BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO CREATE ZONE OF BENEFIT "RIVIERA WEST" WITHIN COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 23 TO REDUCE THE POTENTIAL FOR WILDFIRE DAMAGE TO COUNTY-MAINTAINED ROADS

WHEREAS, County Service Area Law (Gov. Code secs. 25210.1, et seq.) creates a means to provide expanded service levels in areas where residents are willing to pay for the extra services and Zones of Benefit are created within County Service Areas to fill any gaps in the provision of said services; and

WHEREAS, County Service Area No. 23 was established in Lake County for purposes of road maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the prevention and/or remediation of anticipated damage to the roads through wear and tear caused by regular and routine usage is an integral part of a successful road maintenance program; and

WHEREAS, unforeseen events such as natural disasters may create extensive damage to roadways and such events may create the need for additional preventative actions in order to protect roadways from such extraordinary damage; and

WHEREAS, roads play a vital role in maintaining functioning communities and natural disasters, such as wildfires, are capable of destroying roads over a large area and significantly decreasing serviceability; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lake has experienced nine (9) major disasters in a three-year period which, in addition to the catastrophic losses to County residents, has also resulted in significant damage to public infrastructure due to wildfires, including County-maintained roads and guardrails, with cumulative costs for those damages alone approaching one million dollars; and

WHEREAS, wildfires are driven by weather, topography, and fuel load and only fuel load is susceptible to some level of preventative action; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lake is aware that a number of communities within County Service Area No. 23 are endangered by a proliferation of hazardous vegetation which facilitates

contagious fire spread, essentially fueling and propelling such spread, and puts County-maintained roads at considerable risk of harm; and

WHEREAS, the County wants to implement a pilot program to take a proactive approach to protect the County-maintained roads of County Service Area No. 23 and reduce the risk to the residents of County Service Area No. 23 of incurring extraordinary costs for road maintenance due to wildfire by taking steps to reduce the fuel load; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has the authority pursuant to County Service Area Law to establish a Zone of Benefit and impose assessments in a Zone of Benefit within County Service Area No. 23 for enhanced road maintenance in the form preventative measures to avoid road damage and excessive repairs due to wildfires; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 218, enacted by the voters of California in November of 1996, added Article XIIID to the California Constitution requiring certain processes and procedures to levy new assessments on property; and

WHEREAS, the majority of residents and property owners within this proposed Zone of Benefit have requested additional protection for the road maintenance services which they already receive in County Service Area No. 23 through the formation of a zone for the implementation of the County's program to protect County-maintained roadways from the risk of wildfires and the resulting significant damage caused by said fires, requiring extensive repairs and/or replacement of existing roadways; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of this Board to consider the creation of a Zone of Benefit within County Service Area No. 23 in the unincorporated area of the County, the boundaries of which are described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, if an assessment is approved by a majority of the record owners; and

WHEREAS, the name of the proposed Zone of Benefit is Zone Riviera West of County Service Area No. 23; and

WHEREAS, the extended service to be provided by the proposed Zone of Benefit is enhanced road maintenance through weed and vegetation abatement within the designated zone

and prevent the consequential significant damage to County roadways and appurtenances; and WHEREAS, the Board will conduct a public hearing on the creation of this proposed Zone of Benefit.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors, County of Lake, State of California, that it finds, determines and hereby declares that:

- That the Recitals hereinabove are adopted as true and correct. 1.
- That this Board intends to establish as a pilot program a Zone of Benefit for those lands 2. benefitted by the enhanced road maintenance as described herein and impose corresponding assessments based upon said benefit, all as set forth in the Engineer's Report, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein as Exhibit "B".
- That this Board hereby has approved said Engineer's Report. 3.
- That this Board does hereby commit to making a loan of \$100,000 from the County 4. General Fund to be shared proportionately by this proposed Zone of Benefit and any other Zones of Benefit created for this purpose within County Service Area No. 23.
- That this Board does hereby approve the form of ballot and notice for the proposed 5. assessments, which are attached hereto as Exhibits "C" and "D" respectively, which will be mailed to the record owners of the parcels upon which the assessments will be imposed, as required by Proposition 218.
- That a public hearing on forming Zone of Benefit Riviera West within County Service Area 6. 23 be held on March 26, 2019, to consider the assessments and to consider protests against the proposed Zone creation and assessment, and to tabulate the ballots for said proposed assessment.
- Maps describing the proposed Zone are available for public viewing at the Department of 7. Public Works, 255 North Forbes Street, Room 309, Lakeport, California, 95453.

