



CITY OF SALINAS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

DATE: JULY 2, 2019

DEPARTMENT: FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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TITLE: RESOLUTION TRANSMITTING THE FY 2019-20 SPECIAL TAX, ASSESSMENT AND MAINTENANCE DISTRICT LEVIES TO THE MONTEREY COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

It is recommended that the City Council approve a Resolution transmitting the annual levies to Monterey County for the collection of the City's special taxes, assessments and property related fees and charges and agreeing to indemnify and defend Monterey County with respect to challenges to the levy and collection of the direct charges on the City's behalf.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council approve a resolution authorizing staff to transmit to the Tax Collector's office of the County of Monterey, the annual levies for special taxes, assessments and maintenance district fees and charges.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The City Council approves this resolution annually as it is required by Monterey County before the City's special tax, assessment and maintenance district charges are levied and collected on property tax bills.

BACKGROUND:

Annually, the City of Salinas transmits CFD, 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 2019-20 is attached to this report for reference. The special taxes levied to pay bond debt service for the Monte Bella CFD are levied on developed residential property with a building permit issuance on or prior to May 1 and on remaining undeveloped acreage to pay the remainder of bond debt service due in 2020. The special tax levy is set by the Finance Director each year. 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 are submitted to City Council for approval on the same date as this report.

Staff has reviewed the City's CFD, Assessment and Maintenance District levies for Fiscal Year 2019-20 and has concluded that the City is in compliance with all applicable laws. The City's existing special tax and assessment districts are pledged to bond repayment. Existing maintenance districts are in compliance since there are no changes to the method of calculating assessments.

Before it will agree to collect the special taxes and assessments on the City's behalf, the County requires the City Council to approve a resolution holding the County harmless from any action brought against the County for collection of the City's levies.

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

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).

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

Transmitting the annual levies to Monterey County promotes the City Council's goal of Effective Sustainable Government.

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

The Finance Department has worked with the Public Works Department on managing the assessments.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

The levies for special taxes (\$167,319), assessment bonds (\$811,873) and maintenance districts (\$1,798,792) must be transmitted to Monterey County by August 1, 2019 to be posted to the property tax rolls for collection. These funds must be collected to pay special tax and assessment district bondholders and the cost of maintenance in our six districts during FY 2019-20.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution
Exhibit A