

**Board Report** 

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# Receive the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Special District Annual Report RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors receive the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Special District Annual Report.

# SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The County of Monterey has used a variety of special districts for nearly 60 years to provide services to County residents including 37 active County Service Areas (CSA), two County Sanitation Districts (CSD), 11 Closed Landfills, and most recently, one Community Services District. These special districts are formed through the Monterey County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to provide one or more services that the County does not provide to the same extent countywide, and where it is intended that property owners or ratepayers within the boundaries of those special districts pay for the authorized services to be provided. Any change to services and/or boundaries requires an amendment approved by LAFCO.

A CSA is an alternate method for providing governmental services by counties in unincorporated areas, where the community within the boundary of an established CSA pays for one or more services such as road maintenance, street lighting, storm drainage maintenance, etc. The CSAs within Monterey County are administered by the PWFP Department under the direction of the County Board of Supervisors, which is the governing body for the CSAs.

CSDs were 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 was formed to provide for neighborhood parks and open space maintenance, storm drain and flood control system maintenance, and perimeter County roads maintenance.

The Fiscal Year 2022-23 Special District Annual Report is included as Attachment A. The report provides information on the location, authorized services and financial status of the CSAs; recent and planned key activities for the CSAs; overview of the CSDs and update on the planned disposition of these systems; summary of activities related to closed landfills; and overview of the East Garrison CSD.

# OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Monterey County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) is responsible for establishing special district boundaries and is mandated to update municipal service reviews and spheres of influence for all specials districts every five years. This item was brought to the Budget Committee at its August 30, 2023

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meeting.

### 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. PWFP is working toward long-term financial sustainability, to the extent feasible, such that revenues in each special district are sufficient to cover on-going maintenance and long-term infrastructure replacement costs, reducing impacts to County General Fund and other fund sources.

#### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

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

Economic Development

- X Administration
  - Health & Human Services

<u>X</u> Infrastructure

<u>X</u> Public Safety

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The following attachment is on file with the Clerk of the Board:

Attachment A - Fiscal Year 2022-23 Special District Annual Report