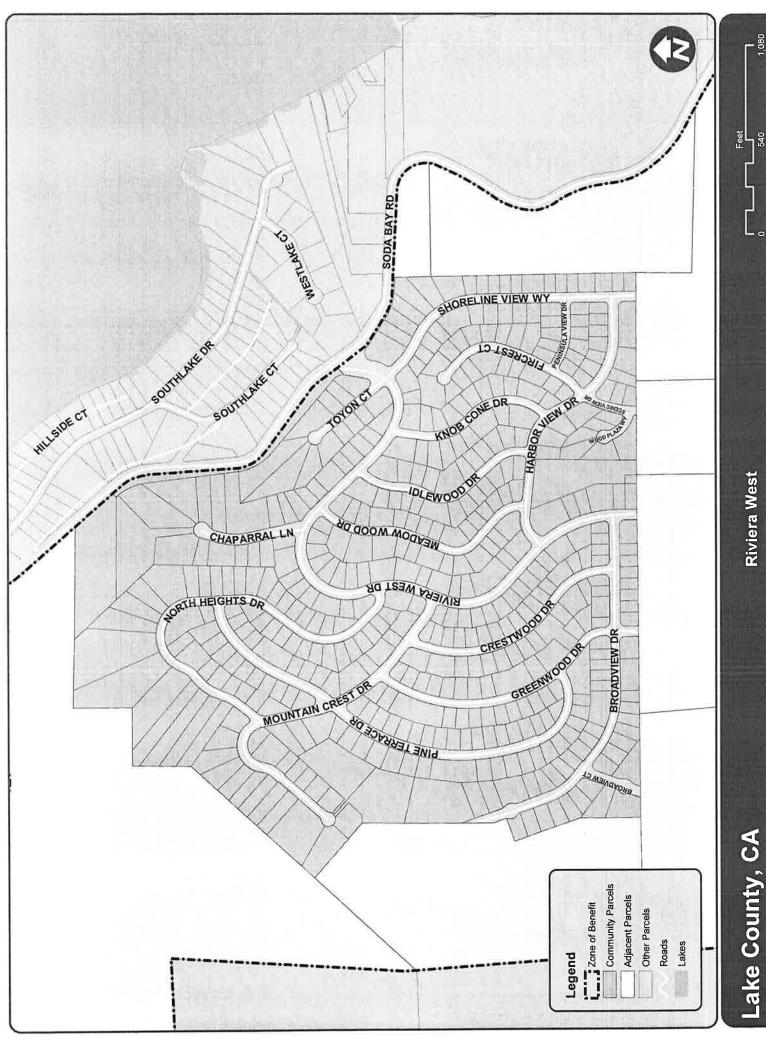
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2	a regular meeting thereof of	n theday of	, 2019, by the following vote:
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4	NOES:		
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9	CHAIR, Board of S	Supervisors	
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12	ATTEST: Carol J. Hu	chingson	
13	Clerk to the	Board	APPROVED AS TO FORM:
14			Anita L. Grant
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EXHIBIT "A" – BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 23 BENEFIT ZONE RIVIERA WEST

Being a portion of Section 9, Township 13 North, Range 8 West, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Lake, State of California, described as follows:

All those parcels located within the boundary shown on the attached map entitled "Riviera West", said parcels also listed in Exhibit 2 of the Engineers Report.



