

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

DEPT: Public Works *Phang*

BOARD AGENDA # *C-1

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AGENDA DATE June 29, 2010

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Approval to Set a Public Hearing on July 27, 2010, at 9:05 a.m., Regarding Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Assessments for Various County Service Areas and Landscape and Lighting Districts

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Set a public hearing on July 27, 2010 at 9:05 a.m. regarding Fiscal Year 2010-2011 assessments for various County Service Areas and Landscape and Lighting Districts.
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to publish a notice of such hearing pursuant to Section 6066 of the Government Code.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item. The cost of publishing the notice will be borne by the various County Service Areas and Landscape and Lighting Districts.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2010-429

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

and approved by the following vote,

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

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

File No.

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DISCUSSION:

The Department of Public Works staff has made a concentrated effort to review each County Service Area (CSA) and Landscape and Lighting District (LLD) to determine appropriate levels of services for each and to develop costs based on those services. In general, cost increases are due to inflated energy and fuel costs.

The following is a summary of the proposed Fiscal Year 2010-2011 annual assessments:

CSA 4 - Bristol Glen (in Salida): The purpose of this District is to ensure the ongoing maintenance, operation, and servicing of the storm drain system. The assessment for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 is \$31.38 per parcel, which is no change from the assessment of Fiscal Year 2009-2010. An amount of \$6,381 is proposed to be withdrawn from available fund balance in Fiscal Year 2010-2011 to offset operations and maintenance costs, thereby keeping the assessment at the previous year's level. The proposed use of fund balance in Fiscal Year 2009-2010 was \$5,079.

It is estimated there will be a fund balance on June 30, 2010, of \$91,122. This amount has been generated in order to have funds available for future capital improvements in the storm drain system, including an estimated \$23,000 for one (1) 20 HP drainage basin pump replacement. This fiscal approach is aimed at accumulating a sufficient reserve by the time capital improvements are required so that no increase in the annual assessment will be necessary to cover these costs.

The fiscal year is the 12-month period from July 1st through June 30th of the following year. The annual assessment is received with property taxes collected in December and April. This means the fiscal year starts on July 1st but the first installment of the annual assessment will not be collected until December, creating a 6-month lag in receiving the money necessary to maintain the various services provided. Therefore, a reserve of one half of the annual operating budget of \$5,340 will be carried forward from available fund balance to cover costs from July 1st to December 31st.

The continued use of fund balance to offset the cost of operating the CSA will deplete fund balance to a point where either service will have to be reduced to match the revenue being collected, or a ballot measure to increase the assessment, per Proposition 218, would have to be conducted.

CSA 5 - Starlite Place (in Keyes): The purpose of this District is to ensure the ongoing maintenance, operation, and servicing of the storm drain system. The assessment for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 is \$32.24 per parcel, which is no change from the assessment of Fiscal Year 2009-2010. An amount of \$3,985 is proposed to be withdrawn from available fund balance in Fiscal Year 2010-2011 to offset operations and maintenance costs, thereby keeping the assessment at the previous year's level. The proposed use of fund balance in Fiscal Year 2009-2010 was \$3,935.

It is estimated there will be a fund balance on June 30, 2010, of \$136,571. This amount has been generated in order to have funds available for future capital improvements in the storm drain system, including an estimated \$46,000 for two (2) 20 HP drainage basin pump replacements. This fiscal approach is aimed at accumulating a sufficient reserve by the time the capital improvements are required so that no increase in the annual assessment will be necessary to cover these costs.

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The continued use of fund balance to offset the cost of operating the CSA will deplete fund balance to a point where either service will have to be reduced to match the revenue being collected, or a ballot measure to increase the assessment, per Proposition 218, would have to be conducted.

CSA 7 - Modesto Auto Center (in north Modesto): The purpose of this District is to ensure the ongoing maintenance, operation, and servicing of the storm drain system. The assessment for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 is \$253.81 per net acre. There is no change in the assessment from Fiscal Year 2009-2010. An amount of \$2,967 is proposed to be withdrawn from available fund balance in Fiscal Year 2010-2011 to offset operations and maintenance costs, thereby keeping the assessment at the previous year's level. The proposed use of fund balance in Fiscal Year 2009-2010 was \$5,066.

