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Marin County Board of Supervisors 3501 Civic Center Drive San Rafael, CA 94903 Mona Miyasato Chief Assistant County Administrator

SUBJECT:

Election in County Service Area #27 to Approve an Increase in the Special

Paramedic Service Tax

Dear Board Members:

RECOMMENDATION: Request Clerk to read the ordinance by title only and schedule merit hearing for June 29, 2010, at 10:30 a.m. to (a) Adopt the Ordinance increasing the Paramedic Service Tax for properties in County Service Area #27, and (b) Approve the attached Resolution and ballot language authorizing a ballot measure for properties in CSA #27 for the November 2, 2010 election.

BACKGROUND: County Service Area 27 is a member of the Ross Valley Paramedic Joint Powers Authority with the cities and towns of Ross valley and the Sleepy Hollow Fire Protection District. To meet the cost of paramedic services, the voters have approved special assessments on a number of occasions since 1983. The future cost of providing paramedic service is projected to exceed the current cap of \$48.00 set by the existing ordinance. Therefore, each member of the Authority is scheduling an election for November 2, 2010, to consider an increase in the paramedic tax cap. The tax increase is proposed to cover the projected increase in paramedic service costs over a period of four years. The maximum possible annual tax would increase from \$48.00 to \$51.50 for each living unit, and for each 1,500 square feet of structure on each developed parcel in non-residential use. The FY 2010-11 special tax would be set at the rate of \$42.50, with an annual projected rate increase of \$3.00 for each of the following three years.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact on the County general fund.

REVIEWED BY: [] Auditor Controller [X] NA

[X] County Counsel

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[] Human Resources

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Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: Ordinance for CSA 27

Resolution for CSA 27 RVPA Resolution