All parcel boundaries are approximate. Discrepancies in acentae, shape and location are common. This map is not the legal survey document to be used in single site determina

ENGINEER'S REPORT

ENGINEER'S REPORT SUPPORTING A ROAD PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT FOR COUNTY OF LAKE, COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 23, ZONE - RIVIERA WEST

The undersigned submits this written Engineer's Report to the Public Works Department as follows:

- 1. **Engineer's Report.** This Engineer's Report supports a proposed road preventative maintenance assessment for the County of Lake, County Service Area No. 23, Zone –Riviera West.
- 2. **Authorization.** This Engineer's Report is submitted pursuant to the County Service Area statutes found in Government Code Section 25210.1 and following and Article XIIID, Section 4 of the Constitution.
- Purpose of the Assessment. The express purpose for which this benefit 3. assessment is proposed is to establish a source of funding to provide enhanced road maintenance through weed and vegetation abatement within the designated zone and prevent the consequential significant damage resulting from wildfires for the following County maintained roads dedicated for public use: Riviera West Drive, Toyon Court, Shoreline View Way, Knob Cone Drive, Idlewood Drive, Meadow Wood Drive, Chaparral Lane, North Heights Drive, Mountain Crest Drive, harbor View Drive, Fircrest Court, Peninsula View Drive, Scenic View Drive, Wood Plaza Way, Broadview Drive, Pine Terrace Drive, Greenwood Drive, Crestwood Drive, and Broadview Court. The roads to receive enhanced road maintenance through weed and vegetation abatement serve 492 existing parcels which receive benefit from these roads. The property owners of the parcels being served by these roads to receive enhanced road maintenance through weed and vegetation abatement have requested the formation of the zone and the provision of a benefit assessment to pay the cost of enhanced road maintenance through weed and vegetation abatement to provide additional protection to County-maintained roadways from the risk of damages due to wildfires.
- 4. Current Funding. There is no current funding from the County for enhanced road maintenance through weed and vegetation abatement of the County maintained roads proposed to receive enhanced road maintenance by this County Service Area No. 23 road zone. The County cannot provide further funding from the General Fund or the Road Fund for additional enhanced road maintenance through weed and vegetation abatement to this benefit zone.
- 5. **Determination of Necessity.** The level of enhanced road maintenance through weed and vegetation abatement services which can be provided by the revenue raised from the benefit assessment is estimated to be adequate to meet the requirements of providing the enhanced road maintenance through weed and

- vegetation abatement of these County maintained roads within the proposed road zone.
- 6. Limitation upon Expending Assessment Proceeds. Any funds collected from the benefit assessment proposed herein shall be expended only for such enhanced road maintenance through weed and vegetation abatement services to benefit property within the County Service Area No. 23, Zone Riviera West. Any unexpended funds raised by the assessment remaining at the end of the fiscal year shall be carried over for the same purpose in the next fiscal year.
- 7. **Levy.** A benefit assessment to raise revenue to fund road maintenance services is hereby proposed to be levied upon real property within proposed Zone Riviera West of County Service Area No. 23.
- 8. **Assessment Rate**. The rate of assessment for fiscal year 19/20 is proposed to be as follows:
 - a. The parcels within proposed Zone Riviera West will pay in Fiscal Year 2019/20 \$100 for lots under one (1) acre in size, \$200 for lots between one (1) acre and five (5) acres in size, and \$300 for lots greater than five (5) acres in size for the costs associated with the enhanced road maintenance through weed and vegetation abatement to protect the consequential significant damage resulting from wildfires of all Rural/Local roadways dedicated for public use that serve the 492 parcels within Zone Riviera West: Riviera West Drive, Toyon Court, Shoreline View Way, Knob Cone Drive, Idlewood Drive, Meadow Wood Drive, Chaparral Lane, North Heights Drive, Mountain Crest Drive, harbor View Drive, Fircrest Court, Peninsula View Drive, Scenic View Drive, Wood Plaza Way, Broadview Drive, Pine Terrace Drive, Greenwood Drive, Crestwood Drive, and Broadview Court. No additional payments in subsequent fiscal years will be required unless the property owners approve an additional assessment.
 - b. Benefit Assessment Schedule (Exhibit "2")
 - The Benefit Assessment Schedule is based on the existing potential fire hazard impact for each of the 492 parcels within County Service Area No. 23, Zone Riviera West having access to County maintained roads: Riviera West Drive, Toyon Court, Shoreline View Way, Knob Cone Drive, Idlewood Drive, Meadow Wood Drive, Chaparral Lane, North Heights Drive, Mountain Crest Drive, harbor View Drive, Fircrest Court, Peninsula View Drive, Scenic View Drive, Wood Plaza Way, Broadview Drive, Pine Terrace Drive, Greenwood Drive, Crestwood Drive, and Broadview Court. The total number of parcels receiving benefit within Zone Riviera West is 492.

