

9. Hold public hearing to consider proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Benefit Assessment rates for County Service Area No. 25, Viewpoint Road, continue the public hearing to June 10, 2025, to allow for tabulation and certification of the ballots, and take related actions ()



County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors

Agenda Item Submittal

From: Community Development and Infrastructure

Subject: CSA No. 25, Viewpoint Road Benefit Assessment Rates for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26

Meeting Date: April 8, 2025

Formal Title: Hold public hearing to consider proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Benefit Assessment rates for County Service Area No. 25, Viewpoint Road, continue the public hearing to June 10, 2025, to allow for tabulation and certification of the ballots, and take related actions

Recommended Actions

1. Open the public hearing, and hear objections or protests, if any, to the proposed benefit assessments for County Service Area (CSA) No. 25 Viewpoint Road;
2. Request the submittal of all ballots for the proposed FY 2025-26 benefit assessments for CSA No. No. 25 Viewpoint Road;
3. Close the public comment portion of the public hearing; and
4. Continue the public hearing to June 10, 2025, to allow for tabulation and certification of the ballots.

Executive Summary

County Service Area No. 25 Viewpoint, located in Aptos, wishes to increase their benefit assessment rate by \$100 for FY 2025-26 and thereafter to fund road maintenance and operations services to benefit the properties within the CSA. In order to complete the proposed benefit assessments, it will be necessary for the Board to open the public hearing, take testimonies, and consider objections or protests to the proposed benefit assessments.

Discussion

Community Development and Infrastructure received notification from County Service Area No. 25 Viewpoint that they wish to increase their benefit assessment rate for FY 2025-26. On February 11, 2025, the Board adopted a resolution of intention to authorize and levy an increased assessment for road maintenance and operations within CSA No. 25 Viewpoint Road. Additionally, the Board directed Community Development and Infrastructure to mail out ballots to the owners of record within the CSA and return today for the public hearing. CSA No. 25 Viewpoint in Aptos consists of 55 parcels, 1 of which is not assessed as it is of token value, owned by a utility water company, or is unbuildable. Assessments are currently levied on the remaining 54 parcels in the amount of \$200 annually. CSA No. 25 proposes to increase the assessment by \$100 annually per parcel to address the increased costs of maintenance and increase available funds for future maintenance needs.

To continue with the benefit assessment proceeding, it will be necessary for the Board to hear objections or protests, if any; request ballots; close the public testimony portion of the public hearing; and continue the public hearing to June 10, 2025, to allow for tabulation and certification of the ballot proceedings.

Financial Impact

The proposed benefit assessment will continue to provide an adequate source of funding for the road maintenance operations of CSA No. 25 Viewpoint. CSAs are self-funded, and the FY 2025-26 assessment will have no General Fund impact.

The proposed increase affects CSA No. 25 Viewpoint only, Fund 22425, GL Key 622425 GL Object 41582. The increase for the FY 2025-26 assessment year results in an annual increase of \$5,400 for total parcel assessments of \$16,200 annually. If the election does not pass, the FY 2025-26 revenue for the CSA will be the prior year's amount of \$10,800. The proposed assessment will be levied on the CSA's 54 parcels at \$300 per parcel per year.

Strategic Initiatives

Operational Plan - Reliable Transportation

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