

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS

ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Assessor

David E. Tallman, Sr.

BOARD AGENDA # *B-1

Urgent

Routine

AGENDA DATE April 26, 2011

CEO Concur with Recommendation YES NO

(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Approval to Post the Annual Assessment Valuation Notices on the Assessor's Web Site as an Alternative to Mailing the Notifications

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Approve posting the annual assessment valuation notices on the assessor's web site.

FISCAL IMPACT:

For the 2010-2011 Fiscal Year, 108,427 annual notices were mailed pursuant to California Revenue and Taxation Code section 619 at a cost of \$26,897. Implementing this process would allow the Assessor to notify property owners of their annual value by posting the information on the Assessor's website which would result in an estimated cost savings of \$25,000 for the 2011-2012 Budget Year. This process change would also reduce future years' costs.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2011-239

On motion of Supervisor O'Brien, Seconded by Supervisor Withrow

and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Chiesa, Withrow, DeMartini, and Chairman Monteith

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) Approved as recommended

2) Denied

3) Approved as amended

4) Other:

MOTION:

Christine Ferraro

ATTEST:

CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

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DISCUSSION:

Currently, the Stanislaus County Assessor notifies each assessee of real property on the local secured roll whose property's full value has increased over its full value for the prior year of the assessed value pursuant to California Revenue and Taxation Code section 619. The notice includes property owner name, property location, assessed value, appeal deadlines and stipulation information. The values are based on the lien date, January 1 each year. In prior years, Stanislaus County property owners have been notified of a change in value by mailings through the United States postal service. Also, the information in the July value notice is repeated on the property tax bill that all real property owners receive in September.

With the approval of the Board of Supervisors, effective January 1, 2011, the Assessor may provide value notices on the Assessor's internet website pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code section 621. It is recommended that the notice will be displayed on the Assessor's current website. The same information on the mailed notifications will be available online. Real property owners will be able to search for the notice by the parcel number or situs address. The owner's name and mailing address will not display on the notice pursuant to state law.

The approval of this item will provide the Stanislaus County Assessor's Office with a timely and cost effective way of providing the required annual assessment value change notices. Cost savings will be realized with decreased costs for supplies and postage and will save staff time. Public service announcements will be published in local community newspapers for the current year notifying the public of the new procedure.

POLICY ISSUES:

This action is consistent with the Board's priority of providing Efficient Delivery of Public Services.

STAFFING IMPACT:

The Department does not anticipate any overall changes in staff time due to this new process.

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