- ii. Each parcel will receive a proportional special benefit by the service being provided for the enhanced road maintenance through weed and vegetation abatement to prevent the consequential significant damage resulting from wildfires based directly on the proportionate size of the parcel and its relative threat to the proliferation of wildfire.
- iii. There is no general benefit derived by the proposed road maintenance. The assessment is proportional to the special benefit derived by each identified parcel in relationship to the entirety of the cost of the enhanced road maintenance through weed and vegetation abatement service being provided. No assessment exceeds the reasonable cost of the proportional special benefit conferred on each parcel.
- iv. The enhanced road maintenance through weed and vegetation abatement plan is shown in detail in Exhibit "1" with budget information provided for each fiscal year.
- v. The rate of assessment per parcel is proposed to be \$100 for lots under one (1) acre in size, \$200 for lots between one (1) acre and five (5) acres in size, and \$300 for lots greater than five (5) acres in size for fiscal year 19/20, with no additional payments in subsequent fiscal years required unless the property owners approve an additional assessment. See attached Exhibits "1" and "2" for the proposed Zone Riviera West road maintenance budget and yearly assessment schedule.
- vi. The amount of property assessments chargeable to the entire zone is \$52,000 in fiscal year 19/20 with no additional assessments thereafter unless the property owners approve an additional assessment.
- b. The lien date shall be that prescribed by law.
- 9. Collection. The collection of the proposed assessment shall be by the County of Lake on behalf of County Service Area No. 23, Zone Riviera West, in the same manner, and subject to the same penalties, as other fees, charges, and taxes fixed and collected by the County. The County's reasonable cost to collect the assessment is included in the enhanced road maintenance through weed and vegetation abatement budget attached as Exhibit "1" and is part of the County Administrative Fee line item shown in the budget.
- 10. Additional Information. Interested persons may receive additional information concerning the proposed assessment and establishment of Zone Riviera West of County Service Area No. 23 by contacting Supervisor Rob Brown, County of Lake, 255 North Forbes Street, Lakeport, CA 95453, telephone (707) 263-2580.

- 11. **Majority Protest.** A majority protest will cause the proposed assessment, and establishment of Zone Riviera West of County Service Area No. 23 to be abandoned.
- 12. **Contents: Article XIIID.** This written Engineer's Report, pursuance to Article XIIID, Section 4 of the Constitution, contains all of the following:
 - a. The attached Exhibit "1" identifies the budget and yearly assessment schedule for Zone Riviera West of County Service area No. 23.
 - b. The attached Exhibit "2" identifies and describes all parcels which have a special benefit conferred on them and on which the assessment will be imposed.
 - c. It is my determination that the proportionate special benefit derived by each identified parcel in relationship to the entirety of the cost of the road maintenance service to be provided is as set forth on the attached schedule.
 - d. It is my determination that no assessment is imposed on any parcel which exceeds the reasonable cost of the proportional special benefit conferred on that parcel.
 - e. It is my determination that the only benefits assessed are special and that general benefits have been separated from the special benefits conferred on each parcel.
 - f. It is my determination that no parcel owned by any public agency, the State of California or the United States but not identified and described on the attached Exhibit "2", receives any special benefit from the proposed assessment.