It is estimated there will be a fund balance on June 30, 2010, of \$59,546. This amount has been generated in order to have funds available for future capital improvements in the storm drain system, including an estimated \$25,000 for two (2) 10 HP drainage basin pump replacements. This fiscal approach is aimed at accumulating a sufficient reserve by the time capital improvements are required so that no increase in the annual assessment will be necessary to cover these costs.

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The continued use of fund balance to offset the cost of operating the CSA will deplete fund balance to a point where either service will have to be reduced to match the revenue being collected, or a ballot measure to increase the assessment, per Proposition 218, would have to be conducted.

CSA 8 - Honey Bee Estates (in Empire): The purpose of this District is to ensure the ongoing maintenance; operation and servicing of the storm drain system. The assessment for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 is \$31.24 per parcel. There has been no change over the previous year's assessment. An amount of \$6,356 is proposed to be withdrawn from available fund balance in Fiscal Year 2010-2011 to offset operations and maintenance costs, thereby keeping the assessment at the previous year's level. The proposed use of fund balance in Fiscal Year 2009-2010 was \$7,513.

It is estimated there will be a fund balance on June 30, 2010, of \$23,475. The continued use of fund balance to offset the cost of operating the CSA will deplete fund balance within 3 years to a point where either service will have to be reduced to match the revenue being collected, or a ballot measure to increase the assessment, per Proposition 218, would have to be conducted.

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The Stanislaus County Department of Public works, in cooperation with the Planning Department and the Redevelopment Agency, has begun a phased project to provide storm drain infrastructure to the unincorporated town of Empire. County Service Area 27-Empire was formed in 2009 in order to provide a funding mechanism for the special benefits received. The next phase of the project would include the parcels within CSA-8 and all other parcels within the proposed improvement area. During the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 a Proposition 218 ballot procedure will be completed in order to annex the parcels within CSA-8 into CSA-27 Empire. A majority vote in favor of the proposal from the parcel owners within the proposed area of annexation would dissolve CSA-8 into CSA-27.

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CSA 9 - River/Souza (in Ceres area): The purpose of this District is to ensure the ongoing maintenance, operation, and servicing of the storm drain system. The assessment for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 is \$20.26 per parcel. There has been no change over the previous year's assessment. An amount of \$9,534 is proposed to be withdrawn from available fund balance in Fiscal Year 2010-2011 to offset operations and maintenance costs, thereby keeping the assessment at the previous year's level. The proposed use of fund balance in Fiscal Year 2009-2010 was \$7,884.

It is estimated there will be a fund balance on June 30, 2010, of \$62,998. This amount was generated in order to have funds available for capital improvements in the storm drainage system. In Fiscal Year 2010-2011, \$1,650 of that reserve will be used to replace the security gates at the storm drain basin.

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The continued use of the fund balance to offset the cost of operating the CSA will deplete the fund balance to a point where either service will have to be reduced to match the revenue being collected, or a ballot measure to increase the assessment, per Proposition 218, would have to be conducted.

CSA 10 - Salida: This CSA was established in October 1990, to provide extended governmental services for parks, streetscape, storm drain maintenance, library, and sheriff for the benefit of parcels within the CSA 10. Historically, library services have not been included in assessments. Sheriff services were removed in Fiscal Year 2009-2010 due to the general benefit level of service having increased to match or exceed the CSA 10 agreed upon level of service.

