

AGREEMENT FOR COLLECTION OF SPECIAL TAXES,
FEES, AND ASSESSMENTS

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this ___ day of _____, 20___, by and between the COUNTY OF MONTEREY, a political subdivision of the State of California, hereinafter referred to as “County” and the _____, a _____ of the State of California, hereinafter referred to as “District”.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Government Code Sections 29304 and 51800 authorize the County to recoup its collection costs when the County collects taxes, fees, or assessments for any School District, Special District, zone, or improvement District thereof; and

WHEREAS, when requested by District, it is in the public interest that the County collect on the County tax rolls the special taxes, fees, and assessments for District.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED by and between the parties hereto as follows:

1. County agrees, when requested by District as hereinafter provided, or as required by law, to collect on the County tax rolls the special taxes, fees, and assessments of or owing to the District, and of each zone or improvement District thereof.
2. When County is to collect special taxes, fees, and assessments owing to Districts, District agrees to notify the Auditor-Controller of the County on or before the 1st day of August of each fiscal year of the Assessor’s parcel numbers and the amount of each special tax, fee, or assessment to the County, and including, but not limited to, any act of omission or assessment to be so collected. Provided, however, to be effective, the notice must be received by the Auditor-Controller by said date.
3. County may charge the sum of 0.25% of the Original Charge for each special tax, fee, or assessment that is to be collected on the County tax rolls by the County for the District.
4. District warrants that the taxes, fees, or assessments collected pursuant to this Agreement comply with all requirements of state law, including but not limited to Articles XIII C and XIII D of the California Constitution (Proposition 218). District has requested, on County’s behalf, an opinion from their legal advisor stating that the tax, fee, or assessment complies with state law, and specifically analyzing compliance with Proposition 218 and any other applicable law. Said opinion is attached hereto as “Exhibit A” and incorporated by reference into this Agreement. District also agrees to reaffirm the validity of the tax, fee, or assessment each time it requests the County to collect such tax, fee, or assessment pursuant to this Agreement.

5. District hereby releases and forever discharges County and its officers, agents, and employees from any and all claims, demands, liabilities, costs and expenses, damages, causes of action, and judgments, in any manner arising out of District's responsibility under this agreement, or other action taken by District in establishing a special tax, fee, or assessment and implementing collection of special taxes, fees, or assessments as contemplated in this Agreement.
6. District agrees to and shall defend, indemnify and save harmless County and its officers, agents and employees ("indemnified parties") from any and all claims, demands, liabilities, costs and expenses, damages, causes of action, and judgments, in any manner arising out of any of District's responsibility under this agreement, or other action taken by District in establishing a special tax, fee, or assessment and implementing collection of special taxes, fees, or assessments as contemplated in this Agreement. If any judgment is entered against any indemnified party as a result of action taken to implement this Agreement, District agrees that County may, in its sole discretion, offset the amount of any costs, expenses or judgment paid by County or by any indemnified party from any monies collected by County on District's behalf, including property taxes, special taxes, fees, or assessment. County may, but is not required to, notify District of its intent to implement any offset authorized by this paragraph. District also agrees that the County may require that some or all of any costs, expenses or judgments required to be paid by the County because of any judgment relating to the assessment or collection of special taxes, fees or assessments contemplated by this Agreement be paid directly by the District and not by way of offset.
7. District agrees that its officers, agents, and employees will cooperate with County by answering inquiries made to District by any person concerning the special tax, fee, or assessment, and District agrees that its officers, agents, and employees will not refer such individuals making inquiries to County officers or employees for response.
8. District shall not assign or transfer this Agreement or any interest herein and any such assignment or transfer or attempted assignment or transfer of this agreement or any interest herein by District shall be void and shall immediately and automatically terminate this Agreement.
9. This Agreement shall be effective for the [202_ -2_] fiscal year and shall be automatically renewed for each fiscal year thereafter unless terminated as hereinafter provided.
10. Either party may terminate this Agreement for any reason for any ensuing fiscal year by giving written notice thereof to the other party prior to May 1st of the preceding fiscal year.

11. County's waiver of breach of any one term, covenant, or other provision of this Agreement is not a waiver of breach of any other term, nor subsequent breach of the term or provision waived.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

DISTRICT: _____

By: _____

Approved as to form:

District Counsel

COUNTY OF MONTEREY

By: _____

Approved as to form:

Office of County Counsel