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May 17,2005 Agenda: June 14,2005

Board of Supervisors
county of santa cruz
701 Ocean Street
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SUBJECT: 2005-06 FIRE PROTECTION ASSESSMENT – CSA 4 & CSA 48

Members of the Board:

On May 17, 2005, your Board adopted a resolution setting today as the public hearing date on the proposed 2005-006 benefit assessment/service charge reports for County Services Area 4 (Pajaro Dunes Fire) and CSA 48 (County Fire).

The County Service Area (CSA) rates were previously set and approved by voters in June 1997. The changes presented today reflect increases in the 2004 Consumer Price Index (CPI). The assessments proposed on the Service Charge Reports are based on the number of fire flow units assigned to each parcel. The number of fire flow units (ranging from 1 to 10) reflects the amount of water required to suppress fire, depending on the structure type and use. More fire flow units are assigned to structures that present more difficulty for fire fighters.

The CSA 48 (County Fire) rate is increasing from $54.37 to $55.57 per fire flow unit, in conformance with previously approved engineer's reports to include the 2004 CPI increase of 2.2 percent.

The CSA 4 (Pajaro Dunes) rate is increasing from $148.42 to $164.48 per fire flow unit. These rates are being increased approximately 10.2% as requested by the Pajaro Dunes Community Affairs Committee to help meet increased expenses, as allowed by CSA's enabling resolution which allows the assessment rate to increase as necessary to meet approved expenses within specific guidelines. A key component of these guidelines is that prior year CPI increases which have not been previously used in setting benefit assessment rates can be rolled forward to future years. The CPI has increased by approximately 23.2% since CSA 4 was formed, however the benefit assessment rates have been increased by a total of only 13%. CSA 4 can therefore utilize the remaining balance of prior years' CPI increases to assess 10.2% for this year's assessment.

The Service Charge Reports containing the Assessor's parcel number the owner's name and the amount of the benefit assessment/service charge were made available for public review two weeks prior to today's public hearing.

In order to complete the 2005-06 benefit assessment/service charge proceeding for the above CSAs, it will be necessary for you Board to now open the public hearing, take testimony and consider objections and protests, if any, to the proposed reports, and at the conclusion of the public hearing, adopt the attached

resolution confirming the reports. As required by law, the service charge reports must be approved by your Board and forwarded to the Auditor-Controller by August 10,2005.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED that **your** Board:

1. Open the public hearing and hear objections or protests, if any, **to** the proposed CSA **4** and CSA **48** fiscal year 2005-06 Service Charge Report;

2. Close the public hearing; and

3. Adopt the attached Resolution Confirming Service Charge Reports for County Service Areas **No. 4** Pajaro Dunes Fire and **No. 48** County Fire.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Dever
Emergency Services Administrator

RECOMMENDED:

Susan A. Mauriello
County Administrative Officer

MJD:BL

Attachments: 1. Resolution Confirming Service Charge Reports

CC: Kay Bowden, Pajaro Dunes Homeowners Assoc
John Ferreira, County Fire Chief
County Fire Department Advisory Commission
Office of Emergency Services

ATTACHMENT 1

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO._____

On the motion of Supervisor
duly seconded by Supervisor
the following resolution is adopted

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING SERVICE CHARGE REPORTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005/2006
FOR COUNTY SERVICE AREA 48 - COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION
AND COUNTY SERVICE AREA 4 - PAJARO DUNES

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has held a duly noticed public hearing on the charge reports for service charges proposed within the County Service Areas Number 4 - Pajaro Dunes and Number 48 - County Fire for the 2005/2006 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that no protests have been submitted or that all protests should be overruled; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the service charge reports should be confirmed as submitted/amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the service charge reports for County Service Areas Number 4 and Number 48 for the 2005/2006 fiscal year are hereby confirmed, and such service charges are authorized to be collected as provided in Ordinance Number 3406;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Clerk of this Board shall file a copy of this Resolution and Service Charge Reports with the County Auditor on or before August 10, 2005.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this _____ **day of** _____**,2005 by the following vote:**

AYES: **SUPERVISOR**
NOES: **SUPERVISOR**
ABSENT: **SUPERVISOR**

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Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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County Counsel

Distribution: **County Administrative Officer**
County Counsel
Auditor-Controller
Emergency Services Department
County **Fire Department**