

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
MEETING AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2020, 9:00 AM
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS NORTH CHAMBER
1600 PACIFIC HIGHWAY
SAN DIEGO, CA 92101

A. REGULAR SESSION: Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Directors Greg Cox, Chairman; Jim Desmond, Vice-Chairman; Dianne Jacob; Kristin Gaspar; Nathan Fletcher; also, Andrew Potter, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

(Please note, California Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 on March 17, 2020, relating to the convening of public meetings in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Pursuant to the Executive Order, and to maintain the orderly conduct of the meeting, all members of the Flood Control District attended the meeting via teleconference and participated in the meeting to the same extent as if they were present.)

B. Public Communication: No Speakers

C. Approval of the Statement of Proceedings/Minutes for the meeting of April 21, 2020.

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Director Jacob, seconded by Director Fletcher, the Board of Directors of the San Diego County Flood Control District approved the Statement of Proceedings/Minutes for the meeting of April 21, 2020, on Consent.

AYES: Cox, Jacob, Gaspar, Fletcher, Desmond

NOTICE: THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAY TAKE ANY ACTION WITH RESPECT TO THE ITEMS INCLUDED ON THIS AGENDA. RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY COUNTY STAFF DO NOT LIMIT ACTIONS THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAY TAKE. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SHOULD NOT RELY UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE BOARD LETTER AS DETERMINATIVE OF THE ACTION THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAY TAKE ON A PARTICULAR MATTER.

Agenda Items

Agenda #	Subject
1.	NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING: PUBLIC HEARING TO CONFIRM FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 LEVIES FOR PERMANENT ROAD DIVISION ZONES, COUNTY SERVICE AREAS AND ZONES, AND STORMWATER MAINTENANCE ZONES [FUNDING SOURCES: ASSESSMENT AND SPECIAL TAX LEVIES FROM PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN PRD ZONES, CSAS, AND SMZS]

(RELATES TO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA NO. 3)

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**1. SUBJECT: NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING:
PUBLIC HEARING TO CONFIRM FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 LEVIES FOR
PERMANENT ROAD DIVISION ZONES, COUNTY SERVICE AREAS
AND ZONES, AND STORMWATER MAINTENANCE ZONES
(DISTRICTS: 2, 3, & 5)**

OVERVIEW

The County of San Diego uses special districts to provide property owners a mechanism to pay for specific services in a geographically defined area. Assessment amounts and associated escalator indices are approved by voters within the district’s boundary and are set forth in ordinances adopted by the Board of Supervisors when the districts are formed. To levy the assessments on the tax bills a public hearing is required. This item is to adopt assessment rates and confirm Fiscal Year 2020-21 levies for 47 Permanent Road Division Zones, 21 County Service Areas, and three Flood Control District Stormwater Maintenance Zones.

All rates and proposed increases were previously approved by property owner ballots or registered district voter elections in accordance with Articles XIII A-D of the California Constitution (Proposition 218) which requires a mailed ballot proceeding or election if district levies are increased from their previously approved maximum. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, staff reviewed rates to determine if increases were needed for ongoing operations. It was determined that any increases should be avoided where feasible using available fund balance. None of the districts reviewed had adequate fund balances to support reductions in charges. All proposed rates are within approved maximum rates.

Levying on the tax bill minimizes administrative costs by eliminating the need for annual billing and payment collection. If the proposed action to levy on the tax bill is not approved, the previously approved Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20 rates would be levied. There would be no reduction in revenue from not placing the collection of the service fees on the tax roll, but administrative expenses would increase for annual billing and payment collection. If the proposed rates are not levied, reduced revenues would be mitigated by reductions in service levels for FY 2020-21.

Permanent Road Division Zones - Department of Public Works

A Permanent Road Division (PRD) Zone is a special district that is formed at the request of property owners for private road maintenance. The proposed annual assessment will remain at the current rate for 42 PRD Zones because funding is adequate for services planned in Fiscal Year 2020-21, and there are insufficient reserves to allow for reductions. The proposed rate increases are needed to fund multi-year maintenance plans approved by voters or property owners since current rates are insufficient to complete the requested road work. The following five PRD Zones have proposed rate increases:

PRD Zone	District	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
117 – Legend Rock (Hidden Meadows)	5	\$1,408.92	\$1,411.59*
133 – Ranch Creek (Valley Center)	5	\$1,417.00	\$1,419.69*
101A – Hi Ridge Road (Lakeside)	2	\$41	\$200**
99 – Via Allondra/Via Del Corvo (San Marcos)	5	\$25	\$65**
1014 – Lavender Point (Valley Center)	5	\$280	\$475**

*Rate is per parcel and increase is based on the Los Angeles Construction Cost Index.