The following is a summary of the proposed Fiscal Year 2010-2011 annual assessments:

The assessment for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 for a Single Family Residential lot is \$139.32 per parcel. Undeveloped Commercial/Industrial properties are levied at \$487.62 per acre, and Public Property is

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levied at \$306.50 per acre. The assessment for Landmark Business Center #2 is \$42.34 per acre. All of the assessments listed herein have not changed from Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

On June 30, 2010, it is estimated that CSA 10 will have the following fund balances: Administration will have a balance of \$-3,398, the Parks and Recreation Department will have a balance of \$-20,681 and Public Works will have a balance of \$177,435. The administration deficit is the result of the most recent ballot procedure. It is anticipated that those costs will have been repaid, through the annual assessment, and the fund will have a positive balance by the end of Fiscal Year 2010-2011. It is anticipated that the Parks and Recreation fund balance will be positive by the end of Fiscal Year 2010-2011. The Public Works amount has been generated in order to have funds available for future capital improvements in the storm drain system. CSA 10 has nine pumps located throughout the system. North pond has three (3) 70 HP pumps, south pond has two (2) 50 HP pumps and Landmark Business Center has two (2) 7.5 HP pumps. The collective total replacement cost is estimated at \$380,000. This fiscal approach is aimed at accumulating a sufficient reserve by the time the pumps are replaced so that no increase in the annual assessment will be necessary.

The fiscal year is the 12-month period from July 1st through June 30th of the following year. The annual assessment is collected in December and April. This means the fiscal year starts on July 1st but the first installment of the annual assessment will not be collected until December, creating a 6-month lag in receiving the money necessary to maintain the various services provided. Therefore, a reserve of one half of the annual operating budget of \$78,182 in CSA 10 Public Works will be carried forward from available fund balance to cover costs from July 1st to December 31st. Since CSA 10 is set up as separate funds for Administration, Parks and Recreation, and Public Works, funds are not comingled. Therefore the reserve funds in CSA 10-Public Works are not available to offset costs in the other funds. Therefore, there is insufficient fund balance to fund the 6-month dry period in CSA 10 Administration and Parks, which will result in a fund deficit in the beginning half of the year. The deficit will be eliminated by year end as assessments are received.

CSA 11 - Gilbert Road (in Oakdale area): The purpose of this District is to ensure the ongoing maintenance and grading of the storm drain system. The assessment for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 is \$0 per linear foot. There has been no change over the previous year's assessment. An amount of \$300 is proposed to be withdrawn from the available fund balance in Fiscal Year 2010-2011 to completely offset operations and maintenance costs, thereby keeping the assessment at \$0. The proposed use of the fund balance in Fiscal Year 2009-2010 was \$300.

It is estimated there will be a fund balance on June 30, 2010, of \$8,228. Fund balance will be held as a reserve to be used to offset future operations and maintenance costs.

CSA 12 - Peach Blossom Estates (in west Oakdale area): The purpose of this District is to insure the ongoing maintenance, operation, and servicing of the storm drain system. The assessment for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 is \$83.34, which is no change from the previous year's assessment. An amount of \$2,931 is proposed to be withdrawn from available fund balance in Fiscal Year 2010-2011 to offset operations and maintenance costs, thereby keeping the assessment at the previous year's level. The proposed use of fund balance in Fiscal Year 2009-2010 was \$1,710.

It is estimated there will be a fund balance on June 30, 2010, of \$28,160. This amount was generated in order to have funds available for capital improvements in the storm drainage system.

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The continued use of fund balance to offset the cost of operating the CSA will deplete fund balance to a point where either service will have to be reduced to match the revenue being collected, or a ballot measure to increase the assessment, per Proposition 218, would have to be conducted.

CSA 16 - Olive Ranch Estates (in east Oakdale area): The purpose of this District is to ensure the ongoing maintenance, operation and servicing of the storm drain system and landscaping of the storm drain basin. The assessment for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 is \$641.47. The Fiscal Year 2009-2010 assessment was \$623.59 per parcel. The proposed annual assessment is an increase of \$17.88 (3%) to last year's assessment.

It is estimated there will be a fund balance on June 30, 2010, of \$34,901. The fund balance will be carried forward as a general reserve and will not be used to offset the cost to operate the District. This amount has been generated in order to have funds available for future capital improvements in the storm drain system, including an estimated \$43,000 for two (2) 20 HP drainage pump replacements. This fiscal approach is aimed at accumulating a sufficient reserve by the time capital improvements are required so that no increase in the annual assessment will be necessary.

