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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Britt Ferguson for Nancy Watt - County Executive Officer
County Executive Office
REPORT BY: Karen Gratton, SENIOR MANAGEMENT ANALYST , 259-8748
SUBJECT: Public Hearing and adoption of a resolution authorizing and levying assessments for County Service Area No. 4

RECOMMENDATION

County Executive Officer requests the following actions relating to County Service Area No. 4 (CSA No. 4):

1. Open Public Hearing to consider any objections or protests with respect to the assessments proposed for adoption in CSA No. 4;
2. Close Public Hearing and adopt a resolution authorizing and levying assessments for Fiscal Year 2006-2007;
3. Open Public Hearing to accept testimony on the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 budget, with a total appropriation of \$428,193; and
4. Close Public Hearing and continue consideration to August 8, 2006 at 9:00 A.M. for final adoption.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On June 13, 2006, an Engineer's Report was submitted to the Board in compliance with the requirements of the Government Code and Proposition 218. The Board then adopted a resolution declaring the County's intent to levy assessments for CSA No. 4 and setting a public hearing for 9:00 a.m., August 1, 2006 to consider any protests regarding the proposed assessments for Fiscal Year 2006-2007. Upon conclusion of the public hearing, the Board may adopt, revise, change, reduce, or modify any proposed assessment by resolution. A recommended resolution is attached.

If the Board adopts a resolution concerning the assessments for CSA No. 4, a second public hearing will be held to consider the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 for County Service Area No. 4, with a total appropriation of \$428,193.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	County Service Area No. 4
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	On June 13, 2006, a draft budget for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 was accepted by the Board as a "rollover" budget for the purposes of continuing operations until after acceptance of the annual Engineer's Report and submission of the final budget recommendation.
	Approval and levying of assessments, and adoption of the CSA No. 4 Fiscal Year 2006-2007 budget will provide the funding and appropriations necessary for continued operations of farmworker housing camps in Napa County.
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	None. The proposed levy of assessments and final budget are for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 only.
Consequences if not approved:	If the proposed assessments are not levied and the final budget not adopted there will be insufficient revenues to pay for continued operations and planned improvements for farmworker housing camps in Napa County.
Additional Information:	

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

General Rule. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the proposed action may have a significant effect on the environment and therefore CEQA is not applicable [See Guidelines For the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act, 14 CCR 15061(b)(3)].

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

County Service Area No. 4 was created in 2002 in accordance with the requirements of Proposition 218 to provide funding for farmworker housing in Napa County. Revenues for the program come from an assessment on vineyard acreage located within the service area.

When CSA No. 4 was created, the Board adopted Resolution No. 02-27 establishing a Farmworker Housing Advisory Committee, which includes members representing the owners of the assessed vineyards. The primary purpose of this advisory committee is to review the proposed annual budget of the Napa Valley Housing Authority (NVHA), a publicly operated farmworker housing program, and to recommend to the Board of Supervisors an appropriate assessment for CSA No. 4 for the purpose of providing partial funding for the farmworker housing programs of NVHA.

On May 11, 2006, the Farmworker Housing Advisory Committee met and discussed the assessment proposed in the Engineer's Report for CSA No. 4 and recommended that the assessment for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 be set at \$9.41 per acre, with an estimated total assessment amount for CSA No. 4 of \$428,193. The proposed

assessments do not exceed the range of assessments previously approved by the Board of Supervisors and the owners of the assessed parcels located in CSA No. 4.

Government Code Section 25210.77a requires an annual written report for each County Service Area be submitted to the Clerk of the Board. The report must identify each parcel of real property receiving extended services and the assessment for each parcel. After the report has been filed, a public hearing must be scheduled to hear and consider all objection or protests, if any, to the proposed annual assessments.

On June 13, 2006, an Engineer's Report was submitted to the Board in compliance with the requirements of Government Code Section 25210.77a and Proposition 218. After receiving the report, the Board, by resolution, declared the County's intent to levy assessments for CSA No. 4 and set 9:00 a.m. August 1, 2006 as the time for a public hearing to consider any objections or protests to the proposed assessments.

The recommended resolution will levy the assessments at the foregoing rate on the properties identified in the Engineer's Report, subject to reductions for properties identified in Exhibit "A" who have requested and are qualified to receive exemptions or partial exemptions from the assessments. Under Napa County Code Chapter 3.12, exemptions from the assessments are granted by the Board based upon the percentage of employee housing which the owner of a vineyard property already provides to the persons working in that vineyard.

If the Board adopts the resolution authorizing and levying assessments for CSA No. 4, a second public hearing will be held to consider the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 with a total appropriation of \$428,193.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- A . Assessment Levy Resolution
- B . Schedule 13
- C . Schedule 14
- D . Schedule 15
- E . Budget FY06-07

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Andrew Carey