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February 23, 2021

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

Dear Property Owner:

As the financial stewards and service provider for County Service Area R-21 Mountain View (District), as well as many other similar districts within the County of San Bernardino, a component of our responsibilities are to review the assessments each property owner pays annually and the services provided to ensure sustainable service into the future. Your District has been reviewed, and the District has noted concerns with the funding levels being received as compared to the service levels being provided. Please review the following information to better expand on our concerns.

History and Financing

The District was formed in 1987 to provide road maintenance and snow removal services. In 1987, the total annual tax revenue for the District was approximately \$2,160 annually (\$90.00 per parcel) to maintain and snowplow approximately 1,300 feet of roadway. Unfortunately, when the District was initially formed there was no inflationary factor built into the service charge, and there was no authority granted to the County Board of Supervisors or to the District to increase this amount through any Board action, outside of a vote of the people. Thus, currently in 2021, the total annual tax revenue for this District remains the same, approximately \$2,160. Obviously, with annual cost inflation over the past 33 years, this lack of corresponding increase in revenue has resulted in reduced service being provided to the District. Specifically, the District is in jeopardy of reduced snow removal services for the remainder of this winter season (2020-21), and the potential in future years for no snow removal services at all.

Impact to Services

Without action by the residents in this District, the District's long term sustainability is at risk. This situation may result in the need for the District to use future year's assessments to pay for current year services which will impact the ability for the District to respond to storms or other maintenance needs in upcoming years.

Snowplowing will proceed in the current winter season (2020-21) but may be impacted with a lesser standard for the mobilization of snowplows or waiting for the storm to end before plowing. As the District gets closer to expending all of its cash and/or budget, only emergency maintenance or emergency snow removal will be performed.

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Action Needed

The Department would like to hear feedback from residents as we begin working to achieve a long-term solution for the District. Please complete and return the enclosed survey card by March 16, 2021.

Unfortunately, if a long-term solution cannot be attained to properly fund the maintenance and snowplowing needs of the District, it is likely that the District will need to be dissolved.

Please visit our website at www.specialdistricts.org and sign up for eNotifications to receive information and questionnaires for your District.

Assessment of Service levels for County Service Area 70, R-21 (Mountain View)

Please select either the "Yes" or the "No" box only:

- Yes. I am in favor of increasing the service charge to fund ongoing operation and maintenance, including snow plow services on approximately 1300 linear feet of Mountain view Blvd. I understand that the per parcel service charge for road maintenance will increase and will be subject to an inflationary factor of up to 3.0%.

- No. I am not in favor of increasing the annual service charge to ensure long term sustainability of the district.

If No why:

Dated: _____

Print Name _____

Address _____

Phone No. _____

Parcel No. _____

MAIL BY March 23, 2021

NO POSTAGE STAMP NECESSARY
POSTAGE HAS BEEN PREPAID BY

SPECIAL DISTRICTS DEPARTMENT
ATTN.: OPERATIONS DIVISION
222 W. HOSPITALITY LN, 2ND FLOOR
SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92415-0450

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