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CSA 18 - Atlas Park (in east Oakdale area): The purpose of this District is to ensure the ongoing maintenance, operation, and servicing of the storm drain basin, storm drain system, and park. The assessment for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 is \$626.97, which is an increase of \$66.63 (11%) from the prior year's assessment. An amount of \$3,100 is proposed to be withdrawn from the available fund balance in Fiscal Year 2010-2011 to offset operations and maintenance costs. The proposed use of fund balance in Fiscal Year 2009-2010 was \$4,183.

It is estimated there will be a fund balance on June 30, 2010, of \$13,028. A portion of the fund balance will be carried forward as a general reserve.

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CSA 19 - Tuolumne-Gratton (in Denair): The purpose of this District is to ensure the ongoing maintenance, operation and servicing of the storm drain basin, storm drain system, and park. The Fiscal Year 2010-2011 assessment for Sterling Ranch Units 1-5 is \$168.10 per parcel and for Runyan Country Estates, \$42.90 per parcel. The assessment for Sterling Ranch has decreased by \$7.00 (4%) and Runyan Estates has increased \$0.10. An amount of \$500 for Runyan Estates and \$0 for Sterling Ranch is proposed to be withdrawn from available fund balance in Fiscal Year 2010-2011 to offset operations and maintenance costs. The proposed use of fund balance in Fiscal Year 2009-2010 was \$850 for Runyan Estates and \$3,812 for Sterling Ranch.

It is estimated there will be a fund balance on June 30, 2010, of \$107,382 for Sterling Ranch and \$11,931 for Runyan Estates for a total of \$119,313 for the CSA. This amount has been generated in order to have funds available for future capital improvements in the storm drain system, including an estimated \$54,000 for two (2) 25 HP drainage basin pump replacements. In addition, a capital reserve in the amount of \$3,000 is being established for unforeseen and/or catastrophic events in regards to vandalized irrigation, turf, tree or playground equipment. This fiscal approach is aimed at accumulating a sufficient fund reserve by the time capital improvements are required so that no increase in the annual assessment will be necessary.

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CSA 20 - Summit (industrial park in north Modesto area): The purpose of this District is to ensure the ongoing maintenance, operation, and servicing of the storm drain basin and storm drain system. The assessment for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 is \$177.51. This is a 36% increase to the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 assessment of \$130.40. Fund balance in the amount of \$800 will be used to offset a portion of the assessment in Fiscal Year 2010-2011. The proposed use of fund balance in Fiscal Year 2009-2010 was \$2,562.

It is estimated there will be a fund balance on June 30, 2010 of \$5,906. The fiscal year is the 12-month period from July 1st through June 30th of the following year. The annual assessment is received with property taxes collected in December and April. This means the fiscal year starts on July 1st but the first installment of the annual assessment will not be collected until December, creating a 6-month lag in receiving the money necessary to maintain the various services provided. Therefore, a reserve of one half of the annual operating budget, \$3,583, of available fund balance will be carried forward to meet expenses from July 1st to December 31st.

CSA 21 - Riopel (in Denair): The purpose of this District is to ensure the ongoing maintenance, operation and servicing of the storm drain basin, storm drain system, and park. The assessment for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 is \$401.45 per parcel. This is a 20% increase of the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 assessment of \$334.07. It is estimated there will be a fund balance on June 30, 2010, of \$ 40,650. An amount of \$11,250 is proposed to be withdrawn from available fund balance in Fiscal Year 2010-2011 to offset operations and maintenance costs. In addition, a capital reserve in the amount of \$3,000 is being established for unforeseen and/or catastrophic events in regards to vandalized irrigation, turf, tree or playground equipment. The proposed use of the fund balance in Fiscal Year 2009-2010 was \$16,342.

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The park's maintenance section was added to the CSA in Fiscal Year 2009-2010. In prior years, the park was under development and the responsibility of the developer. An increase of 20% has been implemented for 3 consecutive years, Fiscal Year 2009-2010 thru Fiscal Year 2011-2012, to capture the increase in the Parks and Recreation budget for services provided to CSA 21. During those three years, fund balance will be used to offset the operational costs, allowing for a gradual increase in assessments.

