

**Sierra County
Board of Supervisors'
Agenda Transmittal &
Record of Proceedings**

MEETING DATE: August 4, 2020	TYPE OF AGENDA ITEM: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Timed <input type="checkbox"/> Consent
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DEPARTMENT: County Service Area Board of Directors, CSA 4
APPROVING PARTY: Heather Foster, Clerk of the Board
PHONE NUMBER: 530-289-3295

AGENDA ITEM: 1) Conduct public hearing on proposed annual assessment fee for County Service Area 4 - Zone 4B Verdi and Long Valley Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services; 2) determination of written protests received following the conclusion of the public hearing; and 3) possible adoption of resolution establishing annual assessment fee for County Service Area 4 - Zone 4B Verdi and Long Valley Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services.

SUPPORTIVE DOCUMENTS ATTACHED: Memo Resolution Agreement Other

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: See attached CSA Resolution 2020-004 and proposed resolution establishing the annual assessment fee.

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A
GENERAL FUND IMPACT: No General Fund Impact
OTHER FUND:
AMOUNT: \$0 N/A

ARE ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL REQUIRED?
 Yes, -- --
 No

IS THIS ITEM ALLOCATED IN THE BUDGET? Yes No
IS A BUDGET TRANSFER REQUIRED? Yes No

SPACE BELOW FOR CLERK'S USE

<p>BOARD ACTION:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Approved as amended <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted as amended <input type="checkbox"/> Denied <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> No Action Taken	<input type="checkbox"/> Set public hearing For: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Direction to: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Referred to: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Continued to: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Authorization given to: _____	Resolution 2020- _____ Agreement 2020- _____ Ordinance _____ Vote: Ayes: Noes: Abstain: Absent: <input type="checkbox"/> By Consensus
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COMMENTS:

 CLERK TO THE BOARD _____
 DATE

**Notice of Public Hearing
County of Sierra
County Service Area Board of Directors**

**Notice of Proposed Assessment for County Service Area 4, Zone 4B Verdi and Long Valley Fire
Protection and Emergency Medical Services**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Sierra acting as the governing authority of the County Service Area Board of Directors proposes to charge an annual assessment to provide the revenues necessary to pay a share of the costs for a fire protection and emergency medical response services agreement between the County of Sierra, Sierra County Fire Protection District #1, and Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District.

The County Service Area Board of Directors of the County of Sierra proposes to charge **\$156.52 per year** to improved parcels within the CSA 4, Zone 4B boundaries and as defined in County Service Area Board of Directors Resolution 2020-001.

The proposed annual assessment amount was based upon the Engineer's Report for County Service Area 4, Zone 4B-Verdi and Long Valley Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Response Services dated June 15, 2020 as prepared by Bastian Engineering.

The proposed assessment will be collected on the Sierra County tax bill effective for the 2020/2021 Fiscal Year and payable in semiannual installments, payable by December 10 and April 10 each year.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Sierra acting as the governing authority of the County Service Area Board of Directors will hold a public hearing on the proposed assessment, on Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. The public hearing will be held in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 100 Courthouse Square, Downieville, California. If Governor Newsom's Executive Order pertaining to the COVID-19 pandemic and/or the social distancing guidelines as outlined by the Sierra County Public Health Department are still in effect at that time, the Board of Supervisors will hold the public hearing via teleconference and the Board Chambers will remain closed to the public as they are currently.

Property owners may file a written protest against the proposed assessment with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at or before the close of the public hearing. A protest must contain a description of the property owned sufficient to identify the property. If the name on the written protest is not shown on the last equalized assessment roll of Sierra County, as the owner of the property, the signer of the protest must also submit written evidence of ownership.

Written protests may be mailed to: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Sierra
P.O. Box D
Downieville, CA 95936

If social distancing measures are no longer in effect and the Board Chambers are opened to the public, written protests may also be delivered in person to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at 100 Courthouse Square, Room 11, Downieville, California, or at the public hearing.

If a majority of the affected property owners file written protests against the proposed assessment, the assessment will not be implemented.

If you have any questions about this notice, please call 530-289-3295 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Dated: June 16, 2020

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Sierra

**COUNTY SERVICE AREA 4
COUNTY OF SIERRA**

**RESOLUTION CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED ASSESSMENT FEE FOR THE
“COUNTY SERVICE AREA 4, ZONE 4B VERDI AND LONG VALLEY FIRE
PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ASSESSMENT FEE**

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-004 CSA

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sierra acting as the governing authority of County Service Area 4 (the “Board”) has reviewed the “Engineer’s Report” prepared by Bastian Engineering dated June 15, 2020, recommending an assessment fee for the “County Service Area 4, Zone 4B Verdi and Long Valley Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services” to provide the revenues necessary to pay a share of the costs for a fire protection and emergency medical response services agreement between the County of Sierra, Sierra County Fire Protection District #1, and Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District; and,

WHEREAS, on the basis of that analysis, the Board has determined that the amount of revenue available to County Service Area 4 is inadequate to meet the costs of the proposed service agreement and has concluded that the recommended assessment fee should be implemented; and,

WHEREAS, the California Constitution provides that a local agency must conduct a public hearing on any new property-related fee or charge, such as the proposed assessment fee, not sooner than 45 days after mailing a notice to the owners of the property upon which the fee or charge will be imposed.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sierra, acting as the governing authority of County Service Area 4 and County Service Area 4, Zone 4B, as follows:

Section 1. Recitals. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and this Board so finds and determines.

Section 2. Public Hearing. The Board hereby affixes 10:00am or as soon thereafter as practicable, on Tuesday, August 4, 2020, at the Sierra County Courthouse, Board of Supervisors Chambers, 100 Courthouse Square, Downieville, California, as the time and place for a public hearing on the proposed assessment fee.

Section 3. Notice of Hearing. The Board directs the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to mail a notice of the hearing, in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, which describes the proposed rates, to each record property owner within County Service Area 4, Zone 4B. The mailing shall be completed not later than June 19, 2020 which date is at least 45 days before the date of the public hearing.

Section 4. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect from and after the date of its passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on June 16, 2020, by the following vote:

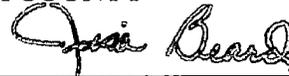
AYES: Supervisors Adams, Huebner, Roen, Dryden, and Beard

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

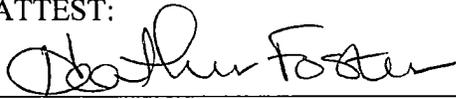
ABSTAIN: None

SIERRA COUNTY



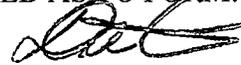
Jim Beard, Chair

ATTEST:



Heather Foster, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



David Prentice, County Counsel

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County of Sierra
County Service Area Board of Directors**

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The proposed annual assessment amount was based upon the Engineer's Report for County Service Area 4, Zone 4B-Verdi and Long Valley Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Response Services dated June 15, 2020 as prepared by Bastian Engineering.

The proposed assessment will be collected on the Sierra County tax bill effective for the 2020/2021 Fiscal Year and payable in semiannual installments, payable by December 10 and April 10 each year.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Sierra acting as the governing authority of the County Service Area Board of Directors will hold a public hearing on the proposed assessment, on Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. The public hearing will be held in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 100 Courthouse Square, Downieville, California. If Governor Newsom's Executive Order pertaining to the COVID-19 pandemic and/or the social distancing guidelines as outlined by the Sierra County Public Health Department are still in effect at that time, the Board of Supervisors will hold the public hearing via teleconference and the Board Chambers will remain closed to the public as they are currently.

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Dated: June 16, 2020

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Sierra

**COUNTY SERVICE AREA 4
COUNTY OF SIERRA**

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING ANNUAL ASSESSMENT FEE
FOR COUNTY SERVICE AREA 4 – ZONE 4B VERDI AND LONG VALLEY FIRE
PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

RESOLUTION NO. 2020- CSA

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sierra acting as the governing authority of County Service Area 4 (the “Board”) in its Resolution No. 2020-004 CSA proposed to charge an annual assessment to provide the revenues necessary to pay a share of the costs for a fire protection and emergency medical response services agreement between the County of Sierra, Sierra County Fire Protection District #1, and Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District as described in the Assessment Engineer’s Report prepared by Bastian Engineering dated June 15, 2020, and called for a public hearing on the matter for August 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 6(a)(2) of Article XIII D of the California Constitution and Section 53755 of the California Government Code, notice of the assessment and public hearing were mailed to each record owner of property with improved parcels within the CSA 4 - Zone 4B boundaries and as defined in County Service Area Board of Directors Resolution 2020-001, on June 16, 2020 which date is at least 45 days prior to the date of the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2020, the Board conducted a public hearing and considered all protests against the proposed rates; and

WHEREAS, the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors has verified and counted the written protests submitted to this meeting, and the Board has determined that there is not a majority protest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sierra acting as the governing authority of County Service Area 4 as follows:

Section 1. Recitals. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.

Section 2. Proposition 218 Protest Proceedings. The Board hereby certifies that the County Board of Supervisors acting as the governing authority of County Service Area 4 has complied with the provisions of Section 6 Article XIII D of the California Constitution and that less than a majority of the properties that are subject to the imposition of the annual assessment filed written protests against the imposition of said fees.

Section 3. Levy of Charges. The Board hereby approves and adopts, pursuant to California Government Code section 25215.2, the annual assessment as described on Exhibit A attached hereto, which will be collected on the Sierra County tax bill effective for the 2020/2021 Fiscal Year.

Section 4. CEQA Exemption. The Board hereby finds that the approval of the annual assessment is exempt from CEQA review, because, pursuant to CEQA guidelines section 15378, it is the creation of a government funding mechanism and, therefore, not a project. The Board authorizes the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to file a notice of exemption to that effect.

Section 5. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect from and after the date of its passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on August 4, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Jim Beard, Chair
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Heather Foster, Clerk of the Board

David Prentice, County Counsel

Exhibit A

The proposed annual assessment rates are as follows:

\$156.52 per year for each Improved Parcel*

\$0 per year for each Unimproved Parcel

* “Improved” per Sierra County Board of Supervisors’ CSA Resolution 2020-001, means a residence authorized under a valid building permit issued by Sierra County; any retail or commercial use that is approved under an approved and valid building and zoning permit issued by Sierra County and any utility or industrial use authorized under an approved zoning and building permit issued by Sierra County.

Richard P. Jensen
P.O. Box 253
Verdi, Nevada 89439



July 25, 2020

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Sierra
P.O. Box D
Downieville, Ca 95936

Gentlemen:

Re. APN's: **023-150-021-000**
023-150-022-000

We wish to go on record commending the efforts by the Board of Supervisors in their efforts establishing a recognized Fire District for those property owners in Verdi, California. However, We strongly appose the \$156.52 per year per parcel proposed additional assessment. Simply put, those of us in Eastern Sierra County pay the same property tax assessment rate as every other parcel in the county without receiving any of the benefits as the rest of Sierra County. That being said, we feel that these funds should be allocated from our present yearly property tax assessment as is presently allocated by those parcels in the rest of the county.

Sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard P. Jensen".

Richard P. Jensen

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lori L. Jensen".

Lori L. Jensen