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Legislation Text

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Accept the annual fire impact fee disclosures for FY2017/18 for the Cordelia Fire Protection District, Dixon Fire Protection District, Suisun Fire Protection District and Vacaville Fire Protection District

Published Notice Required? Yes ☐ No ☒
Public Hearing Required? Yes ☐ No ☒

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors accept the fire impact fee disclosures for FY2017/18 for the Cordelia Fire Protection District (CFPD), Dixon Fire Protection District (DFPD), Suisun Fire Protection District (SFPD) and Vacaville Fire Protection District (VFPD) as required by Government Code section 66006(b).

SUMMARY:

The disclosure and review of district fire impact fees is required by section 66006(b) of the Government Code and per the agreement the Districts have with the County.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no impact to the County General Fund to receive this report. Fire impact fees collected by the County on behalf of the fire protection districts are deposited into the respective district accounts. The County retains two percent of the fees collected for administrative responsibilities.

The costs associated with preparing the agenda item are nominal and absorbed by the department's FY2018/19 Adopted Budget.

DISCUSSION:

Fire protection districts do not have the legal authority under Government Code section 66000 et. seq., the enabling legislation for the County's public facilities fee, to levy a development impact fee without the County's assistance. On April 26, 2005, the Board adopted an ordinance adding Article XVI of Chapter 11 of the Solano County Code relating to fire protection district impact fees. The Board recognized that new development projects located in the unincorporated area of the county impacted the fire protection resources of local fire protection districts. The County's ordinance provides the mechanism by which the County can levy a fire protection district impact fee on a fire districts' behalf.

At that same time, agreements were entered into with the CFPD and VFPD to collect the fire impact fee on behalf of the districts. On January 22, 2008, a similar agreement was entered into with the SFPD. On December 9, 2014, agreement was also entered with DFPD. The County has been collecting a fire district impact fee for the CFPD and VFPD since July 2005, the SFPD since April 2008 and the DFPD since February 2015.

Since the inception of the fire district impact fee, funding has been provided for vehicles and equipment used in fire suppression and expanded facilities to serve the growth occurring in each of the respective districts. This report provides an overview of the projects for which the districts have utilized fire impact fee revenue.

Each fire district has provided a report as approved by their respective District Boards (attached).

In order to comply with the Mitigation Fee Act, Government Code section 66006(b) requires a review and disclosure of impact fee funds annually. Each district has provided this information annually at public noticed district board meetings where the information was also available to the public.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board could choose not to accept the fire protection district disclosures. This action is not recommended as the disclosures are required by the Mitigation Fee Act to provide information to the public concerning collections and expenditures of fire impact fees. As long as the County collects these fees on behalf of the fire protection districts, this disclosure will be required.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The CFPD approved the attached disclosure report at their November 21, 2018 District Board meeting. The DFPD approved the attached disclosure report at their November 14, 2018 District Board meeting. The SFPD approved the attached disclosure report at their November 28, 2018 District Board meeting. The VFPD approved the attached disclosure report at their November 8, 2018 District Board meeting.