13. The Property Owner Ballot Procedure.

As required by Section 4 of Article XIIID of the California Constitution, a <u>Property Owner Ballot</u> must be enclosed with the notice, along with a self-addressed, return envelope by which the ballot may be returned to the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors. This ballot may be used by the owner or owners of any parcel to express either support for or opposition to the proposed assessment. The ballot instructions will describe the alternative methods for submitting the ballot either by mail or by personal delivery, either prior to or at the time of the public hearing of protests.

Immediately following the close of the public hearing of protest, the returned ballots will be tabulated, both in support of and in opposition to the assessment, with ballots being weighted in accordance with the amount of proposed assessment, and the results will be announced; provided that, in the event the Clerk requires opportunity to determine whether any ballot has been properly signed by an owner or authorized representative of any owner, the Board of

Supervisors reserves the right to continue the matter of announcing results to provide the Clerk with such opportunity.

In the event that ballots in opposition exceed ballots in support, there will be a "majority protest", and the Board of Supervisors will be precluded from proceeding with the proposed assessment.

14. General Rules Regarding Protests.

Property owners wishing to preserve the opportunity to file a lawsuit challenging the assessment, if levied, must file a written protest and state therein the specific grounds of protest. Any grounds of protest not stated in a written protest filed prior to the close of the public hearing of protests are deemed waived in any subsequent lawsuit and may not be raised in such lawsuit.

Based on the foregoing the undersigned registered engineer submits this written Engineer's Report and recommends adoption of the assessment proposed in it.

Prepared by Scott De Leon, Public Works Director, Lake County Public Works Department, January 25, 2019



ENGINEER'S REPORT EXHIBIT "1"

Estimated Cost of Road Work Required for Zone Riviera West of County Service Area No. 23

The County of Lake Public Works Department staff has reviewed the roads included for enhanced road maintenance in Zone Riviera West of County Service Area No. 23, specifically the current cost of repairs as determined in the Pavement Management Program Update (Report) prepared by NCE dated September, 2018. Using information from the Report, the following table illustrates the estimated cost of repairing each road, using the surface area of the roadway and the appropriate unit price for the type of repair to be performed.

Road	Area (sq yd)	PCI	Repair Unit Cost (\$/sy)	Total
Broadview Court	904	64	9	\$8,136.00
Broadview Drive	5914	68	9	\$53,226.00
Chaparral Lane	1479	73	9	\$13,311.00
Crestwood Drive	3373	67	9	\$30,357.00
Fircrest Court	2111	56	9	\$18,999.00
Greenwood Drive	3612	62	9	\$32,508.00
Harbor View Drive	4365	69	9	\$39,285.00
Idlewood Drive	2957	63	9	\$26,613.00
Knob Cone Drive	2674	66	9	\$24,066.00
Meadow Wood Drive	3520	60	9	\$31,680.00
Mountain Crest Drive	5632	55	9	\$50,688.00
North Heights Drive	5678	61	9	\$51,102.00
Peninsula View Drive	844	58	9	\$7,596.00
Pine Terrace Drive	5866	53	9	\$52,794.00
Riviera West Drive	7866	64	21	\$165,186.00
Scenic View Drive	1068	61	9	\$9,612.00
Shoreline View Way	3644	72	9	\$32,796.00
Toyon Court	1290	60	9	\$11,610.00
Wood Plaza Way	562	67	9	\$5,058.00
				\$664,623.00

FDR with 2" overlay \$33/sy 2" overlay with dig outs \$21/sy Double chip seal w/ dig outs \$9/sy FDR with double chip seal \$6/sy

The purpose of this Zone of Benefit is to perform enhanced road maintenance, in the form of preventative maintenance, through weed and vegetation abatement to protect against consequential significant damage resulting from wildfires. As a general rule, preventative maintenance costs, on average, are between three and four times less than reconstruction costs. This is supported by the numbers used in the aforementioned Report. Chip seal for example – a preventative maintenance technique – is estimated at \$6/square yard, while Full Depth Reclamation and resurfacing – a reconstruction technique – is estimated at \$21/square yard. The special benefit derived by each parcel in the Zone is the significantly reduced cost of damage to public infrastructure through the reduction of risk from wildfires.