CSA 22 - Old School North (in Denair): The purpose of this District is to ensure the ongoing maintenance; operation and servicing of the storm drain basin, storm drain system, and park. The assessment for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 is \$842.59, which is a \$2.56 increase or .03% from the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 assessment of \$840.03. It is estimated there will be a fund balance on June 30, 2010, of \$15,686. An amount of \$2,100 is proposed to be withdrawn from the available fund balance in Fiscal Year 2010-2011 to offset operations and maintenance costs, thereby keeping the assessment near the previous year's level. The proposed use of the fund balance in Fiscal Year 2009-2010 was \$1,500.

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CSA 23 - Hillsborough-Schutz (in east Oakdale): The purpose of this District is to ensure the ongoing maintenance, operation, and servicing of the storm drain system and river outfall facility. The assessment for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 is \$60.41, which is a 3% increase from the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 assessment of \$58.81. An amount of \$5,000 is proposed to be withdrawn from the available fund balance in Fiscal Year 2010-2011 to offset operations and maintenance costs, thereby keeping the assessment near the previous year's level. The proposed use of fund balance in Fiscal Year 2009-2010 was \$3,500.

The estimated fund balance as of June 30, 2010 is \$80,342.

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CSA 24 - Hideaway Terrace (in Denair): The purpose of this District is to ensure the ongoing maintenance, operation and servicing of the storm drain basin, storm drain system, and park. The assessment for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 is \$620.23. This is equal to the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 assessment of \$620.23.

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The revenue collected for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 was only \$3,374, due to property owners defaulting on property taxes and assessments. This resulted in a fund balance deficit of \$15,000. Assessments will continue to be placed on the tax rolls and services will continue to be provided in order to maintain the infrastructure that has been put into place. Fund Balance will be restored as defaulted property taxes and assessments are brought current. Penalties and interest on associated revenues will also be received. On August 11, 2009 the Board of Supervisors approved, as authorized by Government Code Section 25214.5, the establishing of a revolving fund to address temporary funding shortfalls of this nature.

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CSA 25 - Suncrest II (in Denair): The purpose of this District is to ensure the ongoing maintenance, operation, and servicing of the storm drain basin, storm drain system, and the adjacent lot located west of the basin. The assessment for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 is \$600.38 per parcel. This is an increase of \$59.65 (11.03%) from the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 assessment of \$540.73. An amount of \$2,200 is proposed to be withdrawn from available fund balance in Fiscal Year 2010-2011 to offset operations and maintenance costs. The proposed use of fund balance in Fiscal Year 2009-2010 was \$500.

The estimated fund balance as of June 30, 2010 is \$6,225. The fiscal year is the 12-month period from July 1st through June 30th of the following year. The annual assessment is received with property taxes collected in December and April. This means the fiscal year starts on July 1st but the first installment of the annual assessment will not be collected until December, creating a 6-month lag in receiving the money necessary to maintain the various services provided. Therefore, available fund balance in the amount of \$2,801 will be carried forward to cover costs from July 1st to December 31st.

CSA 26 - Keys: The purpose of this District is to ensure the ongoing maintenance, operation and servicing of the storm drain basin, storm drain system, and parks. The assessment for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 is \$ 159.37. This is a decrease of \$.08 from the previous year's assessment of \$159.45. An amount of \$5,000 is proposed to be withdrawn from the available fund balance in Fiscal Year 2010-2011 to offset operations and maintenance costs. The proposed use of the fund balance for CSA 26 in Fiscal Year 2009-2010 was \$9,399.

On June 30, 2010, it is estimated that CSA 26 will have a fund balance of \$431,085. This reserve will remain in place to have funds available for future capital improvements in the storm drain system. CSA 26 has five pumps located throughout the system. There is one (1) outfall pump and four (4) lift station pumps. The collective total replacement cost is estimated at approximately \$165,000. This fiscal approach is aimed at accumulating a sufficient reserve by the time the pumps are replaced so that no increase in the annual assessment will be necessary. Fund balance in the amount of \$85,000 was set aside in Fiscal Year 2009-2010 for Parks to use in Bonita Ranch and Hatch Parks. Since both parks were under construction and inaccessible at that time the monies will be used in Fiscal Year 2010-2011 for lighting, park fencing, a multi-use sport field, irrigation, turf, trees and playground equipment. The total use of fund balance for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 is \$90,000.

