



## **CITY OF SALINAS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

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**DATE:** JUNE 3, 2025

**DEPARTMENT:** FINANCE DEPARTMENT

**FROM:** SELINA ANDREWS, FINANCE DIRECTOR

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**TITLE:** RESOLUTION TRANSMITTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS, SPECIAL TAX DISTRICTS, AND ASSESSMENT DISTRICT LEVIES TO THE MONTEREY COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR

### **RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

A motion to approve a Resolution (1) initiating the proceedings for annual levy of assessments, declaring its intention to levy and collect assessments for the Maintenance Districts consisting of Airport Business Center, North East Area, Harden Ranch Area, Vista Nueva, Mira Monte, Monte Bella; Special Tax Districts consisting of Community Facilities District 2016-1 (Monte Bella), IA1, Community Facilities District 2016-1 (Monte Bella), IA2, Community Facilities District 2016-1 (Monte Bella), IA3; and Assessment District consisting of Downtown Community Benefit District; and (2) authorizing the City to transmit the list of Fiscal Year 2025-26 maintenance districts, special tax districts, and assessment district levies to the Monterey County Tax Collector.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Monterey County requires annual City Council approval and directing that the assessments be collected within the County property taxes. The six (6) landscape maintenance districts, three (3) special tax districts, and one (1) assessment district included in this action are described in Exhibit A. The landscape maintenance, special tax, and assessment district budgets are also included in the City's FY 2025-26 Operating Budget.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Annually, the City of Salinas transmits Assessment Bond and Maintenance District levies to Monterey County to be included on property tax bills for collection. A list of the levies for FY 2025-26 is included in the Exhibit A attachment for reference. The assessments related to the bonds are fixed at the time the bonds were originally issued unless there are subsequent parcel splits or a change in paying agent fees. No parcel splits occurred for this year's assessment. The

Maintenance District levies are determined by Public Works staff and were submitted to City Council for approval on June 3, 2025.

Staff has reviewed the City Assessment and Maintenance District levies for Fiscal Year 2025-26 and has concluded that the City is in compliance with all applicable laws. The City's existing assessment districts are pledged to bond repayment. Existing maintenance districts are in compliance since there are no changes to the method of calculating assessments.

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

***Not a Project.** The City of Salinas has determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378). In addition, CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 includes the general rule that CEQA applies only to activities which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Because the proposed action and this matter have no potential to cause any effect on the environment, or because it falls within a category of activities excluded as projects pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378, this matter is not a project. Because the matter does not cause a direct or foreseeable indirect physical change on or in the environment, this matter is not a project. Any subsequent discretionary projects resulting from this action will be assessed for CEQA applicability.*

CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE §84308 APPLIES:

No.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

Transmitting the annual levies to Monterey County achieves the Council 2025 Strategic Goal of City Services and Infrastructure.

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION

This staff report was coordinated with the City Manager, City Attorney, and Finance.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

The identified levies for FY 25-26 consist of \$1,730,290 for the Maintenance Districts, \$509,749 for the Special Tax Districts, and \$509,688 for the Assessment District, all of which must be transmitted to Monterey County by August 1, 2025, to be posted to the property tax rolls for collection.

| <b>Fund</b> | <b>Appropriation</b> | <b>Appropriation Name</b> | <b>Total Appropriation</b> | <b>Amount for recommendation</b> | <b>FY 24-25 Operating Budget Page</b> | <b>Last Budget Action (Date, Resolution)</b> |
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| n/a         | n/a                  | n/a                       | n/a                        | n/a                              | n/a                                   | n/a  |

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Resolution

Exhibit A