

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE PAJARO VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY**

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 01

**A RESOLUTION INITIATING PROCEEDINGS, PROVIDING INTENTION TO LEVY
ASSESSMENTS, PRELIMINARILY APPROVING ENGINEER'S REPORT, AND
PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF HEARING, AND THE MAILING OF ASSESSMENT
BALLOTS FOR THE PAJARO VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF SANTA
CRUZ COUNTY, FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES
ASSESSMENT**

WHEREAS, the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District of Santa Cruz County was established in 1994 (the "District"); and

WHEREAS, District desires to initiate the proceedings for the formation of a fire protection and emergency response services assessment district pursuant to Government Code sections 50078—50078.20 and Cal. Const. art. XIID to provide improved fire protection and fire suppression services for all the properties within the boundaries of the District; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 218 was adopted on November 6, 1996, adding Articles XIIC and XIID to the California Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Article XIID of the California Constitution and implementing statutes impose certain procedural and substantive requirements relating to assessments (as defined); and

WHEREAS, an Engineer's Report (the "Report") has been prepared by SCI Consulting Group (the "Assessment Engineer") and submitted to the Board of Directors (the "Board"), in which a new assessment is proposed to fund the cost of providing fire protection services and improvements within the District boundaries. This proposed assessment shall be described as the "Fire Protection and Emergency Response Services Assessment District" (hereinafter the "Assessment District") of the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District of Santa Cruz County

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PAJARO VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

1. **Reference to Initiation.** Pursuant to the District and direction from the Board, SCI Consulting Group, (the "Engineer of Work"), prepared an Engineer's Report pursuant to Title 5, Division 1, Part 1, Chapter 1, Article 3.6 of the California Government Code, "Fire Suppression Assessments", beginning with Section 50078 and Article XIID of the California Constitution. The Report has been made, filed with the Secretary of the Board and duly considered by the Board and is

hereby deemed sufficient and preliminarily approved. The Report shall stand as the Engineer's Report for all subsequent proceedings under and pursuant to this resolution.

2. **Description of the Services.** Within the Assessment District, the proposed services and equipment to be funded by the assessments ("Services") are generally described as including, but not limited to, obtaining, furnishing, operating, and maintaining fire suppression, protection and emergency services equipment and apparatus; paying salaries, benefits and other compensation for firefighting and fire prevention personnel; training and administration of personnel performing said fire suppression, protection and emergency services; community fire prevention education and fire inspection.
3. **Reference to Engineer's Report.** Reference is hereby made to the Report for a full and detailed description of the Services, the boundaries of the Assessment District and the proposed assessments upon assessable lots and parcels of land within the Assessment District.
4. **Report of the Engineer of Work.** The Report, which is available for public review at the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District located at 562 Casserly Rd, Watsonville, CA, is hereby incorporated by reference. This Engineer's Report includes:
 - A. A description of the Services to be funded with assessment proceeds;
 - B. An estimate of the annual cost of such Services;
 - C. A description of the assessable parcels of land within the District and proposed to be subject to the new assessment;
 - D. A description of the proportionate special and general benefits conferred on property by the proposed assessment;
 - E. A description of the boundaries of the proposed Assessment District, and
 - F. A specification of the amount to be assessed upon various types of assessable land to fund the cost of the Services.
5. **Description of Assessment District.** The Assessment District consists of the lots and parcels shown on the boundary map of the Assessment District on file with the Secretary of the Board, and reference is hereby made to such map for further particulars.
6. **Proposed Assessment Rate.** It is the intention of this Board to levy and collect assessments within the Assessment District. The estimated fiscal year 2024-25 cost of providing the Services is \$1,028,845. This cost results in a proposed assessment rate of ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY DOLLARS (\$160.00) per single-

family equivalent benefit unit for fiscal year 2024-25.

7. **Public Hearing.** The public hearing on the proposed assessment shall be held before the Board of Directors located at the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District located at 562 Casserly Rd, Watsonville, CA on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at the hour of 5 p.m. for the purpose of this Board's determination of whether the public interest, convenience and necessity require the Services and this Board's final action upon the Report and the assessments therein.
8. **Notice and Ballot.** The Board is hereby authorized and directed to cause Notice of the hearing ordered under Section 7 hereof to be given in accordance with law by mailing, postage prepaid, in the United States mail, and such Notice shall be deemed to have been given when so deposited in the mail. The envelope or cover of the mailing shall include the name of the District. The mailed Notice shall be given by such mailing by name to those persons whose names and addresses appear on the last equalized secured property tax assessment roll of the County of Santa Cruz, or in the case of any public entity, the representative of such public entity at the address thereof known to the Board Secretary. The Notice shall include, but not be limited to, the total amount of assessment proposed to be levied in the Assessment District for fiscal year 2024-25, the assessment proposed for the owner's particular parcel(s) and the duration thereof and the reason for the assessment. Each Notice shall also contain the proposed assessment and the basis upon which the amount of the assessment was calculated. Each Notice shall also contain an assessment ballot, a summary of the procedures applicable to the completion, return and tabulation of assessment ballots, the date, time, and location of the public hearing and a statement that the existence of a majority protest will result in the assessment not being imposed. The Notice herein provided shall be mailed not less than forty-five (45) days before the date of the public hearing.
9. **Additional Information.** To get additional information about the District and its proposed services under this Assessment District contact: Sean Muray, Battalion Chief, Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District of Santa Cruz County, 562 Casserly Rd, Watsonville, CA, phone number (831) 722-6188. For questions about rate calculations and methodology contact the Engineer of Work John Bliss, P.E., at 707-430-4300. The Engineer's Report and other written material about the Assessment District may also be reviewed at the Fire Station's regular business hours.
10. **Annual Assessments.** The assessments are proposed to be levied annually. If the proposed assessments are approved and confirmed by the Board of Supervisors, the assessments may increase in future years by an amount equal to the annual change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers in the San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, not to exceed 4% (four percent) per year without a further vote or balloting process. In each subsequent year in which the assessments will be levied, an updated proposed budget and assessment rate shall be prepared and considered by the Board of Directors at a noticed public

hearing. The updated budget and assessment rate shall serve as the basis for the continuation of the assessments.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District, State of California, this 11th day of January 2024 by the following vote:

AYES Murphy, Erbe, Sampson, Martone

NAYES None

ABSENT None

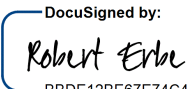
ABSTAIN None

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Robert Erbe
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