



Legislation Text

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Department of Transportation recommending the Board adopt Resolution **181-2012** setting for mailed ballot election on May 7, 2013, a measure to establish a special tax for the purpose of providing road improvement and maintenance services in the Meadowview Acres Road Zone of Benefit No. 98125 within County Service Area No. 9 to replace the existing benefit assessment.

FUNDING: County Service Area No. 9.

BUDGET SUMMARY:		
Total Estimated Cost		\$ 850.00
Funding		
Budgeted	\$ 850.00	
New Funding	\$	
Savings	\$	
Other	\$	
Total Funding Available	\$ 850.00	
Change To Net County Cost		\$ 850.00

Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost: The estimated cost of the election is \$850. All costs associated with the election will be funded from the Meadowview Acres Road Zone of Benefit assessments or special tax. There is no impact to the General Fund or the Road Fund, and there is no net County Cost.

Background: The Board of Supervisors formed the Meadowview Acres Road Zone of Benefit No. 98125 on August 6, 1985 by Resolution 213-85 for the purpose of providing road improvement and maintenance services. Since the formation, zone operations have been funded through annual benefit assessments upon each parcel of land within the zone boundaries.

A total of ninety-four (94) parcels within the zone are each currently assessed \$300 annually, generating \$28,200 in revenue to fund road improvement and maintenance services on 4.67 miles of roads within the zone. If the proposed measure is approved, the current benefit assessment will be replaced with a special tax in the amount of \$350 per parcel. If approved, the special tax will result in annual revenue of \$32,900 an increase of \$4,700 over the current assessment.

Reason for Recommendation: The Meadowview Acres Road Zone of Benefit advisory committee recently notified Department of Transportation staff of their desire to establish a special tax to replace the current benefit assessment. If approved, the special tax will increase zone revenue in order to keep pace with increased labor and materials costs. The zone advisory committee prefers a special tax to a benefit assessment increase because an increased benefit assessment cannot be achieved

unless supported by an engineer's report.

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 the Board of Supervisors set the measure shown on Exhibit A of the Resolution for a mailed ballot election. Should the measure pass, the special tax will replace the existing 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. The Clerk of the Board will provide two (2) certified copies of the Resolution distributed as follows: one (1) to the Department of Transportation and one (1) to the County Registrar of Voters.
2. The Registrar of Voters will conduct a mailed ballot election on May 7, 2013 to consider the establishment of a special tax for the purpose of providing road improvement and maintenance services within the Meadowview Acres Zone of Benefit No. 98125 with in County Service Area No. 9.

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