

11. Hold public hearing to consider proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Benefit Assessment rates for County Service Area No. 46, Pinecrest, 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. 46, Pinecrest Benefit Assessment Rates for Fiscal Year 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. 46, Pinecrest, 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. 46 Pinecrest;
2. Request the submittal of all ballots for the proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 benefit assessments for CSA No. 46 Pinecrest;
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. 46, Pinecrest, located in Boulder Creek, wishes to increase their benefit assessment rate by \$1,000 for the FY 2025-26 fiscal year 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. 46, that they wish to increase their benefit assessment rate for the FY 2025-26 fiscal year and thereafter by \$1,000 per parcel. The CSA sustained road damages in the 2024 storms that were deemed ineligible for Public Assistance because the road was not sufficiently well-maintained. Repair of these damages, and ongoing regular maintenance for the entire road, are now needed to bring the road into good condition for the community's use and also to maintain eligibility for Public Assistance should further disaster damages occur. CSA No. 46 Pinecrest in Boulder Creek consists of 61 parcels, 25 of which are not assessed as they are of token value, owned by a utility water company, have an assessed valuation of \$5,000 or less, or are unbuildable. Assessments will be levied on the remaining 36 parcels and are based on zones of benefit

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. 46 Pinecrest. 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.

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. 46 Pinecrest. CSAs are self-funded, and the FY 2025-26 assessment will have no General Fund impact.

The proposed increase affects CSA No. 46 Pinecrest only, Fund 22265, GL Key 622265 GL Object 41582. The increase for the FY 2025-26 assessment year results in total per parcel assessments for Zones A-T that range between \$1,029.84 to \$1,574.18, for a total assessment of \$46,792.88. If the election does not pass, the FY 2025-26 revenue for the CSA will be the prior year's amount of \$10,792.88. Below is the schedule of the proposed assessments.

\$1,029.84 per parcel per year in Zone A
\$1,040.12 per parcel per year in Zone B
\$1,043.20 per parcel per year in Zone C
\$1,053.50 per parcel per year in Zone D
\$1,077.16 per parcel per year in Zone E
\$1,085.40 per parcel per year in Zone F
\$1,175.94 per parcel per year in Zone G
\$1,190.36 per parcel per year in Zone H
\$1,284.00 per parcel per year in Zone I
\$1,311.78 per parcel per year in Zone J
\$1,346.76 per parcel per year in Zone K
\$1,366.32 per parcel per year in Zone L
\$1,399.24 per parcel per year in Zone M
\$1,400.28 per parcel per year in Zone N
\$1,440.40 per parcel per year in Zone O
\$1,467.16 per parcel per year in Zone P
\$1,477.44 per parcel per year in Zone Q
\$1,515.52 per parcel per year in Zone R
\$1,543.30 per parcel per year in Zone S
\$1,574.18 per parcel per year in Zone T

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.