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Subject: **County Service Area R-21 Mountain View – Assessment and Service Levels**

Dear Property Owner,

This letter is being sent on behalf of County Service Area 70, Zone R-21 Mountain View (District).

On February 23, 2021, you were mailed a letter from the District which identified concern for low fund balance and insufficient annual revenue, along with a survey card for a proposed rate increase to ensure financial solvency of the District. The District has since collected responses which reflected greater than 50% interest to move forward with a formal rate increase election to ensure continuation of services.

In the “next steps” below, you will find proposed rate increase information and community meeting date in which District staff will be present to answer any questions the community may have prior to conducting a formal rate increase election.

Impact to Services

As stated in the February 23, 2021 letter, the District has not implemented a rate increase since the District was formed in 1987 and the District’s long-term sustainability is at risk. The District has ceased all maintenance services to reserve the limited available funding for snowplowing in the upcoming winter season (2021-22). As an additional cost saving measure, District staff will avoid mobilizing snowplows when snow accumulation is 6” or less to maintain funding reserves for more impactful snow events. Depending on the severity of the winter season, should available cash reserves be exhausted, the District may cease all maintenance and snowplowing services until future assessment funds are received. Please monitor the District’s webpage for up-to-date information regarding District status:
<https://specialdistricts.sbccounty.gov/roads/road-districts/csa70-r21/>

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Next Steps

There are two options that will be discussed at the upcoming community meeting:

Option 1 is to continue as an established road district and increase the annual service charge to sustain service into the future. The first-year annual service charge is proposed to increase from **\$90** (1987 to current) to **\$349** per parcel per year with an inflationary factor of up to 3.0% annually. At this service charge rate, the District will be able to perform appropriate maintenance, snowplowing service, and build fund balance for future emergencies and capital improvement projects. Approximately every 10 years the roads will receive a chip seal that prolongs the life of the asphalt and maintains a safe & smooth driving surface. All snowplow services would also continue at standard mobilization schedules. A property owner election is required.

When a property owner election is held, if a simple majority (50%, plus one) of the ballots returned are in favor of the service charge increase as outlined in option 1, the service charge will be recommended to the Board of Supervisors for approval. If a simple majority of the ballots returned are not in favor of the service charge increase, a recommendation to cease maintenance operations and dissolve the District will be brought to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Option 2 is to cease operations and maintenance and dissolve the District. This action would terminate all road and snowplow services performed in the District and remove the service charge from the tax roll.

Town Hall Meeting

A town hall meeting is being offered for all interested residents to share questions and receive comments from the Department regarding this matter. The meeting will be held at the Ranch Clubhouse located at **2052 Erwin Ranch Rd, Big Bear City, CA, 92314** on **Thursday, November 18, 2021**. The meeting will begin at **5:00 PM PST**. Prompt attendance is requested.

If you have any feedback or questions prior to the town hall meeting, please forward to info@sdd.sbccounty.gov.

Best Regards,

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Parcel Status

- 24 Parcels
- Formed in 1987
- \$90.00 per parcel
- No Inflation since 1987
- ~\$2,160.00 annual revenue

Operational Responsibility

- Snowplow services
- Road Maintenance
- Road Rehabilitation

