

23. Approve note to fund the Teeter Plan, and take related actions ()



County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors

Agenda Item Submittal

From: Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax-Collector

Subject: Approve Note to Fund the Teeter Plan and Take Related Actions

Meeting Date: June 24, 2025

Formal Title: Approve note to fund the Teeter Plan, and take related actions

Recommended Actions

1. Approve and authorize execution of the attached note to secure the proceeds from the County Treasury to fund the Teeter Plan; and
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to route the attached note for signatures.

Executive Summary

To fund the Teeter plan, we annually borrow funds from the County Treasury in the approximate amount of countywide property tax delinquencies for the few days before and after June 30, to bridge the gap before the new Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note proceeds are received in July.

Discussion

In October 1993, the Board adopted Resolution Number 541-93 authorizing the Alternative Method of Tax Distribution (the "Teeter" plan). The Teeter plan allows the County to distribute taxes to cities and special districts based on their calculated share of the property tax roll. This allows cities and special districts to rely on a definite amount of property tax revenue, with the County absorbing the risk of delinquencies along with retaining the late penalties and delinquent assessments.

We have estimated using current delinquencies and fund balances that we will need to borrow \$10,000,000.

Financial Impact

The County will incur short-term interest costs paid to the Treasury at an interest rate of 4.33%, based on the Federal Funds rate. The cost assuming only a one-day loan period is estimated up to \$1,250.00 and is included in the Approved 2025-26 Budget.

Strategic Initiatives

Operational Plan - Operational Excellence

Submitted By:

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Recommended By:

Carlos J. Palacios, County Executive Officer

Artificial Intelligence Acknowledgment:

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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ
SERIES 2025 SANTA CRUZ COUNTY
(SUBJECT TO CALL AND REDEMPTION)
DELINQUENT TAX AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTE

No. 2025

\$10,000,000

The County of Santa Cruz, duly organized and existing under and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of California, for value received hereby promises to pay (but only out of the funds hereinafter mentioned) to the Treasurer of Santa Cruz County as the registered owner, the principal sum of \$ 10,000,000.00 on or before July 31, 2025, and to pay (but only out of said fund) interest on such principal sum from the date hereof at the Federal Funds rate, currently 4.33%. The principal amount of this Note is composed of two components: the amount representing secured delinquent taxes (hereinafter referred to as “the tax component”), and the amount representing penalties and interest due on such taxes (hereinafter referred to as “the penalty and interest component”).

The Note shall be payable in full upon maturity which shall be July 31, 2025.

The principal of this Note shall be payable to the registered owner only upon presentation of this Note at maturity. The Note may be prepaid without penalty. Interest on this Note shall be payable as it becomes due to the registered owner. Both the principal of and interest on this Note are payable in lawful money of the United States of America at the Office of the Santa Cruz County Treasurer.

This Note, in the principal amount of \$10,000,000.00, represents the entire Note issue of the Series 2025 Note issue, and is issued under and pursuant to the laws of the State of California, including the provisions of sections 53850 and following, California Government Code, and Revenue and Taxation Code sections 4701 and following, (the “Law”), and pursuant to resolution 541-93 (the “Resolution”) adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz. This note is secured by the outstanding receivables represented by unpaid delinquent property taxes.

This Note is not a lien, charge of liability against the County or against the Board of Supervisors of the County, or against any property or funds of the County or said Board of Supervisors, and neither the payment of the principal hereof nor any part thereof, nor of any interest hereon, constitutes a debt, liability or obligation of the County except as provided under the Law.

The Board hereby covenants and warrants that it will pay promptly, when due, the principal of this Note and interest accruing hereon, all in accordance with the terms hereof.

It is hereby certified that all acts, conditions and things required to exist, happen and be performed precedent to and in the issuance of this Note do exist, have happened and have been performed in due time, form and manner as required by law, and that the amount of this Note, together with all indebtedness and obligations of the County, do not exceed any limit prescribed by the Resolution or the laws of the State of California.

Pursuant to Government Code section 53855, this Note is subject to call and redemption in whole or in part at any time prior to maturity without penalty or premium by County giving the registered owner 60 days prior written notice thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the County of Santa Cruz has caused this note to be signed in its name by the Chair of the Board of Supervisors and attested by the Clerk of the Board and has caused this Note to be dated _____, 2025.

Chairperson of the Board
of Supervisors

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of Board