Libraries), Program #1210 (Libraries).

Special Instructions:

The Clerk of the Board is required to publish notice of the hearing [refer to Enclosure (3)]. Notice of the hearing should be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the County on August 13, 2003 and again on August 17, 2003 prior to the hearing scheduled for August 19, 2003.