



# County of El Dorado

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## Legislation Text

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Transportation Department recommending Resolution calling for a mailed ballot election to be set for May 8, 2007 for the establishment of a special tax to provide road improvement and maintenance services for Sundance Trail Zone of Benefit 98109 within County Service Area 9.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Adopt Resolution **018-2007**.

**FUNDING:** County Service Area 9.

BUDGET SUMMARY:		
Total Estimated Cost		\$ 500.00
Funding		
Budgeted	\$ 500.00	
New Funding	\$	
Savings	\$	
Other	\$	
Total Funding Available	\$ 500.00	
Change To Net County Cost		\$ 0.00

### Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost:

The estimated cost of the election is \$500.00. All costs associated with the election will be funded from the Sundance Trail Zone of Benefit assessments or special tax.

A total of 42 parcels within the zone are currently each assessed \$300.00 annually, generating \$12,600.00 in revenue to fund road improvement and maintenance services within the zone. If the proposed measure is approved, the current benefit assessment will be replaced with a special tax, the amount of which will be implemented in phases: the special tax amount will be \$350.00 per parcel for fiscal year 2007/2008, with bi-annual adjustments of \$50.00 up to a maximum amount of \$600.00 per parcel. The phased implementation of the higher special tax rate is proposed to allow residents and property owners to plan for the increase.

If approved, the special tax will result in annual revenue of \$ 14,700.00 in 2007/2008, an increase of \$2,100.00 over the current assessment. Based on the current number of parcels within the zone, at the maximum rate the special tax of \$600.00 per parcel will result in annual revenue of \$25,200.00, an increase of \$12,600.00 over the current assessment.

### Reason for Recommendation:

Your Board formed the Sundance Trail Zone of Benefit #98109 on August 28, 1984 by Resolution 276-84

for the purpose of providing road improvement and maintenance services. Since the formation, the zone operations have been funded through annual benefit assessments upon each parcel of land within the zone boundaries. The zone advisory committee recently notified Department of Transportation staff of their desire to establish a special tax to replace the benefit assessment. If approved, the special tax will increase zone revenues in order to keep pace with increasing labor and material costs. The zone advisory committee prefers the special tax over a benefit assessment increase because there are fewer administrative requirements once it has been established, and therefore it is less costly to the zone.

California state law requires approval by registered voters within the zone to establish a special tax. The Registrar of Voters must conduct an election to allow the voters to consider the special tax. The Department of Transportation requests your Board set the measure shown on Exhibit A for a mailed ballot election. Should the measure pass, the special tax will replace the benefit assessment. Should the measure fail to achieve the required two-thirds majority approval, the advisory committee wishes the Board to continue the existing benefit assessment at the current level.

Action to be taken following Board approval:

1. Certified copies of the Resolution will be sent to the Department of Transportation and the County Registrar of Voters.
2. The Registrar of Voters will conduct a mailed ballot election on May 8, 2007 to consider the establishment of a special tax for the purpose of providing road improvement and maintenance services within the Sundance Trail Zone of Benefit #9 within County Service Area #9.

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Concurrences:

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