

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

<p>(1) DEPARTMENT General Services Agency Public Works Department</p>	<p>(2) MEETING DATE 4/1/2014</p>	<p>(3) CONTACT/PHONE Machelle Vieux, Deputy Director, General Services (805) 781-5200 Dave Flynn, Deputy Director, Public Works (805) 781-5252</p>	
<p>(4) SUBJECT Request to consider the Five Cities Fire Authority Assessment ballots for County owned property and San Luis Obispo Flood Control and Water Conservation District owned property. Districts 3 and 4.</p>			
<p>(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sit as the Board of Supervisors to consider the proposed Five Cities Fire Authority assessment ballots for County owned properties within the Five Cities Fire Authority service area, and abstain from voting on the assessment ballots. 2. Sit as the Governing Board of the San Luis Obispo Flood Control and Water Conservation District to consider the proposed Five Cities Fire Authority assessment ballots for the San Luis Obispo Flood Control and Water Conservation District owned properties within the Five Cities Fire Authority service area, and abstain from voting on the assessment ballots. 			
<p>(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) General Services and Flood Control District</p>	<p>(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00</p>	<p>(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$2,068.11 (potential cost if ballot measure is successful)</p>	<p>(9) BUDGETED? No</p>
<p>(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ____)</p>			
<p>(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contracts/Ballots <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p>			
<p>(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) n/a</p>		<p>(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: n/a <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A</p>	
<p>(14) LOCATION MAP N/A</p>	<p>(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? N/A</p>	<p>(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: _____</p>	
<p>(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Emily Jackson</p>			
<p>(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) District 3 - District 4 -</p>			

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

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DATE: 4/1/2014

SUBJECT: Request to consider the Five Cities Fire Authority Assessment ballots for County owned property and San Luis Obispo Flood Control and Water Conservation District owned property. Districts 3 and 4.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Sit as the Board of Supervisors to consider the proposed Five Cities Fire Authority assessment ballots for County owned properties within the Five Cities Fire Authority service area, and abstain from voting on the assessment ballots.
2. Sit as the Governing Board of the San Luis Obispo Flood Control and Water Conservation District to consider the proposed Five Cities Fire Authority assessment ballots for the San Luis Obispo Flood Control and Water Conservation District owned properties within the Five Cities Fire Authority service area, and abstain from voting on the assessment ballots.

DISCUSSION

The Five Cities Fire Authority was established in 2010 by a joint powers agreement between the City of Arroyo Grande, City of Grover Beach and Oceano Community Services District to provide fire protection and emergency response services to the local community. The Five Cities Fire Authority currently receives dedicated funding from the general budgets of the cities of Arroyo Grande and Grover Beach, and the Oceano Community Services District. It does not directly receive any revenues from local property taxes and does not have an independent funding source.

The Five Cities Fire Authority has initiated an assessment district ballot measure to stabilize their funding levels. The assessment, should it pass, would be used to provide a higher level of fire suppression service with improved communication and dispatch services, and address staffing shortfalls. A one-time Federal Emergency Management Agency grant currently funds six temporary fire fighter positions; however this grant expires in September of 2014. The Five Cities Fire Authority has sent Official Assessment ballots to the County as the owner of property within the service area. The purpose of the ballot measure is to provide funding to the Five Cities Fire Authority through property tax assessments. The assessments have been determined on the basis of benefit allocation, a method by which a property is evaluated in relation to a single family home, the type of property and its size. The assessments total \$2,068.11 per year for County-owned parcels and include properties managed by both Public Works, on behalf of the San Luis Obispo Flood Control and Water Conservation District, and the General Services Agency (GSA). The following table provides a list of the County owned parcels located within the Five Cities Fire Authority's service area and the proposed assessments for each.

