



STAFF REPORT

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE BELMONT FIRE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR FIRE SERVICES

Honorable President and Board Members:

Summary

The Belmont Fire Protection District has been asked to consider a resolution supporting the upcoming fire assessment.

Background and Discussion

The Belmont Fire Protection District and City of San Carlos have entered into a new Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) effective July 2006. The JPA effectively created the newly constituted Belmont-San Carlos Fire Department, supplanting the previous South County Fire District. The new Department has proposed a revised budget for fire services. The assessment, if approved, would provide funding for the following:

- Ladder Truck and Fire Engine Service
- Firefighting Personnel
- Replacement of Fire Protection Engine and Equipment

Ballots will be mailed on September 28, 2006 and must be returned by November 14, 2006. A simple majority (i.e., 50% plus one) is required for approval.

The Resolution attached provides a mechanism by which the Belmont Fire Protection District can formally endorse the proposed Assessment District.

Fiscal Impact

The Assessment District is projected to raise \$1,117,826 for fire suppression service in Belmont.

Public Contact

Posting of Belmont Fire Protection District agenda.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board adopt a Resolution supporting the Belmont Fire Assessment District for Fire Services.

Alternatives

1. Adopt a modified Resolution in support of the District;
2. Do not adopt a Resolution; or
3. Provide staff with alternative direction.

Attachments

- A. Resolution

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Fry
Belmont-San Carlos Fire Department Chief

Terrance Belanger
Interim District Manager

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE BELMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
SUPPORTING THE BELMONT FIRE ASSESSMENT FOR FIRE SUPPRESSION
SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the provision of fire suppression services is of critical importance to the well being of local residences, businesses, and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Belmont-San Carlos Fire Department, formerly South County Fire Protection Authority, has had to make significant cuts to staffing and equipment to live within the limited revenues available; and

WHEREAS, the Belmont-San Carlos Fire Department can no longer afford to maintain its current minimum level of emergency fire-fighting services within Belmont, San Carlos and the Harbor Industrial Area; and

WHEREAS, the proposed assessment will allow the Department to establish a replacement fund for aging fire engines, fire trucks and related equipment and maintain ladder truck service within the Belmont-San Carlos Fire Department service area; and

WHEREAS, the Belmont Fire Protection District will not use public funds in a campaign for or against the assessment; and

WHEREAS, it is important to maintain local control of fire services in order to provide the citizens of the Belmont Fire Protection District with adequate levels of service and equipment maintenance; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Belmont Fire Protection District hereby supports the Belmont Fire Assessment for Fire Suppression Services in the Belmont Fire Protection District

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the Belmont Fire Protection District at a special meeting thereof held on October 10, 2006, by the following vote:

AYES, DIRECTORS: _____

NOES, DIRECTORS: _____

ABSTAIN, DIRECTORS: _____

ABSENT, DIRECTORS: _____

Secretary, Belmont Fire Protection District

APPROVED:

President, Belmont Fire Protection District