

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Board of Supervisors

BOARD AGENDA # *A-2

Urgent Routine

AGENDA DATE June 24, 2014

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Approval to Authorize the Chairman of the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors to Sign and Submit Property Owner Ballots in Support of the Fire Suppression Assessment for the Keyes Fire Protection District for those Properties Owned by Stanislaus County

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Authorize the Chairman of the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors to sign and submit Property Owner Ballots in support of the Fire Suppression Assessment for the Keyes Fire Protection District for those properties owned by Stanislaus County.

Contact person: Christine Ferraro Tallman, Clerk of the Board Telephone: 525-4494

FISCAL IMPACT:

Currently seven ballots have been received. If the majority vote "Yes" on the assessment increase, the increase will take effect in Fiscal Year 2014-2015 and continue thereafter indefinitely. The fiscal impact will be on the property owned by Stanislaus County, in this case a Community Services Area. The total maximum assessment to be levied to Stanislaus County is \$753.37. The assessment will impact the budget of the Community Services Area No. 26.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2014-301

On motion of Supervisor Chiesa, Seconded by Supervisor Withrow

and approved by the following vote,

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

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X Approved as recommended

2) _____ Denied

3) _____ Approved as amended

4) _____ Other:

MOTION:



ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

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DISCUSSION:

Proposition 218 was a Statewide initiative approved by the voters in November 1996. It requires that property owners, through a ballot procedure, approve certain assessments and increases in those assessment districts. Since the County is an owner of properties within the Keyes Fire Protection District it is therefore eligible to vote in the ballot process for this district. This item authorizes the Chairman of the Board to be the authority authorized to cast the ballots of support on behalf of the County.

POLICY ISSUE:

This item comes under the Board of Supervisors' Priority for a Safe Community.

STAFFING IMPACTS:

There are no staffing impacts associated with this agenda item.

CONTACT PERSON:

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Keyes Volunteer F.P.D. Fire Suppression Assessment



Land Use	Unit of Measure	2014		1989		Difference in Daily Rate	
		Proposed Assessment Rate	Daily Rate	Unit of Measure	Assessment Rate		
Residential (Single Family, duplex dwellings)	Units	\$76	\$0.21	Parcel Rate	\$36	\$0.10	\$0.11
Residential (More than 2 living units, including Mobile Home)	Units	\$73	\$0.20	Parcel Rate	\$24	\$0.06	\$0.14
Commercial	Square Feet	\$0.0595	\$0.000163	Parcel Rate	\$36	\$0.10	NA
Industrial	Square Feet	\$0.0166	\$0.000045	Parcel Rate	\$72	\$0.20	NA
Agricultural	Acres	\$3.64	\$0.00997	Parcel Rate	\$36	\$0.10	NA
Vacant Land	Parcels	\$26	\$0.07	Parcel Rate	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.07
Institutional (Public Assembly, Educational, Institutional)	Parcels	\$121	\$0.33	Parcel Rate	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.33

BETTER FUNDING

MEANS MORE

EFFICIENT

AND EFFECTIVE

FIRE PROTECTION FOR

YOUR COMMUNITY

Notice & Ballot Information Guide

The official ballot in this envelope is your opportunity to decide if the Fire Suppression Benefit Assessment for your district will pass. **PLEASE VOTE AND RETURN YOUR SIGNED BALLOT ON OR BEFORE JULY 9, 2014.**

Citizens of Keyes are provided fire protection services by the volunteers of the Keyes Fire Protection District (the District). These volunteers are responsible for responding to structure and vegetation fires, EMS calls, public assistance calls, rescues, and many other types of fire and emergency related situations.

The District is underfunded and has been for many years. For pennies a day (see chart above), the funds will go a long way in

providing upgrades to many areas within the District's budget. Administrative help, apparatus maintenance and enhanced training are just a few of the budgetary items that will benefit from this assessment.

As a property owner, you are now facing a decision that will shape the future of the quality of services your community receives from the Fire District. A vote to approve the proposed assessment will increase a stable revenue stream that can only be used for fire suppression, therefore only funding critical services for your community. A vote in opposition for the assessment will leave your District in a state of possible cutbacks with a lack of funding for future maintenance, necessary equipment

and ongoing community outreach. Ultimately, this effects response time and level of service you receive as individuals from your Fire District.

What is my assessment used for?

There has not been an updated assessment since 1989. This proposed assessment would help improve the Keyes F.P.D. budget, thus allowing the ability to better financially support the Fire Station and service levels required by Keyes community. The District seeks to serve the community of Keyes through a higher level of fire protection and emergency response services by:

- Enhancing firefighter training

IF APPROVED:

- **THE PRIOR ASSESSMENT WILL BE REPEALED AND THE NEW ASSESSMENT TAKES ITS PLACE.**

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- ▮ Providing administrative support services
- ▮ Funding staff positions
- ▮ Improving apparatus, vehicle & equipment, repair & maintenance
- ▮ Improving station maintenance & refurbishment

What is the "mail back" ballot?

In order to be counted, your ballot must be received by the District at P.O. Box 577, Keyes, CA 95328, on or before July 9, 2014. You may hand deliver your ballot to the Fire Station on July 9th prior to the completion of the public hearing scheduled at 4 p.m. Your ballot must be signed by a property owner of record. **Remember, unlike in a regular election, your**

ballot must be signed. (California Government Code 53753(c)).

How much do I pay?

The total cost of the proposed services and capital repair, maintenance, refurbishment and replacement to be funded by the assessment would be allocated based on the estimated special benefit received by each property. An Engineer's Report describing how the proposed assessment was calculated, the special benefits, budgets and proposed assessment for each parcel is available for your review at the Keyes Fire Station located at:

5627 7th Street
Keyes, CA 95328



**YOUR VOTE IS
IMPORTANT**

Remember:

*Your ballot
must be*

SIGNED!

Ballots are Due

July 9, 2014



For More Information

If you have any questions, please attend the

Public Hearing

Wednesday, July 9th @ 4 p.m., at the

Keyes Fire Station

5627 7th Street

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