The proportionate benefit or share for each parcel in the Zone may not exceed the general benefit of the zone, which is the cost of preventative maintenance costs. This is determined as follows:

Total cost of roadway reconstruction = \$664,623.00 / 4 (the upper limit of preventative maintenance costs) = \$166,155 (the acceptable cost of preventative maintenance)

\$166,155 / 492 Parcels = \$337/parcel

The following budget was prepared based on a fixed fee for each parcel that does not exceed the general benefit of the zone, along with the estimated cost of Administrative costs:

BUDGET Fiscal Year 2019/20

\$52,000

Revenue of the Zone

1.	471 parcels under 1 acre @ \$100/parcel	\$47,100
2.	14 parcels 1-5 acres @ \$200/parcel	\$2,800
3.	7 parcels 5+ acres @ \$300/parcel	\$2,100

TOTAL REVENUE

Expenditures of the Zone

Direct Charge set-up fee @ \$175/zone	\$175
Direct Charge parcel fee @ 0.25/parcel	\$123
County Counsel Administration (estimated)	\$2,000
CDD Accounting	\$1,050
CDD Code Enforcement	\$1,800
CDD Administration	\$1500

TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE COST \$6,648 TOTAL AVAILABLE REVENUE = \$52,000 - \$6,648 = \$45,352

ENGINEER'S REPORT EXHIBIT "2"

IDENTIFICATION OF EACH PARCEL TO RECEIVE AN ASSESSMENT AND THE AMOUNT OF THE ASSESSMENT PER PARCEL PER YEAR ZONE RIVIERA WEST

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009-002-16	300
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COUNTY OF LAKE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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February ____, 2019

COUNTY OF LAKE, COUNTY SERVICE AREA #23 ZONE OF BENEFIT RIVIERA WEST BENEFIT ASSESSMENT BALLOT

IMPORTANT - OFFICIAL PROPERTY OWNER BENEFIT ASSESSMENT BALLOT

This ballot is for the use of the property owner of the parcel identified below, which is located within the proposed enhanced preventative road maintenance Zone of Benefit Riviera West within County Service Area #23.

This ballot may be used to express either support or opposition to the proposed benefit assessment district. In order to be counted this <u>ballot must be marked (Yes or No)</u>, <u>dated</u>, <u>signed by an owner</u> or, if the owner is not an individual, by an authorized representative of the owner.

The ballot must be mailed or delivered in person to the Clerk to the Board and must be received no later than the close of the Public Hearing on March 26, 9:30 a.m., to be counted. Postmarks are not sufficient. An addressed, postage paid envelope is enclosed for your use.

Clerk to the Board c/o County of Lake Board of Supervisors Office 255 North Forbes Street Lakeport, California 95453

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TO CAST THIS BALLOT, RETURN EITHER THIS ENTIRE PAGE OR THE PORTION BELOW THIS LINE

OFFICIAL ASSESSMENT BALLOT For Zone of Benefit Riviera West Benefit Assessment

Proposed One-Time Assessment in FY 2019/2020 of:

\$100 for lots under 1 acre \$200 for lots between 1 and 5 acres \$300 for lots greater than 5 acres

Assessor's	Parcel
Number	

OMPLETE AND RETURN BEFORE THE ENOF THE PUBLIC HEARING ON March 26, 2019, 9:30 A.M.

- O YES, I (We) approve the proposed one-time assessment calculated as described hereon for the parcel identified on this ballot.
- O NO, I (We) do not approve the proposed onetime assessment calculated as described herec for the parcel identified on this ballot.

Date:	
Signature:	
Signature:	

I/We certify under penalty of perjury that I/we are entitled t vote because I am the Legal Property Owner(s), or Authorized Representative in the case of property owned I non-individuals.

