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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA LETTER

Department Name:
Public Works
Department Number:
054
Agenda Date:
August 18, 2026
Placement:
Administrative Agenda

Estimated Time:
N/A
Continued Item:
No
If Yes, date from:
N/A
Vote Required:
Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Director(s): Chris Sneddon, Public Work Director

CONTACT: Mostafa Estaji, Assistant Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: County Service Area No. 41, Cebada Canyon Road Maintenance Assessments for Fiscal Year 2026-2027; Third Supervisorial District

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Concurrences:

County Counsel Concurrence:
As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence:
As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:
As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:
That the Board of Supervisors:

a) Ratify and reaffirm the actions taken in attached Resolution 26-139, adopted on June 9, 2026, and adopt the attached Report as “Exhibit A” to Resolution 26-139, all establishing road maintenance charges (with no increase in benefit assessment) for County Service Area No. 41 for Fiscal Year 2026-2027; and

b) Direct the Clerk of the Board to file with the Auditor-Controller Resolution 26-139 with attached Report on or before August 21, 2026; and

c) Find that the proposed action is for the establishment, modification, structuring, restructuring, or approval of rates, tolls, fares, or other charges by public agencies which the public agency finds are for the purpose of meeting operating expenses; that the proposed action is therefore exempt from California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines 14 CCR section 15273(a)(1).

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to adopt, ratify, and reaffirm the benefit assessment for County Service Area No. 41 (CSA 41) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-2027. This item was previously approved at the June 9, 2026, Board of Supervisors hearing but requires a minor administrative adjustment to include the report describing each parcel receiving the extended service and the corresponding charge, as shown in Exhibit “A” of the resolution.

The road maintenance and repair for CSA 41 is funded through a benefit assessment. The current CSA 41 benefit assessment was initially imposed in FY 2018-2019 based on a 10-year work plan, and the assessment methodology has not been changed since that initial approval. The Board of Supervisors, acting as the Board of Directors of the CSA, adopts the benefit assessment rates annually to assess the CSA 41 properties on the tax roll. Public Works requests that your Board maintain the FY 2018-2019 benefit assessment rates for FY 2026-2027, which averages $902 per parcel, and will generate approximately $46,000 in revenues. Input into the planned assessment comes through the homeowners’ Road Committee (RC) plan.

Background:

A benefit assessment is a levy or charge by an agency on real property that is based upon the special benefit conferred upon the real property by a public improvement or service to fund the capital costs, maintenance, and/or operational expenses of the particular improvement or service. Each parcel in the service area is assessed according to the specific benefit it receives. The Board of Supervisors manages the implementation of services funded through the benefit assessment.
CSA 41 is in unincorporated County territory. It was established in FY 1984-85 to assess property owners for road repairs, maintenance, and improvements in the Rancho Santa Rita subdivision, located outside the City of Lompoc. CSA 41 was established pursuant to Government Code § 25210, et seq. The FY 2025-2026 year-end fund balance that was estimated to be about $121,900 is $121,476.51, and the annual revenues for FY 2026-2027 will be $46,000. The fund balance and revenues have not changed since the previously approved June 9, 2026, Board of Supervisors hearing.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

County Service Area 41 is self-financed and there is no General Fund impact. Revenues of $46,000 will go in Cost Center CC-54641, Fund FD-2242.

Funding Source	FY 26-27
Other: Assessments	$46,000

Special Instructions:

After the August 18, 2026, meeting, direct the Clerk of the Board to file with the County Auditor-Controller, on or before August 21, 2026, a certified copy of this Resolution and the report, indicating adoption and ratification by the Board. A copy of the Resolution was previously delivered to the Auditor by the Clerk on June 15, 2026, and a copy of the report was previously delivered to the Auditor by Public Works Staff on July 29, 2026.

Please email a Minute Order, and a copy of the executed Resolution to Emily Ferguson, Public Works Transportation, ekferguson@countyofsb.org.

Attachments:

Attachment A – Resolution 26-139
Attachment B – “Exhibit A” to Resolution 26-139, Report

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