**Rate is per benefit unit and is based on property owner request to increase rate.

County Service Areas and Stormwater Maintenance Zones

County Service Areas (CSA) and Stormwater Maintenance Zones (SMZ) provide funding for services related to park and landscape maintenance, fire protection, flood control/stormwater management facilities, emergency medical services, and regional emergency communication services. Based on available fund balance and to maintain existing service levels, the proposed annual assessment will remain at the current rate for 16 CSAs. The proposed annual assessment will remain at the current rate for three SMZs because of existing fund balance levels and funding is adequate for service levels planned in Fiscal Year 2020-21. The proposed rate increases for the landscaping CSAs are needed due to insufficient fund balance to mitigate increased costs. CSAs 17 and 69, which fund emergency medical services, need the proposed rate increases due to projected decreases in other revenues due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The following five have proposed rate increases:

Administrator	Services	CSA/SMZ	District	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
Department of Parks and Recreation	Park operations, maintenance, and improvements	CSA 83 Zone A – 4S Ranch	3	\$129.97	\$133.02*
Health and Human Services	Emergency medical (paramedic) services	CSA 17 – San Dieguito	3 & 5	\$31.54	\$32.28*
		CSA 69 – Heartland (Santee & Lakeside)	2	\$57.26	\$58.61*
Department of Public Works	Landscaping and open space management	CSA 26A – Cottonwood Village (El Cajon, Rancho San Diego)	2	\$55.00	\$56.29*
		CSA 26B – Monte Vista Village (Monte Vista, El Cajon, Rancho San Diego)	2	\$174.00	\$178.09*

*Proposed rate based on voter approved rates and annual escalators from the Consumer Price Index and funding is needed for ongoing services.

Today’s request is to adopt resolutions confirming the proposed levies for Permanent Road Division Zones, County Service Areas and Zones, and Stormwater Maintenance Zones. Upon approval the annual assessments will be placed on the tax roll so that the property owners can continue to pay the benefit assessment or special tax through their property tax bills. These actions are discretionary after consideration of public testimony.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Acting as the Board of Directors, San Diego County Flood Control District:
Adopt a Resolution entitled: RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF STORMWATER MAINTENANCE ZONES 3-4978-1 BLACKWOLF, 4-4249-3 LAKE RANCHO VIEJO, AND 3-5142-1 PONDEROSA, ADOPTING ASSESSMENTS AND CONFIRMING REPORTS RE: LEVIES TO BE COLLECTED ON THE TAX ROLL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-21.

FISCAL IMPACT

Revenue from the proposed levies is included in Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21 CAO Recommended Operational Plan for the Fire Authority, Department of Parks and Recreation, and the San Diego County Flood Control District. Revenue from the proposed levies is partially included in the FY 2020-21 CAO Recommended Operational Plan in the Departments of Public Works; Sheriff; County Fire Authority; Health and Human Services Agency; and Flood Control District based on the FY 2019-20 levies. If approved, the proposed rate increases will result in additional estimated revenue of \$30,042.80 in the Department of Public Works for PRD 117 - Legend Rock (\$278.40), PRD 133 - Ranch Creek Road (\$80.77), PRD 101A - Hi Ridge Road (\$14,150.82), PRD 99 - Via Allondra/Via Del Corvo (\$6,960), PRD 1014 - Lavender Point (\$2,730), CSA 26 Zone A - Cottonwood Village (\$2,980.51), and CSA 26 Zone B - Monte Vista (\$2,862.30); and \$81,606.80 in the Health and Human Services Agency for CSA 17 San Dieguito (\$38,556.70) and CSA 69 Heartland (\$43,050.10); and will be referred to budget deliberations for the establishment of necessary appropriations in the FY 2020-21 Operational Plan. The funding sources are assessment and special tax levies from property owners within PRD Zones, CSAs, and SMZs. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

(RELATES TO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA NO. 3)

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Director Jacob, seconded by Director Gaspar, the Board of Directors of the San Diego County Flood Control District closed the Hearing and took action as recommended, on Consent, adopting Resolution No. 20-121, entitled: RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF STORMWATER MAINTENANCE ZONES 3-4978-1 BLACKWOLF, 4-4249-3 LAKE RANCHO VIEJO, AND 3-5142-1 PONDEROSA, ADOPTING ASSESSMENTS AND CONFIRMING REPORTS RE: LEVIES TO BE COLLECTED ON THE TAX ROLL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-21.

AYES: Cox, Jacob, Gaspar, Fletcher, Desmond

There being no further business, the Board of Directors of the San Diego County Flood Control District adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board of Directors of the
San Diego County Flood Control District

Notes: Santiago

NOTE: This Statement of Proceedings sets forth all actions taken by the San Diego County Flood Control District on the matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological sequence in which the matters were taken up.

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