



County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors

Agenda Item Submittal

From: Agricultural Commissioner

Subject: Public Hearing and Rate Confirmation CSA 53 Original, CSA 53 South, CSA 53 North

Meeting Date: May 20, 2025

Formal Title: Hold a public hearing to consider resolution confirming fiscal year 2025-26 benefit assessment rates and service charge reports proposed for County Service Areas No. 53, No. 53N, and No. 53S for Mosquito & Vector Control, and take related actions

Recommended Actions

1. Open the public hearing; hear objections or protests, if any, to the proposed 2025-26 benefit assessment/rate reports for North and South County Mosquito and Disease Control Assessments and Mosquito Abatement / Vector Control Assessment for County Service Area No. 53; close the public hearing; and
2. Adopt resolution confirming the benefit assessment/rate reports for County Service Areas 53, 53N and 53S for Fiscal Year 2025-26.

Executive Summary

To complete the 2025-26 benefit assessment/rate report proceedings for the CSA No. 53, it will be necessary for the Board to open the public hearing, take testimony and consider objections and protests, if any, to the proposed reports. At the conclusion of the public hearing, it is recommended that the Board adopt the attached resolution confirming the reports.

Discussion

On April 29, 2025, the Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution setting May 20, 2025, as the public hearing date on the proposed 2025-26 benefit assessment/rate reports for the Mosquito and Vector Control CSA No. 53, including the South and North County assessments. The CSA rates presented here have previously been approved by the Board and are outlined in the Rates Attachment and either remain at the same level as in 2024-25 or have rates and Consumer Price Index increases approved in previous elections.

The attached resolution confirms the assessment rate reports for 2025-26 for the North County Mosquito and Disease Control Assessment (CSA 53N), the original South County Mosquito Abatement / Vector Control Assessment (CSA 53) and the supplemental South County Mosquito and Disease Control Assessment (CSA 53S).

The content of these reports, which detail the Assessor's parcel number and the amount of the benefit assessment rate, have been available with the Clerk of the Board and on the Mosquito & Vector Control website since May 6, 2025, to allow for public review prior to today's public hearing. As required by law, the rate reports must be approved by the Board and forwarded to the Auditor-Controller by August 10, 2025 to be included on the 2025-26 property tax assessment roll.

Financial Impact

The benefit assessment rates are expected to generate \$1,714,169.60 in Fiscal Year 2025-26 for operational use for the Mosquito Abatement/Vector Control Division of the Agricultural Commissioner's Office. Revenues are budgeted in GL keys 130320/42024, 130320/42029 and 130321/42047.

Strategic Initiatives

Operational Plan - Comprehensive Health & Safety, Sustainable Environment, Operational Excellence

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Artificial Intelligence Acknowledgment:

Artificial Intelligence (AI) did not significantly contribute to the development of this agenda item.