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Legislation Text

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HEARING - Consider the adoption of a Resolution establishing the annual benefit assessment for the 2010/2011 tax year for the Road Zones of Benefit within County Service Area No. 9, noting this is a continuation of benefit assessments with no increase over current levels. (Est. Time: 5 Min.)

FUNDING: Benefit Assessments.

Resolution 083-2010

BUDGET SUMMARY:		
Total Estimated Cost		\$ 185,002.00
Funding		
Budgeted	\$ 185,002.00	
New Funding	\$	
Savings	\$	
Other	\$	
Total Funding Available	\$ 185,002.00	
Change To Net County Cost		\$ 0.00

Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost:

The proposed benefit assessments will provide sufficient revenue to fund each zone's proposed work projects, contributions to the road zone insurance policy and other costs related to zone administration. The total assessment for 2010/2011 for the road zones of benefit within County Service Area No. 9 is \$185,002.00. There is no impact to the General Fund or the Road Fund, and there is no net County Cost.

Background:

Chapter 2.5 of the California Government Code, also known as "County Service Area Law" contains the regulations for establishing and governing county service areas. This chapter replaced Chapter 2.2, formerly used for the same purpose, through the adoption of Senate Bill 1458 which became effective January 1, 2009.

Revised County Service Area Law omits Section 25210.77a which authorizes the Board of Supervisors to fix and collect benefit assessments to fund services within a County Service Area. Such assessments remain valid, as provided for in Section 25210.3(d) of the new Chapter, which states:

"Any indebtedness, bond, note, certificate of participation, contract, special tax,

benefit assessment, fee, charge, election, ordinance, resolutions, regulation, rule or any other action of a board taken pursuant to the former Chapter 2.2 before January 1, 2009, shall not be impaired or voided solely because of the enactment of this chapter or any error, omission, informality, misnomer, or inconsistency with this chapter."

Additionally, the reporting and hearing requirements of former Section 25210.77a and County Ordinance Code Chapter 3.30 remain applicable to such assessments imposed pursuant to that section.

Former Government Code Section 25210.77a (a) and County Ordinance Code Section 3.30.020 include a requirement that, once each year, the Board of Supervisors receive a report containing a description of each parcel of real property receiving the particular extended service and the amount of the charge for each parcel computed in conformity with the ordinance authorizing collection of the charges on the tax roll.

Former Government Code Section 25210.77a(b) and County Ordinance Code Section 3.30.030 also require a public hearing to be set for the purpose of registering protests to the rates to be fixed by the Board, at the conclusion of which the Board adopts the benefit assessments and confirms the content of the annual report.

Reason for Recommendation:

There are thirty road zones of benefit within County Service Areas No. 9 which were formed to fund road improvement and maintenance services within their boundaries. Of the thirty road zones, twelve zones are funded through special taxes which do not require annual renewal. The remaining eighteen shown on Exhibit A of the attached Resolution were established with benefit assessments as the funding mechanism. One of the zones shown on Exhibit A is unfunded because the advisory committee has chosen not to assess the zone.

Seventeen zones are funded through a benefit assessment where advisory committees appointed by the Board have held duly noticed meetings to consider their proposed budgets, assessments and work projects for fiscal year 2010/2011. Based on discussion at those meetings, advisory committees for these zones request that the Board adopt the annual benefit assessments to be applied to the 2010/2011 tax rolls as shown on Exhibit A of the attached Resolution.

The proposed assessments are a continuation of the existing benefit assessments and represent no increase over the fiscal year 2009/2010 assessments. The continued assessments are not subject to a vote under El Dorado County Charter Section 210(c). County Counsel has determined that, so long as they are not increased, these assessments are exempt from the procedures and approval process of Article XIII D of the California Constitution under Section 5(a) of the Article.

A public hearing to consider the proposed assessments has been scheduled for June 22, 2010 at 9:00 a.m., and noticed as required by Government Code Section 25210.77a. Notice is scheduled for publication in the Mountain Democrat on June 7, 2010 and June 18, 2010, and in the Georgetown Gazette on June 10, 2010 and June 17, 2010.

Action to be taken following Board approval:

1. The Clerk of the Board will have the Resolution recorded upon signature by the Chair, and will provide two certified copies of the Resolution to the Department of Transportation for implementation as authorized by law.
2. The Department of Transportation will provide the Auditor Controller with a Certified Copy of the Resolution and a list of the affected Assessor's Parcel Numbers with the approved benefit assessment amount for each parcel.

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Concurrences:

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