



County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors

Agenda Item Submittal

From: Community Development and Infrastructure

Subject: Benefit Assessments for CSAs with CPI Increases FY2025-26

Meeting Date: April 8, 2025

Formal Title: Adopt 18 resolutions confirming previously approved Consumer Price Index increases in benefit assessment rates for various County Service Areas, and take related actions

Recommended Actions

1. Adopt resolutions for those CSAs which have requested Consumer Price Index (CPI) increases in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 benefit assessment rates for County Service Areas (CSA): No. 13 Hutchinson Road (Zone B), No. 21 Westdale Drive, No. 23 Old Ranch Road (Zones A-C), No. 26 Hidden Valley (Zones A-G), No. 33 Redwood Drive, No. 34 Larsen Road, No. 35 Country Estates, No. 37 Roberts Road (Zones A & D), No. 40 Ralston Way, No. 42 Sunlit Lane, No. 43 Bonita Encino, No. 44 Sunbeam Woods, No. 47 Braemoor Drive, No. 51 Hopkins Gulch, No. 52 Upper Pleasant Valley, No. 56 Felton Grove, No. 57 Graham Hill;
2. Adopt resolution setting June 10, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. or thereafter, as the date and time for a public hearing on the proposed benefit assessment/service charge reports for various County Service Areas; and
3. Direct the Clerk of the Board to publish the Notice of Public Hearing once a week for two weeks at least ten days prior to the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation.

Executive Summary

The Board of Supervisors is requested to schedule a public hearing on June 10, 2025, to hear and consider protests and objections, if any, to proposed FY 2025-26 benefit assessment rate increases by Consumer Price Index.

Discussion

Pursuant to Santa Cruz County Code Section 4.26, the Director of Community Development and Infrastructure shall annually compute the benefit assessment/service charge rates for County Service Areas (CSA) and submit a report to the Board of Supervisors describing each parcel of real property receiving the special benefit and the amount of the benefit assessment for each parcel for the forthcoming fiscal year.

CSAs may choose to increase their assessment rates by the Consumer Price Index, all Urban Consumers for the San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward Area. The following CSA rate increases have been requested by the CSA representatives for the 2.8 percent Consumer Price Index as authorized in previous proceedings.

No. 13 - Hutchinson Road (Zone B) - Fund 22195, GL 622195-41582:

CPI will result in revenue increase of \$159.54 in FY 2025-26, affecting 6 parcels.

No. 21 - Westdale Drive - Fund 22440, GL 622440-41582: CPI will result in revenue increase of \$179.40 in FY 2025-26, affecting 39 parcels.

No. 23 - Old Ranch Road (Zones A-C) - Fund 22240, 622240-41582: CPI will result in revenue increase of \$617.01 in FY 2025-26, affecting 35 parcels.
No. 26 - Hidden Valley Road (Zones A-G) - Fund 22180, 622180-41582: CPI will result in revenue increase of \$1,980.99 in FY 2025-26, affecting 85 parcels.
No. 33 - Redwood Drive - Fund 22300, GL 622300-41582: CPI will result in revenue increase of \$1,323.13 in FY 2025-26, affecting 143 parcels.
No. 34 - Larsen Road - Fund 22215, GL 622215-41582: CPI will result in revenue increase of \$21.86 in FY 2025-26, affecting 34 parcels.
No. 35 - Country Estates - Fund 22145, GL 622145-41582: CPI will result in revenue increase of \$614.88 in FY 2025-26, affecting 28 parcels.
No. 37 - Roberts Road (Zones A & D) - Fund 22310, GL 622310-41582: CPI will result in revenue increase of \$642.20 in FY 2025-26, affecting 39 parcels.
No. 40 – Ralston Way – Fund 22285, GL 622285-41852: CPI will result in revenue increase of \$210.06 in FY 2025-26, affecting 14 parcels
No. 42- Sunlit Lane - Fund 22400, GL 622400-41582: CPI will result in revenue increase of \$207.51 in FY 2025-26, affecting 41 parcels.
No. 43 - Bonita Encino - Fund 22160, GL 622160-41582: CPI will result in revenue increase of \$625.24 in FY 2025-26, affecting 77 parcels.
No. 44 - Sunbeam Woods - Fund 22405, GL 622405-41582: CPI will result in revenue increase of \$493.64 in FY 2025-26, affecting 41 parcels.
No. 47 - Braemoor Drive - Fund 22105, GL 622105-41582: CPI will result in revenue increase of \$455.76 in FY 2025-26, affecting 54 parcels.
No. 51 - Hopkins Gulch - Fund 22185, GL 622185-41582: CPI will result in revenue increase of \$887.23 in FY 2025-26, affecting 63 parcels.
No. 52 – Upper Pleasant Valley – Fund 22435, GL 622435-41852: CPI will result in revenue increase of \$190.29 in FY 2025-26, affecting 33 parcels.
No. 56 - Felton Grove - Fund 22166 GL 622166-41582: CPI will result in revenue increase of \$348.48 in FY 2025-26, affecting 48 parcels.
No. 57 - Graham Hill - Fund 22175, GL 622175-42026: CPI will result in revenue increase of \$1,287.09 in FY 2025-26, affecting 63 parcels.

The remaining CSA rates will remain the same as in FY 2024-25, with the exception of CSAs No. 3 Aptos Seascape, No. 17 Empire Acres, No. 25 Viewpoint Rd, No. 32 View Circle, No. 46 Pinecrest, which are holding elections; the outcome of the elections will determine the assessment FY 2025-26 rates.

Please see the attached Notice of Public Hearing for a summary of rates.

As part of the annual proceedings, the Board must set a public hearing, notice the hearing, and consider objections and protests, if any, to the benefit assessment/service charge reports. Once these actions have been approved by the Board, Public Works will place the reports on file with the Clerk of the Board. These reports, detailing the Assessor's parcel number and the amount of the benefit assessment/service charge will be available on or before May 27, 2025, which will allow for public review two weeks prior to the proposed June 10, 2025, public hearing. As in prior years, the rate report must be approved by the Board and forwarded to the Auditor-Controller-Tax-Collector by August 10, 2025, in order to be included on the FY 2025-26 property tax assessment roll.

Financial Impact

CSAs are funded solely through assessment and therefore have no General Fund impact. The total CPI increase for FY 2025-26 will be \$10,244.31 for the 17

affected CSAs.

Strategic Initiatives

Operational Plan - Reliable Transportation

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