



County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors

Agenda Item Submittal

From: Community Development and Infrastructure

Subject: CSA No. 3, Aptos Seascapes Benefit Assessment Rates for Fiscal Year 2025-26

Meeting Date: June 24, 2025

Formal Title: Hold continued public hearing to consider certification of the vote results for County Service Area 3, Aptos Seascapes, and take related actions

Recommended Actions

1. Accept certification of the vote results for County Service Area (CSA) No. 3, Aptos Seascapes, and direct the Deputy CEO/Director of Community Development and Infrastructure to retain the ballots for at least six months following the certification; and
2. Adopt a resolution authorizing and levying an assessment for services within CSA No. 3 Aptos Seascapes for the 2025-26 fiscal year and each year following.

Executive Summary

Ballots were mailed out to the affected property owners within CSA No. 3, Aptos Seascapes. The tabulated results confirm the property owners within the service area agree to increase the assessment rates.

Discussion

On February 11, 2025, the Board approved the Engineer's Reports for CSA No. 3, Aptos Seascapes, directed Community Development and Infrastructure (CDI) to begin the ballot procedure, and set April 29, 2025, as the public hearing date to take testimony and accept ballots for the 2025-26 benefit assessments. At the close of the public testimony portion of the April 29, 2025, public hearing, the Board then continued the public hearing to today's date and directed CDI to return with a tabulation of the election results for the CSA.

Ballots were mailed to the 1500 affected property owners within CSA No. 3, Aptos Seascapes in Aptos. Of these 1500 ballots, 778 valid ballots were returned to CDI with 426 yes votes and 352 no votes, (weighted votes: 53.08 percent, yes; 46.92 percent, no).

The Board will now need to certify the vote results of CSA No. 3, Aptos Seascapes and adopt the resolution authorizing and levying assessments for services within the CSA for the 2025-26 fiscal year and each year thereafter.

Financial Impact

Benefit assessment or service charge revenue for Fiscal Year 2025-26 fund road median maintenance, street utility maintenance, drainage facility maintenance, and walkway and stairway maintenance, patrol, and litter control services for the beach area below Via Palo Alto and extending south to the resort, all services within County Service Area No. 3. The increase provides for an additional \$80,900 in assessment revenue for 2025-26 and each year thereafter, for a total CSA 3 annual assessment of \$161,800. Funds are held in Fund 22100, GL Key 622100 GL Object 42024. The CSA is self-

funded by assessments. CSAs are classified as self-sustaining special revenue funds and do not impact the County General Fund.

Strategic Initiatives

Operational Plan - Reliable Transportation

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Artificial Intelligence Acknowledgment:

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