
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON
ASSESSMENTS TO FUND ROAD MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS WITHIN
COUNTY SERVICE AREA 17, EMPIRE ACRES

SUMMARY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors has scheduled a public hearing for Tuesday, **April 8, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. or thereafter, to consider the adoption of a proposed resolution authorizing and levying an increased assessment in compliance with Proposition 218 (“The Taxpayers Right to Vote Initiative”) for the purpose of providing funding for road maintenance and operations within County Service Area No. 17, Empire Acres.**

Proposition 218, which was approved by the voters at the November 1996 general election, includes provisions that an increased benefit assessment to provide specific services can only be charged under Proposition 218 if it is approved by at least half of the votes cast by the property owners (or tenants who are directly liable for paying the proposed assessments) with the votes weighted according to the amount of the proposed assessment of each parcel. In accordance with Proposition 218, assessment ballots have been mailed to all record owners of parcels which would be subject to the proposed assessment. The Board of Supervisors will receive assessment ballots and any protests to the proposed increased assessment proceedings or assessments until the close of the public hearing on April 8, 2025.

A copy of the Notice of Public Hearing, Ballot Procedure, and Sample Ballot for an Assessment to provide funding for road maintenance and operations within County Service Area No. 17, Empire Acres, the Engineer’s Report and the Balloting Rules are available at the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, 701 Ocean Street, Room 525, Santa Cruz, California.

Note: The public may attend the public hearing and/or comment on this matter. See virtual meeting instructions on the meeting agenda posted at <http://santacruzcountyca.iqm2.com/citizens/default.aspx> or call (831) 454-2323 (TTY call 711). Testimony may be presented at the meeting or submitted in written form prior to the hearing and made part of the hearing record.

The County complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Questions regarding accommodation under the ADA should be directed to the Clerk of the Board at (831) 454-2323.