ZONE OF BENEFIT RIVIERA WEST COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 23

PROPOSITION 218 NOTICE BENEFIT ASSESSMENT BALLOT

Why Did You Receive this Ballot?

This ballot is for the use of the property owner(s) of a parcel which is located within the proposed boundaries of Zone of Benefit Riviera West of CSA No. 23 which has been proposed for enhanced preventative road maintenance through the protection of County-maintained roads by reducing the risks limited serviceability County-maintained roads and of incurring extraordinary costs for road maintenance due to wildfire by taking steps to reduce the proliferation of hazardous vegetation, a significant form of fuel load. This protection is being proposed as a means to protection the following County maintained public roads:

Riviera West Drive, Toyon Court, Shoreline View Way, Knob Cone Drive, Idlewood Drive, Meadow Wood Drive, Chaparral Lane, North Heights Drive, Mountain Crest Drive, harbor View Drive, Fircrest Court, Peninsula View Drive, Scenic View Drive, Wood Plaza Way, Broadview Drive, Pine Terrace Drive, Greenwood Drive, Crestwood Drive, and Broadview Court.

The reason that an assessment is proposed for your parcel or parcels is that many property owners and/or registered voters within the proposed boundaries of Zone of Benefit Riviera West have asked the County of Lake to provide the above-described additional service. Based on this request, the Board of Supervisors has determined that your parcel or parcels is/are specially benefitted by the proposed enhanced preventative road maintenance service, if provided.

The basis upon which the amount of the proposed assessment was calculated was determined by preparing a budget stating the annual costs to provide the level of enhanced road maintenance service being requested by the property owners. The annual cost was divided between the parcels which receive access from the roads according to parcel size.

How long will the Assessment Last?

This is a pilot program. The assessment is to be levied only once on July 1, 2019, which will contribute to the cost of the preventative maintenance through fuel load reduction in the form of hazardous vegetation abatement. This is a one-time assessment.

A "YES" Vote Means:

A "Yes" vote for the assessment means:

The County is authorized to levy a one-time assessment for the enhanced preventative road

maintenance through the reduction of wildfire fuel load conditions created by hazardous vegetation. Said enhance preventative maintenace shall consist of the County abatement of hazardous vegetation within the Zone of Benefit Riviera West which is determined to put the County-maintained roads within that zone at risk of significant damage and limited serviceability due to wildfire. Assessments cannot be raised or continued beyond this one-time assessment without another vote.

A "NO" Vote Means:

A "No" vote for the assessment means:

This one-time assessment may not be levied and the enhanced preventative road maintenance Zone of Benefit Riviera West will not be formed if a majority of the votes returned oppose the assessment.

How is the Vote Counted?

The voting is weighted by the amount each property owner pays. The weighting of the vote is required by Proposition 218, which passed in 1996. Only property owners can vote and a majority must approve the assessment before it can be imposed. In the event that Assessment Ballots in opposition exceed those in support, there will be a "majority protest", and the proposed assessment will not proceed.

Your vote only counts if the enclosed ballot is:

- Returned by the end of the Public Hearing on March 26, 2019.
- Marked either "Yes" or 'No", Dated, and Signed by an owner.

Assessment Calculations

All assessments are calculated in accordance with the Engineer's Report on file with the Lake County Community Development Department. The total of this one-time assessment is as follows:

\$100 for lots under one (1) acre in size;

\$200 for lots between one (1) and five (5) acres in size;

\$300 for lots greater than five (5) acres in size.

Want More Information?

Public Hearing

The Board of Supervisors will hold a Public Hearing on March 26, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. at the Courthouse, 255 North Forbes Street, Lakeport. During that hearing the Board will receive any last minute ballots and count the ballots. All ballots must be in the Clerk of the Board's possession by the end of the hearing in order to be counted.

Contact Us for More Information

Please consult a copy of the Engineer's Report for more detailed explanation at: Community Development Department, County of Lake 255 N. Forbes Street (Third Floor)
Lakeport, California 95453
Or Call (707) 263-2382 to talk to staff.