**San Luis Obispo Flood Control and
Water Conservation District**

APN	Proposed Annual Assessment	Location	Description
061-082-002	\$17.29	Honolulu Street, Oceano, Zone 1	Vacant Lot
062-064-020	\$17.29	Corner of Vista & 21st St, Oceano, Zone 16	Drainage Basin
062-104-012	\$17.29	Corner of South Elm & Paso Robles St, Oceano, Zone 16	Drainage Basin
062-261-065	\$17.29	Corner of The Pike & 19th St, Oceano, Zone 16	Drainage Basin
062-304-016	\$17.29	Corner of Hwy 1 & Tierra Nuvea, Oceano, Zone 16	Drainage Basin
006-087-003	\$17.29	Corner of Los Berros & Valley Rd, Arroyo Grande, Zone 1A	Creek Channel
061-093-038	\$0.10	Aloha Court, Oceano, Zone 1	Lagoon
061-161-012	\$0.04	Sand dune vacant lot, Oceano, Zone 16	Vacant Lot
062-061-011	\$0.00	Block of Wilmar between 20th & 21st, Oceano, Zone 16	Sidewalk

\$103.88

General Services Properties

APN	Proposed Annual Assessment	Location	Description
061-093-044	\$718.95	561 Air Park Dr, Oceano	Oceano Airport
007-011-050	\$717.27	Corner Rodeo Dr & W. Branch St, Arroyo Grande	South County Regional Center, Library, SLORTA
060-301-004	\$293.38	16th and Longbranch, Grover Beach	Health Department, Probation, Drug and Alcohol, Courts
061-046-053	\$97.79	1580 Railroad, Oceano	Oceano Senior Center
006-046-002	\$65.19	417 Orchard Ave, Arroyo Grande	Arroyo Grande Veterans Building
061-093-035	\$17.29	Air Park Dr, Oceano	Vacant Lot
061-111-018	\$13.46	State Highway One, Oceano	Coastal Dunes RV Park
061-093-050	\$11.22	Corner of Pier Ave & Norswing Dr, Oceano	Oceano Lagoon
061-111-017	\$8.98	State Highway One, Oceano	Coastal Dunes RV Park
060-263-034	\$6.73	State Highway One, Grover Beach	Coastal Dunes RV Park
060-323-004	\$4.49	State Highway One, Grover Beach	Coastal Dunes RV Park
061-093-037	\$4.49	494 Air Park Dr, Oceano	Oceano Campground
061-093-042	\$4.49	Norswing Dr, Oceano	Oceano Park
007-011-045	\$0.28	Corner Old Ranch Rd & W. Branch St, Arroyo Grande	Vacant Lot
007-011-040	\$0.14	Corner Rodeo Dr & Mercedes Lane, Arroyo Grande	Vacant Lot
061-093-043	\$0.06	Corner Lakeside Ave & Juanita Ave, Oceano	Vacant Lot
060-206-024	\$0.02	Highway One, Grover Beach	Vacant Lot
062-013-032	\$0.00	17th St, Oceano	Vacant 5' Strip
007-791-019	\$0.00	Corbett Canyon Road, Arroyo Grande	Vacant Strip

\$1,964.23

The County's and the District's proposed \$2,068.11 in annual assessments are equivalent to approximately two tenths of one percent of the total estimated amount of the entire assessment district. Several articles have been printed in the local newspapers regarding the assessment district, both in favor and opposed to the new assessment. Those in favor believe it is a small investment for such a vital service. The opposition believes that the Authority needs to operate within its current funding. The County's and the District's holdings and impact are relatively minor and it is, therefore, recommended that the County and District abstain from voting its ballots in order to allow the community to decide the outcome.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

The General Services Agency is bringing this item to the Board on behalf of both General Services Agency and the San Luis Obispo Flood Control and Water Conservation District.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

In the event the Fire Authority Assessment District passes, the total assessment would be \$2,068.11 with \$1,964.23 of cost allocated to the General Services Agency and \$103.88 of cost allocated to the San Luis Obispo Flood Control and Water Conservation District. Both the General Services Agency the San Luis Obispo Flood Control and Water Conservation District would easily absorb such nominal dollar amounts in their budgets. GSA-General Services would recover approximately \$714 from tenants located on a portion of the properties being assessed.

RESULTS

The County's and the San Luis Obispo Flood Control and Water Conservation District's abstention from voting its ballots contributes to the county wide goal of a Well Governed Community by being responsive to the communities' desires, allowing the community to decide the outcome of the Five Cities Fire Authority Assessment District vote.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Five Cities Fire Authority Assessment District Ballots