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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: Andrew Carey, Management Analyst, 253-4477
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 2005-2006;
3. Open Public Hearing to accept testimony on the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 budget, with a total appropriation of \$441,880; and
4. Close Public Hearing and continue consideration to August 9, 2005 at 9:00 A.M. for final adoption.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On June 28, 2005, 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 2, 2005 to consider any protests regarding the proposed assessments for Fiscal Year 2005-2006. Upon conclusion of the public hearing, the Board may adopt, revise, change, reduce, or modify any proposed assessment by resolution.

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 2005-2006 for County Service Area No. 4, with a total appropriation of \$441,880.

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 14, 2005, a draft budget for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 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 2005-2006 final 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 2005-2006 only.
Consequences if not approved:	If the proposed assessments are not levied, and the final budget not adopted, there will be insufficient funds to pay for continued operations and planned improvements for farmworker housing camps in Napa County.
Additional Information:	None.

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, for the purpose of providing 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 NVHA.

On May 24, 2005, 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 2005-2006 be set

at \$9.25 per acre. At \$9.25 per acre, the assessment for 2005-2006 remains unchanged from the previous year. With approximately 47,771 planted acres of vineyards in CSA No. 4 and a recommended per acre assessment of \$9.25, the total assessment amount for CSA No. 4 is \$441,880. 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.

It should be noted that for Fiscal Year 2004-2005 the Farmworker Housing Advisory Committee recommended an increase in the per acre assessment to \$9.25 over the previous year's per acre assessment of \$8.49 in order to assist the Napa Valley Housing Authority in meeting the matching requirements of a State Grant that will allow funding to complete necessary capital improvements at the Calistoga and Mondavi farmworker housing sites at one time, rather than schedule a repair and replacement plan over many years. Further, the Farmworker Housing Advisory Committee agreed that this funding level would be acceptable to them for a two-year period, as long as operations costs did not rise significantly and the balance of funds were used for the capital improvements. The proposed FY 2005-2006 assessment and budget for CSA No. 4 are consistent with the Farmworker Housing Advisory Committee's recommendation.

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 is to be scheduled to hear and consider all objection or protests, if any, to the proposed annual assessments.

On June 28, 2005, 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 a time (9:00 a.m. August 2, 2005) for a public hearing to consider any protests to the proposed assessments.

If the Board adopts a resolution authorizing and levying assessments for CSA No. 4, a second public hearing will be held to consider the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 for County Service Area No. 4, with a total appropriation of \$441,880.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- A . Resolution
- B . Schedule 13
- C . Schedule 14
- D . Schedule 15
- E . FY 05-06 budget

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Britt Ferguson