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Bret Harte Landscape and Lighting District (in south Modesto area): The District provides street lighting to the neighborhood. The assessment for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 is \$42.82 per parcel. This is an increase of \$4.26 or 11% from the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 assessment of \$38.56. The first installment of assessments is received in December; therefore adequate funds must be carried forward to cover operating costs from July through December. The estimated fund balance as of June 30, 2010 is \$13,587. Since the current fund balance is insufficient to cover these costs, an additional \$2,500 has been added to the balance to levy to rebuild fund balance and insure availability of funds for Fiscal Year 2011-2012. The total budget is \$48,500.

Bystrum Landscape and Lighting District (in northwest Ceres): The District provides street lighting to the neighborhood. The assessment for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 is \$55.94 per parcel. This assessment is an increase of \$5.75 (11%) from the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 assessment of \$50.19. The first installment of assessments is received in December; therefore adequate funds must be carried forward to cover operating costs from July through December. The estimated fund balance as of June 30, 2010 is \$5,988. Since the current fund balance is insufficient to cover these costs, an additional \$3,456 has been added to the balance to levy to rebuild fund balance and insure availability of funds for Fiscal Year 2011-2012. The total budget is \$25,800.

Howard/McCracken Landscape and Lighting District (in Westley area; I-5/McCracken Interchange): The District provides maintenance of landscaping and street lighting to the neighborhood. The increase of the assessment by \$188.65 per parcel to \$ 1,296.59 per parcel is due to an increase in PG&E utility cost and a lack of fund balance to offset the operating cost. This is an increase of 15% over the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 assessment of \$ 1107.94. The estimated fund balance as of June 30, 2010 is \$4,711. The first installment of assessments is received in December; therefore adequate funds must be carried forward to cover operating costs from July through December. Since the current fund balance is insufficient to cover these costs, an additional \$1,200 has been added to the balance to levy to rebuild fund balance and insure availability of funds for Fiscal Year 2011-2012. The total budget is \$20,842.

Fiscal Year 2010/2011 will provide the opportunity for the parcel owners within the Howard McCracken Landscape and Lighting District to approve a Proposition 218 Ballot proposal that will provide a capital improvement project and an increased level of service to the district. The ballot proposal is being done at the request of the parcel owners due to their request to upgrade the area around the businesses within the district and the interstate.

Laurel Landscape and Lighting District (in south Ceres area): The District provides street lighting to the neighborhood. The assessment for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 is \$77.79 per parcel. This is an increase of \$7.60, or 11%, from that of the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 assessment of \$70.19. The estimated fund balance as of June 30, 2010 is \$5,334. The first installment of assessments is received in December; therefore adequate funds must be carried forward to cover operating costs from July through December. Since the current fund balance is insufficient to cover these costs, an additional \$541 has been added to the balance to levy to rebuild fund balance and insure availability of funds for Fiscal Year 2011-2012. The

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total budget is \$11,750.

Paradise South Landscape and Lighting District (in south Modesto area): The District provides street lighting to the neighborhood. The assessment for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 is \$50.13 per parcel. This is a decrease of 3% over the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 assessment of \$51.82. The estimated fund balance as of June 30, 2010 is \$7,527. The first installment of assessments is received in December; therefore adequate funds must be carried forward to cover operating costs from July through December. Since the current fund balance is insufficient to cover these costs, an additional \$1,500 has been added to the balance to levy to rebuild fund balance and insure availability of funds for Fiscal Year 2011-2012. The total budget is \$17,600.

Riverdale Landscape and Lighting District (in Riverdale Park Tract, southwest Modesto): The District provides street lighting to the neighborhood. The assessment for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 is \$57.63. This is an increase of \$7.85 or 16% from the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 assessment of \$49.78. The estimated fund balance as of June 30, 2010 is \$3,758. The first installment of assessments is received in December; therefore adequate funds must be carried forward to cover operating costs from July through December. Since the current fund balance is insufficient to cover these costs, an additional \$871 has been added to the balance to levy to rebuild fund balance and insure availability of funds for Fiscal Year 2011-2012. The total budget is \$11,000.

