

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Phillip M. Demery, Director
Public Works Department

STAFF CONTACT: Mark A. Schleich, Deputy Director
Solid Waste and Utilities Department

SUBJECT: Setting Public Hearing for County Service Area 3, County Service Area 31 and North County Lighting District Benefit Assessment for Fiscal Yea 2001/2002 - 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Supervisorial Districts

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Adopt the attached resolution setting a public hearing for July 3, 2001 in connection with the street lighting districts listed below. A fixed Charge Fee Report for fiscal year 2001/2002 will be filed with the Clerk of the Board on May 22, 2001 which reports the proposed benefit assessment for these lighting districts.
 - 1. County Service Area 3
 - 2. County Service Area 31
 - 3. North County Lighting District
- B. Approve at the conclusion of the public hearing on July 3, 2001 the Public Works Department Notice of Exemption pursuant to County California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. (Post);
- C. Adopt at the conclusion of the public hearing on July 3, 2001 the attached resolution-establishing street lighting charges for the above subject lighting districts for the Fiscal Year 2001/2002.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendations are primarily aligned with Goal No. 2 Ensure the Public Health and Safety and Provide Essential Infrastructure.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The Public Utilities Commission recently authorized an increase of 46% in electrical rates over the past three months. For street lighting, this increase is only applicable to the electricity portion of the utility bill as the maintenance portion of the bill will remain unchanged. A five year trend shows there will be sufficient funds to cover County Service Areas 3 and 31. These street lighting districts are funded by a combination of property taxes and benefit assessments. For the North County Lighting District, there is also a minor general fund contribution that will continue unless benefit assessments are increased.

County Service Area 3

There is no proposed increase to the benefit assessment source of revenue with this action. County Service Area 3 was formed July 23rd, 1962 by Ordinance No. 2409. The County Service Area 3 boundaries covers portions of the unincorporated, urbanized area of the Goleta Valley, excluding certain portions of Isla Vista (which are in County Service Area 31) and a small area at east end of Goleta Valley near Los Positas Road. County Service Area 3 provides streetlighting, open space maintenance as well as maintenance of Goleta Beach Park and funding to pay back borrowed funds for the purchase of the Santa Barbara Shores Open Space. County Service Area 3 will continue to have a benefit assessment rate of \$8.00 per vacant parcel for a total of \$146,700. The combination of property taxes and benefit assessments will fund anticipated expenditures of \$1,691,290.

County Service Area 31

There is no proposed increase to the benefit assessment source of revenue with this action. County Service Area 31 includes the unincorporated community of Isla Vista, located west of the University of California at Santa Barbara. County Service Area 31 provides 225 street lights. County Service Area 31 will continue to have a benefit assessment rate of \$8.00 per vacant parcel for a total of \$20,600. The combination of property taxes and benefit assessments will fund anticipated expenditures of \$43,740.

North County Lighting District

There is no proposed increase to the benefit assessment source of revenue with this action. The Santa Barbara North County Lighting District was formed by your Board on March 22, 1994 by Resolution 94-14. The consolidated districts were in the unincorporated communities of Casmalia, Orcutt, Los Alamos and the street lighting functions previously budgeted in County Service Area 4, Vandenberg Village, Mission Hills, Onstott Subdivision and County Service Area 5. The North County Lighting District pays for energizing 2,350 streetlights. County Service Area 5 (a portion of the North County Lighting District) will continue to have zone of benefit assessment of \$14.73 per single parcel for a total of \$124,000. The combination of property taxes and a general fund contribution of \$50,458 will supplement the benefit assessments to fund anticipated expenditures of \$411,496.

Mandates and Service Levels:

No change in programs or service level if the benefit assessment rates are established for 2001/2002 for, County Service Area 3 and County Service Area 31 and North County Lighting District.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

There is no recommended increase to the current zone of benefit assessment for County Service Area 3, County Service Area 31 and North County Lighting District. Property taxes, benefit assessments, and a general fund contribution to North County Lighting District of \$50,458 will meet the anticipated budget for fiscal year 2001/2002.

Special Instructions:

A. Government Code & 6066 Publication:

Direct the Clerk of the Board to publish notice of the meeting, as set forth below, in the Santa Maria Times and Santa Barbara Newspress on June 12, 2001 and on June 19, 2001, as provided in Section 6066 of the Government Code. Section 6066 states that:

“Publication of notice pursuant to this section shall be once a week for two successive weeks. Two publications in a newspaper published once a week or oftener, with at least five days intervening between the respective publication dates not counting such publication dates, are sufficient. The period of notices, commences upon the first day of the publication and terminates at the end of the fourteenth day, including therein the first day.”

B. Notice to be published:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING.

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California on June 26, 2001, at 9:00 a.m. or shortly thereafter, in the Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, 123 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, California, to take public testimony on the written report for proposed charges for Street Lighting for County Service Area 3, County Service Area 31 and North County Lighting District, entitled “ *County Service Area 3, County Service Area 31 and North County Lighting District Fixed Charges Fee Report 2001/2002*”. Copy of the said written report with the proposed amount set out therein can be seen during business hours at the Santa Maria Office of the Santa Barbara County Public Works Department, 2400 Professional Parkway, Suite 150, Santa Maria, California. The proposed amount of each parcel can be obtained during business hours by a telephone call to the County Department of Public Works, Solid Waste and Utilities Division, (805) 739-8750.

The public hearing to be held on June 26, 2001 is for the purpose of considering all objections or protests to the adoption of the proposed benefit assessment charges as set forth in said report or as modified by the Board of Supervisors on June 26, 2001.

Any objections or protest to the adoption of the proposed benefit assessment charges may be filed with the Clerk of the Board Supervisors before the public hearing scheduled for 9:00 a.m., June 26, 2001. The address of the Clerk of the Board is 105 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, California 93101. The objections or protest may also be filed at the hearing on June 26, 2001.

C. Direct the Clerk of the Board to forward a signed and dated copy of each resolution to Santa Barbara County, Department of Public Works, Solid Waste and Utilities Division, attention Sheila Engellenner.

Concurrence:

Auditor-Controller
County Counsel