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Receive the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Special Districts Annual Report.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors receive the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Special Districts Annual Report.

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The County of Monterey has utilized a variety of special districts, which consist of separate legal entities, for nearly 60 years to provide services to County residents including: 37 active County Service Areas (CSAs); two (2) remaining dependent County Sanitation Districts (CSDs); 11 Closed Landfills; two (2) Closed Transfer Stations; and most recently, one (1) dependent Community Services District. CSAs, CSDs, and Community Services Districts are formed through the Monterey County Local Agency Formation Commission (Monterey LAFCO) to provide one or more extended services that the County does not provide to the same extent countywide, and where special assessments are collected for those services. Any change to services and/or to the jurisdictional boundaries of special districts would require notice of hearing, a public hearing, and an amendment to the formation resolution approved by Monterey LAFCO.

CSAs are separate legal entities of local government operated under the direction of the Board of Supervisors. Current active CSA services include streetlighting, street and sidewalk maintenance, surface water disposition and storm drainage, levee maintenance and repairs, parks/recreation/parkway facilities, and sewer services. Attachment A-Exhibit 1 provides a complete listing of all CSAs and shows each CSA's Authorized and Active Services. Attachment A-Exhibit 2 provides CSA location maps as adopted by Monterey LAFCO.

CSDs, are dependent special districts which are also separate legal entities of local government operated under the direction of the Board of Supervisors who act as the Board of Directors. The two (2) remaining dependent CSDs were specifically established to provide sanitation (sewer) services. The Pajaro County Sanitation District (PCSD) provides for sanitation collection in the communities of Pajaro, Las Lomas, Bay Farms, and a portion of Sunny Mesa. The Boronda County Sanitation District (BCSD) provides for sanitation collection services in the Boronda community and for water treatment and distribution within the San Jerardo Housing Cooperative, Inc. community.

In 2006, the East Garrison Community Services District (EGCSD) was formed by Monterey LAFCO to provide for regional and neighborhood parks and open space maintenance, storm drain and flood control system maintenance, and perimeter County roads maintenance. The Board of Supervisors currently acts as the Board of Directors of the EGCSD.

The Fiscal Year 2019-20 Special Districts Annual Report (FY20 Annual Report) is included as Attachment A. This Annual Report provides an overview of the special districts with a focus on the financial and operational status of these districts and strategies necessary to ensure future financial sustainability of each district. The FY20 Annual Report includes a summary of accomplishments from Fiscal Year 2018-19, a work plan of planned projects and status update for Fiscal Year 2019-20, and a work plan of planned projects for Fiscal Year 2020-21.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

This report was provided to the Budget Committee at their April 2, 2020 meeting. Monterey LAFCO is responsible for establishing special district boundaries and is mandated to update municipal service reviews and spheres of influence for all special districts every five (5) years.

FINANCING:

There is no impact to the General Fund to receive this report. A number of special districts, however, do not generate adequate revenue to support the cost of services. RMA is working toward long-term financial sustainability, to the extent feasible, such that revenues in each special district are sufficient to cover ongoing maintenance and long-term infrastructure replacement costs, to reduce impacts to the County General Fund and other fund sources. To evaluate financial sustainability, RMA prepared a work plan to evaluate the facility and financial needs of every special district and develop and implement appropriate strategies over the next five (5) to ten (10) years.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

Individual special district work plans, assessment requirements, and capital project strategies support the Administration and Infrastructure Strategic Initiatives by ensuring special district infrastructure sustainability and reducing the need for future General Fund contributions to fund special district projects.

- Economic Development
- Administration
- Health & Human Services
- Infrastructure
- Public Safety

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Attachment:

Attachment A-Fiscal Year 2019-20 Special Districts Annual Report
(Attachment on file with the Clerk of the Board)