

Legislation Text

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Transportation Department recommending adoption of Resolution calling for a mailed ballot election to be set for July 15, 2008 for the establishment of a special tax to provide road improvement, maintenance services and drainage facility maintenance services for the Many Oaks Lane Zone of Benefit No. 98132 within County Service Area 9.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution 96-2008.

FUNDING: County Service Area 9.

BUDGET SUMMARY:		
Total Estimated Cost		\$750
Funding		
Budgeted	\$750	
New Funding	\$	
Savings	\$	
Other	\$	
Total Funding Available	\$750	
Change To Net County Cost		\$0

Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost:

The estimated cost of the election is \$750.00. All costs associated with the election will be funded from the Many Oaks Lane Zone of Benefit assessments or special tax.

A total of 97 parcels within the zone are currently assessed \$125.00 annually, generating \$12,125.00 in revenue to fund road improvement and maintenance services on 3.89 miles of roads 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 \$225.00 per parcel for fiscal year 2008/2009, and adjusted to \$300.00 per parcel for fiscal year 2009/2010 with annual adjustments thereafter tied to the Engineering News Report Construction Cost Index. The phased increase in the special tax is proposed to allow residents and property owners to plan for the increase. Application of the inflation index will allow for subsequent annual increases to the special tax to keep pace with increases on construction costs.

If approved, the special tax will result in annual revenue of \$ 21,825.00 in 2008/2009 an increase of \$9,700.00 over the current assessment, and annual revenue of \$29,100.00 in 2009/2010, an increase of \$16,975.00 over the current assessment.

Reason for Recommendation:

Your Board formed the Many Oaks Lane Zone of Benefit #98132 on May 27, 1986 by Resolution 135 -86 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 current benefit assessment. If approved, the special tax will increase zone revenue in order to keep pace with increasing labor and material costs. The zone advisory committee prefers a special tax of a benefit assessment increase because there are fewer administrative requirements once it has been established, and therefore is lest 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 July 15, 2008 to consider the establishment of a special tax for the purpose of providing road improvement and maintenance services within the Many Oaks Lane Zone of Benefit 98132 within County Service Area #9.

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