Riverview Landscape and Lighting District (in southwest Modesto area): The District provides street lighting to the neighborhood. The assessment for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 is \$36.97 per parcel, a decrease of \$5.46 (13%) from the previous year's assessment of \$42.43. The estimated fund balance as of June 30, 2010 is \$9,019. The first installment of assessments is received in December; therefore funds in the amount of \$6,100 will be carried forward to cover operating costs from July through December. The total budget is \$12,200.

Shackelford Landscape and Lighting District (in southwest Modesto area): The District provides street lighting to the neighborhood. The assessment for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 is \$45.86 per parcel, an increase of \$13.14 (40%) from the previous year's assessment of \$32.72. The increase is primarily due to the shortage of fund balance available to cover the period of July through December, the "dry period" and a 7.85% increase in T.I.D. utility rates. The first installment of assessments is received in December; therefore adequate funds must be carried forward to cover operating costs from July through December. The estimated fund balance as of June 30, 2010 is \$2,419. The total budget is \$22,700.

POLICY ISSUES:

The Board should consider if this action is consistent with its priorities of providing a safe community, a healthy community, and a well-planned infrastructure system.

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STAFFING IMPACT:

There is no staffing impact associated with this item.

CONTACT PERSON:

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**ATTACHMENTS AVAILABLE
FROM YOUR CLERK**

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NOTICE OF HEARING REGARDING FISCAL YEAR 2010/2011 ASSESSMENTS FOR VARIOUS
COUNTY SERVICE AREAS AND LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING DISTRICTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, July 27, 2010, at the hour of 9:05 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Basement Chambers of the County/City Administration Building, 1010 10th Street, Modesto, California, the Board of Supervisors of Stanislaus County will hold a Public Hearing regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2010/2011 assessments for the following County Service Areas and Landscape and Lighting Districts:

CSA NO. 4 - BRISTOL GLEN (SALIDA)
CSA NO. 5 - STARLITE PLACE (KEYES)
CSA NO. 7 - MODESTO AUTO CENTER (NORTH MODESTO)
CSA NO. 8 - HONEY BEE ESTATES (EMPIRE)
CSA NO. 9 - RIVER/SOUZA (MODESTO/CERES)
CSA NO. 11- GILBERT ROAD
CSA NO. 12- PEACH BLOSSOM ESTATES
CSA NO. 16- OLIVE RANCH ESTATES (OAKDALE)
CSA NO. 18- ATLAS PARK (OAKDALE)
CSA NO. 19- TUOLUMNE-GRATTON (DENAIR)
CSA NO. 20- SUMMIT (NORTH MODESTO)
CSA NO. 21- RIOPEL (DENAIR)
CSA NO. 22- OLD SCHOOL NORTH (DENAIR)
CSA NO. 23- HILLSBOROUGH-SCHULTZ (OAKDALE)
CSA NO. 24- HIDEAWAY TERRACE (DENAIR)
CSA NO. 25- SUNCREST II (DENAIR)
CSA NO. 26- KEYES
LLD- BRET HARTE (SOUTH MODESTO)
LLD- BYSTRUM (CERES)
LLD- HOWARD/McCRACKEN (WESTLEY)
LLD- LAUREL (CERES)
LLD- PARADISE SOUTH (MODESTO)
LLD- RIVERDALE (MODESTO)
LLD- RIVERVIEW (MODESTO)
LLD- SHACKELFORD (MODESTO)


NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that, at the above time and place, all persons will be afforded an opportunity to speak for or against the proposed Fiscal Year 2010/2011 assessments. For additional information, call Stanislaus County Department of Public Works at (209) 525-6550.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATED: June 29, 2010

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk of
the Board of Supervisors
of the County of Stanislaus,
State of California

BY:


Elizabeth A. King, Assistant Clerk of the Board