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Budget Committee Report

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- a. Receive the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Special Districts Annual Report; and
- b. Provide direction to staff.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Budget Committee:

- a. Receive the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Special Districts Annual Report; and
- b. Provide direction to staff for presentation to the Board of Supervisors.

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The County of Monterey has utilized a variety of special districts for nearly 60 years to provide services to County residents including: 37 active County Service Areas (CSAs); two County Sanitation Districts (CSDs); 11 Closed Landfills and 2 Closed Transfer Stations; and most recently, one Community Services District. CSAs, CSDs, and Community Services Districts are formed through the Local Agency Formation Commission (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 boundaries requires an amendment approved by LAFCO.

CSAs are areas 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 LAFCO.

CSDs, also areas of local government operated under the direction of the Board of Supervisors serving as the Board of Directors, are 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 in the San Jerardo community.

In 2006, the East Garrison Community Services District (EGCSD) was formed by 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 serves as the Board of Directors.

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:

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. However, a number of special districts 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 the financial sustainability, RMA prepared a workplan 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.

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Attachment:

Attachment A-Fiscal Year 2019-20 Special Districts Annual Report