

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
 COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: Department of Environmental Health

SUBMITTAL DATE:
 June 24, 2015

SUBJECT: Public Hearing and Proceeding for Consideration of the Levy of Proposed Assessment for Vector Control Services. Districts 1, 3, and 5; [\$0].

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Open public hearing on the proposed benefit assessment and allow independent third party tabulator to receive in-person ballots until close of public input portion of the public hearing;
2. Order Tabulator to begin tabulation of all ballots received by mail and during public hearing;
3. Continue public hearing until July 21, 2015 to receive announcement of ballot tabulation results.

BACKGROUND:

Summary

On October 1, 2013 agenda item 3.8, the Board approved the issuance of an RFP for Consulting Services to conduct a Feasibility Study, Public Opinion Survey, Engineering, Balloting, and Administration for Vector Control Funding Measure. Prop 218 guidelines require a simple majority vote, weighted by the proposed assessment amount, in each zone. On March 24, 2015 agenda item 3-22, the Board allowed the SCI Consulting Group to prepare the Engineering Report.

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Steve Van Stockum
 Director, Department of
 Environmental Health

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost:	POLICY/CONSENT (per Exec. Office)
COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% Department Operating Budget
Budget Adjustment: No
For Fiscal Year: 15/16

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

BY:
 Steven C. Horn

County Executive Office Signature

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- A-30
- Positions Added
- 4/5 Vote
- Change Order

Departmental Concurrence

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FORM 11: Continued implementation of the Professional Service Agreement with SCI Consulting Group for Vector Control Funding Measure. District 1, 3, and 5; [\$0].

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BACKGROUND:

Summary (continued)

On May 12, 2015 agenda item 3-17, the Board received the Engineering Report, adopted Resolution 2015-111 Proposition 218 mail ballot proceedings, and Resolution 2015-112 providing notice of intention to levy special assessment and set July 7, 2015 as the date for the public hearing.

At this public hearing, the Board of Supervisors is to consider all public comments, if any, related to the proposed assessment. Any person is permitted to present written or oral testimony concerning the proposed levy of a special assessment. Nevertheless, only written ballots of landowners subject to the special assessment are counted to determine whether a majority protest exists. Landowners had the option to mail-in their ballots to the third-party Tabulator. However, any landowner within the proposed service area can submit his ballot, change his ballot, or withdraw his ballot before the close of the public testimony portion of the public hearing.

At the conclusion of the public input portion of the public hearing the Tabulator designated by the agency, who does not have a vested interest in the outcome of the proposed assessment, shall tabulate the assessment ballots submitted and not withdrawn, in support of or opposition to the proposed assessment. Staff recommends that, after the public input portion of the public hearing is closed, the Board continue the public hearing to allow the Tabulator time to count the ballots. The Accounting Office, CPA, the tabulator will count the ballots at 400 South El Cielo Road, Suite J, Palm Springs, California commencing July 8, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. The tabulation will be open to the public. The Tabulator and staff will return to the Board with the results of the ballots at the time of the continued hearing on July 21, 2015.

A majority protest exists if the assessment ballots submitted, and not withdrawn, in opposition to the proposed assessment in each zone exceed the assessment ballots submitted, and not withdrawn, in its favor, weighting those assessment ballots by the amount of the proposed assessment to be imposed upon the identified parcel for which each assessment ballot was submitted.

At the continued public hearing on July 21, 2015, the Board may consider, provided a majority protest does not exist against the imposition of the assessment in a zone, a resolution to levy assessments in that zone for FY 2015-16.

Impact on Citizens and Businesses

This process will allow parcel owners within the unincorporated areas currently served by the County Department of Environmental Health to vote on maintained and enhanced vector control services with a very moderate annual benefit assessment. Should this initiative fail, then the County's options for continuing this program will become severely limited.

SUPPLEMENTAL:

Additional Fiscal Information

Funding for ballot tabulation (\$12,700) was previously approved on May 12, 2015. If the proposed assessment obtains weighted majority approval and is approved for formation by the Board, deferred and contingent compensation from SCI Consulting Group and additional compensation for the determination of the final assessment levies and Levy Submittal and Administration throughout FY 2015/16 shall be \$26,500, payable upon Department's receipt of first installment of the assessment from the Auditor-Controller. According to the approved contract, optional levy submittal and administration services may be compensated at \$23,250 for FY 2016/17; \$21,250 for FY 2017/18; and \$21,250 for FY 2018/19.