

Solano County

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Legislation Text

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Schedule a public hearing regarding Green Valley Open Space Maintenance District assessments for FY2018/19 on June 26, 2018; Adopt a resolution directing preparation of the Annual Engineer's Report; and Adopt a resolution of intention to order improvement and levy assessments for the Green Valley Open Space Maintenance District

Published Notice Required?	Yes	No <u>X</u> _
Public Hearing Required?	Yes	No <u>X</u> _

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Resource Management recommends that the Board of Supervisors:

- 1. Schedule a public hearing on the Green Valley Open Space Maintenance District assessments for FY 2018/19 on June 26, 2018.
- 2. Adopt a resolution directing preparation of the Annual Engineer's Report (Attachment A).
- 3. Adopt a resolution of intention to order improvements and levy assessments for the Green Valley Open Space Maintenance District (Attachment B).

SUMMARY:

Pursuant to the provisions of the Landscape and Lighting Act of 1972, the Solano County Board of Supervisors must set a date for a public hearing on the proposed assessment of \$152.50 per parcel for FY2018/19 for the Green Valley Open Space Maintenance District, which includes the annual \$2.50 increase up from the current \$150 assessment. The Board must also give notice of its intent to order improvements and levy assessments under the provision of the District and direct the Engineer of Work to prepare the Annual Engineer's Report for the Green Valley Open Space Maintenance District.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The program is funded through assessments levied under the Green Valley Open Space Maintenance District. The cost of preparing this Board item is borne by the General Fund as part of the department's FY2017/18 Adopted Budget.

DISCUSSION:

In October 1990, the Board created the Green Valley Open Space Maintenance District following a majority vote of property owners in favor of the formation. At the same time, the Board entered into an agreement with the City of Fairfield and the Solano Land Trust (SLT) [previously known as the Solano County Farmlands and Open Space Foundation] which provides that: (1) the Board will levy an annual assessment in the District in an amount which will increase \$2.50 each year from the 1989-90 base year of \$80; (2) the City of Fairfield will levy a special tax annually on property in the North Cordelia Community Facilities District No. 2 in the same amount per parcel as the County district assessment; and (3) the monies raised from both districts will be used by the Land Trust to acquire and maintain open space lands in the Green Valley area.

The resolution directing preparation of the Annual Engineer's Report designates the Director of Resource

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Management as the Engineer of Work for the District. The draft Engineer's Report will be prepared by the City of Fairfield and reviewed by the Public Works-Engineering Division of the Resource Management Department.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board could choose not to adopt a resolution directing the preparation of the engineer's report or the resolution of intention to order improvement and levy assessments for the Green Valley Open Space Maintenance District. This is not recommended because this would be inconsistent with provisions of the agreement between the SLT, the City of Fairfield, and the County.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The City of Fairfield and the SLT administer the program under the County's Green Valley Open Space and Maintenance District agreement. The City of Fairfield will prepare the draft Engineer's Report. The County Administrator and County Counsel have reviewed this item and concur with the recommendations.

CAO RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION