

**County Service Area 29 (CSA #29)
Paradise Cay Maintenance Dredging**

**Special Tax
Frequently Asked Questions**

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Q: What is CSA #29 Paradise Cay Maint/Drdging?

A: County Service Area 29 (CSA #29) is comprised of all parcels of real estate within the Paradise Cay community that have canal access. CSA #29 was created by the Marin County Board of Supervisors to allow residents to pass special assessments and/or special taxes to fund projects beneficial to the CSA, including dredging of the canals and waterways used by residents.

Q: What is a special tax?

A: Special taxes are levied upon parcels of real estate within a defined area for a specific purpose or project.

Q: For what are collections from the special tax used?

A: Revenue from this special tax is used to remove naturally deposited silt and mud from the canals and waterways in Paradise Cay. Removing silt and mud increases the depth of the waterways and enhances their recreational use by providing navigable access to watercrafts.

Q: What basis does the CSA have for imposing this tax?

A: On November 8, 2016, the majority of the voters in CSA #29 approved a ballot measure to tax homeowners in the CSA for navigational dredging. This voter-approved ballot measure assesses a \$1,500 per year tax for ten years, with increases limited to 3% per year.

Q. I don't own a boat, so why do I have to pay this tax?

A. Regular dredging maintains access to your property by water, even if you are not using the channels. Properties with water access are generally valued higher than similar properties that do not have this kind of access.

Q: How does the County determine the amount collected for the special tax?

A: The rate of \$1,500 per parcel is the per-original lot share of the estimated annual cost required for dredging needed to maintain navigable access in the Paradise Cay canals and waterways.

Q: How is special tax revenue collected?

A: Special taxes are collected as part of the annual property tax bill. The amount and duration of the tax are specified in the ballot measure that authorized the tax.

Q: When will the special tax end?

A: The tax will last 10 years, terminating with fiscal year 2026-27 which ends on June 30, 2027.

Q: Is there an exemption for senior citizens?

A: No. The rate is per original lot of either residential or commercially owned property. There are no exemptions based upon age.