



County of Santa Barbara

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minute Order

April 21, 2026

Present: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

File Reference No. 26-00339

RE: Consider recommendations regarding establishing Benefit Assessments for County Service Areas 3, 31, and the Santa Barbara North County Lighting District, as follows:

Acting as the governing authority of County Service Area 3, County Service Area 31 and the Santa Barbara North County Lighting District:

- a) Adopt a Resolution setting a Departmental Hearing on June 9, 2026 to establish Benefit Assessments for County Service Area 3, County Service Area 31 and the Santa Barbara North County Lighting District; and
- b) Set a hearing to consider recommendations, as follows:
(Set a Hearing on June 9, 2026. Time Estimate: 15 minutes)
- i) Receive and file Benefit Assessment Reports for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-2027 for County Service Area 3, County Service Area 31, and the Santa Barbara North County Lighting District with the Clerk of the Board;
- ii) Adopt a Resolution establishing streetlighting charges (no changes proposed), for County Service Areas 3 for FY 2026-2027;
- iii) Adopt a Resolution establishing streetlighting charges (no changes proposed), for County Service Areas 31 for FY 2026-2027;
- iv) Do not establish the Benefit Assessments (set to zero) in those portions of the Santa Barbara North County Lighting District authorized to do so for FY 2026-2027; and
- v) Determine that the above actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CCR 14 Section 15273(a)(1),(2),(3) and (4) of the State CEQA Guidelines because they are for the establishment of benefit assessment rates for services provided by County Service Areas 3 and 31, that no expansion of services or facilities will result, that revenues will be used for meeting operating expenses and financial reserve needs and requirements, and approve the filing of a Notice of Exemption on that basis.



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A motion was made by Supervisor Lavagnino, seconded by Supervisor Capps, that this matter be acted on as follows:

Acting as the governing authority of County Service Area 3, County Service Area 31 and the Santa Barbara North County Lighting District:

a) Adopted; and

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b) i) through v) Set for June 9, 2026 in Santa Barbara (EST. TIME 15 MINS.).

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino