

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2025**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 1

**SUBJECT: NOTICED PUBLIC HAERING:
PUBLIC HEARING TO CONFIRM FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 LEVIES FOR
COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICTS AND RELATED CEQA EXEMPTION
(DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

A Community Facilities District (CFD) is established to create a funding mechanism for public facilities and services such as streets, sewer facilities, stormwater facilities, fire protection, parks, and libraries. Through this funding mechanism, these public facilities and services are paid for by property owners within the boundaries of the CFD since they benefit the most from the services and are typically established as part of the development process for new or infill housing to support the residents of those housing developments. In accordance with County of San Diego (County) Board of Supervisors (Board) Policy I-136, *Comprehensive Goals and Policies for Community Facilities Districts*, the County Board approves levies for nine CFDs throughout the region, six managed by the County and three managed by the San Diego County Fire Protection District.

The method used to calculate CFD levies can be based on a variety of factors, including parcel acreage or land use type (single-family or multi-family). The rate is established in each district's Rate and Method of Apportionment (RMA) as adopted by the County Board at the time each CFD is formed. The RMA provides the methodology used to determine the maximum annual special tax allowable for each district. Any changes to an RMA require approval by voters within the CFD's boundaries. CFDs are levied annually on each parcel's property tax bill, reducing the cost to the ratepayer by eliminating the administrative costs that arise from annual billing and payment collection. The annual adoption of a resolution is required to provide for the levies of a special tax for CFDs on the tax rolls. Today's request is for the County Board and San Diego County Fire Protection District Board of Directors, acting as the Governing Body of the CFDs, to adopt resolutions to authorize the FY 2025-26 levies for nine CFDs. Upon approval, the annual levies will be placed on the tax roll so that the property owners can continue to pay the levy through their property tax bills.

Board Policy B-29 directs departments to recover the full cost of services provided to agencies or individuals. Staff reviewed each district's budget to determine if revenues were adequate for services or if rates should be increased or decreased based on the budget. Staff determined that the proposed rate increases for FY 2025-26 are needed to fund costs for services and that available fund balance is needed for working capital, future services, facility repair, improvements, or replacement, and to ensure compliance with Board Policy B-29. There is no projected unrecovered cost; therefore, a waiver of Board Policy B-29 is not requested as part of today's action.

If today's actions are approved, levies will be adopted for nine CFDs. All proposed levies for the upcoming fiscal year are within approved maximum rates in accordance with the RMAs for each district and would not require voter approval. If today's proposed actions are not approved, there would be a reduction in revenue from not placing the proposed FY 2025-26 assessments on the tax roll. This would mean that maintenance and bond repayment would be impacted, and available fund balance would be used to mitigate any shortfalls for FY 2025-26.

The list of proposed levies for FY 2025-26 is as follows, with the complete summaries of changes in the background:

- 1. Community Facilities District No. 2008-01 (Harmony Grove Village) (District 3)** The Harmony Grove Village subdivision is located within the San Dieguito Community Plan area. The site is approximately 418 acres and includes 736 residential dwelling units and three public park sites. Harmony Grove Village 4th of July Park, Harmony Grove Village Community Park, and Harmony Grove Village Equestrian Park are located within the CFD. Funds support costs related to the construction of public facilities including parks, roads, wastewater, and flood control facilities built by the developer and administration, operation, and maintenance costs for flood control structures, public park and recreation facilities, street lighting, and emergency response services provided by Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District.
- 2. Community Facilities District No. 2013-01 (Horse Creek Ridge Maintenance) (District 5)** The Horse Creek Ridge subdivision is located within the Fallbrook Community Plan area. The site is approximately 277 acres and includes 741 single-family and multi-family dwelling units, a public sports park and staging area site. Horse Creek Ridge County Park is located within the CFD. Funds support increased costs to operate and maintain a regional sports park complex, staging area and park trails, onsite and offsite open space, fire services, and detention basins within the CFD.
- 3. Community Facilities District No. 2019-02 (Sweetwater Place Maintenance) (District 4)** The Sweetwater Place subdivision is located within the Spring Valley Community Plan area. The site is approximately 18 acres and includes 122 single-family and multi-family dwelling units and a two-acre public park. This funds increased costs to operate and maintain the two-acre Sweetwater Place County Park, which is located within the CFD.
- 4. Community Facilities District No. 2019-01 (Meadowood Maintenance) (District 5)** The Meadowood subdivision is located within the Fallbrook Community Plan area. The site is approximately 389 acres and is approved for 844 single-family and multi-family dwelling units and a park. The Meadowood subdivision is still being built out, and the number of parcels increased from 704 to 813 between FY 2024-25 and FY 2025-26. This funds the costs of operating and maintaining a park, park trails, fire services, and stormwater drainage and treatment facilities within the CFD.
- 5. Community Facilities District No. 2019-03 (Park Circle Maintenance) (District 5)** The Park Circle subdivision is located within the Valley Center Community Plan area. The site is approximately 74 acres and includes 322 residential dwelling units and a 2.6-acre public park. This funds the cost of operations and maintenance of Harvest County Park.
- 6. Community Facilities District No. 2022-01 (Piper Otay Preserve Maintenance) (District 1)** The Piper Otay subdivision is located within the East Otay Mesa Business Park Specific Plan and supports ongoing operations and maintenance to manage the Piper Otay Preserve.

7. Community Facilities District No. 04-1 (CFD No. 04-1) (District 2)

Located in southeast San Diego county, CFD No. 04-1 encompasses approximately 4,549 acres of land (868 acres classified as developed property with 47 residential parcels, 2 non-residential parcels, and 3,584 undeveloped acres) within the communities of Lake Morena, Jacumba, Jamul, and Lyons Valley. This funds fire protection operations, equipment, facilities, and staffing.

8. Community Facilities District No. 09-1 (CFD No. 09-1) (District 1)

Located in the southwestern portion of San Diego county, CFD No. 09-1 is between the Otay River Valley to the north, the international border with Mexico to the south, the San Ysidro Mountains to the east, and the City of San Diego to the west, encompassing approximately 3,068 acres of land. This funds staffing and the operation and maintenance of fire facilities that serve the approximately 134 parcels within the boundaries of the CFD, 43 of which are currently developed.

9. Community Facilities District No. 2014-01 (CFD No. 2014-01) (District 5)

Located in Borrego Springs in northeastern San Diego county, CFD No. 2014-01 encompasses approximately 591.92 acres of land to fund capital projects and support fire protection services for the community of Borrego Springs.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Acting as the Board of Directors, San Diego County Fire Protection District:

1. Adopt a Resolution entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 04-1 AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF SPECIAL TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26.
2. Adopt a Resolution entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 09-1 AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF SPECIAL TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26.
3. Adopt a Resolution entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2014-01 AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF SPECIAL TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Levying special taxes that fund special districts would result in additional community services and resources that improve the health, safety, and economic interests of local communities. Therefore, services provided through the levying charges on the Fiscal Year 2025-26 tax rolls will have a positive impact on communities throughout the unincorporated areas of the county, including providing fire protection, flood control protection, parks, and paramedic services.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Today's action to confirm special district assessments supports economic stability, promotes the health and well-being of citizens, and provides equitable access to County services. Timely road maintenance prevents more costly repairs in the future, contributing to economic and infrastructural sustainability. Fire protection, flood control protection, emergency communication, and paramedic services protect the health and well-being of citizens and their properties. County parks provide citizens equitable access to outdoor recreation and nature opportunities. This action will help maintain a strong and resilient community through the continued collection of levies.

FISCAL IMPACT

The proposed special tax levies are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Operational Plan for the Department of Public Works (DPW), Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), and San Diego County Fire Protection District. If approved, the proposed rate increases will result in additional estimated revenue of \$86,267.42 in DPW for Community Facilities District (CFD) No. 2008-01 Harmony Grove Village; and a total of \$191,800.05 in DPR: \$18,765.98 for CFD No. 2013-01 Horse Creek Ridge Maintenance, \$4,584.76 for CFD No. 2019-02 Sweetwater Place Maintenance, \$157,115.50 for CFD No. 2019-01 Meadowood Maintenance, \$9,913.52 for CFD No. 2019-03 Park Circle Maintenance, and \$1,420.29 for CFD No. 2022-01 Piper Otay Preserve Maintenance. If approved, the proposed rates for the San Diego County Fire Protection District will result in estimated additional revenue of \$434.06 for CFD No. 04-01 Lake Morena, Jacumba, Jamul, and Lyons Valley, \$103,465.30 for CFD No. 09-1 East Otay Mesa, and \$960.30 for CFD No. 2014-01 Borrego Springs. If approved, the cumulative proposed rate increases will result in additional estimated total revenue of \$382,927.13 to the County of San Diego (County). The funding sources are special tax levies from CFD No. 2008-01, CFD No. 2013-01, CFD No. 2019-02, CFD No. 2019-01, CFD No. 2019-03, CFD No. 2022-01, CFD No. 04-1, CFD No. 09-1 and CFD No. 2014-01 paid by property owners. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

The proposed assessment levies are evaluated annually in an amount sufficient to recover the full cost as required by Board Policy B-29. The funding source is assessment levies paid by property owners within the identified CFDs. If the Board does not adopt the resolutions, the proposed assessments cannot be placed on the tax rolls for FY 2025-26. Without the additional funds generated by the proposed assessments, services for streets, sewer facilities, stormwater facilities, fire protection, parks, and libraries would be reduced unless other funding sources are identified. Without the funds generated by the proposed assessments, bond repayments would not be properly funded, and the bonds could go into default.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

(RELATES TO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM 06)

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Director Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Director Lawson-Remer, the Board of Directors of the San Diego County Fire Protection District closed the Hearing and took action as recommended adopting the following:

1. Resolution No. 25-074 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 04-1 AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF SPECIAL TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26;
2. Resolution No. 25-075 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 09-1 AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF SPECIAL TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26; and,
3. Resolution No. 25-076 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2014-01 AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF SPECIAL TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26.

AYES: Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 1 Seat Vacant)

State of California)
County of San Diego)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the San Diego County Fire Protection District.

ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board of Directors



Signed
by Andrew Potter