



Official Notice and Ballot Information Guide Madison Esparto Regional County Service Area Proposed Funding Measure

Why Did You Receive This Ballot?

Recently, the California Department of Parks and Recreation awarded Madison-Esparto Regional County Service Area, of Yolo County, with a \$2.89 million dollar grant to construct a Community Park in Esparto, complete with sports fields, picnic area and a swimming pool. However, local residents of Esparto must contribute to the annual maintenance and operations of the park facilities, or risk losing the construction grant from the State.

As required by Proposition 218, this measure will be decided by mailed ballot, which is included with this notice. It will allow property owners in the proposed Esparto Park Maintenance and Operations Assessment District (the "Assessment District") to decide whether to create a new funding mechanism to maintain the new park and aquatic center, which will provide recreation opportunities for people of all ages.

Why Is This Park Measure Being Proposed?

The community park and aquatics center cannot be permanently created unless a local funding measure for maintenance and operations of the park and aquatic center is approved. This Park Measure is being proposed to ensure that the Assessment District will be created and the new park and aquatic center will be maintained



Funding for Maintenance of New Play Fields

What Are the Public Accountability Safeguards?

If approved by property owners, the funds from this assessment can only be used for maintenance and operations of the new community park and aquatic center. They cannot be used for other purposes nor taken by the State or other local agencies. Also, the revenues and expenditures for this assessment will be presented to the public annually at a noticed Yolo County Board of Supervisors public hearing.



Funding for Maintenance of a New Aquatic Center

What Would This Measure Provide?

If the assessment is approved by property owners, the community would receive \$2.89 million dollars in grant funding from the California Department of Parks and Recreation. In addition, the proposed assessment would provide funding for:

- The maintenance and operations of a new community park and aquatic center
- Maintenance of sports fields
- Maintenance of a picnic area
- Maintenance of walking trails

Why Should You Vote?

Your vote on this matter is important because only returned ballots will be counted. Your ballot is your opportunity to participate in deciding whether local funding should be approved for the maintenance and operations of the new community park and aquatics center in the area.

What a Yes Vote Means

A yes vote means that the Assessment District will be formed and funds from assessments on properties in the District will be available for improvements and the year-round maintenance of the new park and aquatic center.

What a No Vote Means

A no vote means that the Assessment District will not be formed and funds will not be available for improvements and the year-round maintenance of the new park and aquatic center.

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How Was the Assessment Determined?

The total annual cost of improvements and the maintenance of the new community park and aquatic center to be funded by the assessments is allocated to each property based on the estimated special benefit received. The method of benefit allocation is based on the relative special benefit to a property in relation to a single family home, the type of property and its size.

An engineer's report describing the proposed maintenance and operations, method of assessment, budgets and proposed assessments for each parcel is available for review at the MERCSA, 292 West Beamer Street, Woodland, CA 95695.



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How Much Is the Proposed Assessment?

The proposed annual assessment for your property is printed on your ballot included with this notice and information guide. For single family homes, the assessment is proposed to be \$92.00 per year for Zone A and 73.60 per year for Zone B. If this proposed assessment is approved, the total amount that would be raised for fiscal year 2016-17 is approximately \$75,000.00.

Will This Assessment Increase in the Future?

In future years after 2016-17, the assessment can only be increased for inflation by an amount equal to the change in the San Francisco Bay Area Consumer Price Index. This annual increase, which must be reviewed and approved each year at a public meeting, will help keep the assessment revenues in line with the cost of maintaining the new community park and aquatic center in future years.

Preguntas en español

Si usted tiene alguna pregunta sobre este artículo informativo o cómo completar la boleta, por favor llame al (530) 666-8725.

Ballot Instructions

To complete the enclosed official ballot, mark the oval next to either Yes or No, sign the ballot, place it in the provided postage paid return envelope and mail or hand deliver it to Yolo County Board of Supervisors, 625 Court Street, Room 204, Woodland, CA 95695. Only official ballots which are signed and marked with the property owner's support or opposition and are received before the end of the public input portion of the public hearing to be held by the Yolo County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 will be counted.

If you lose your ballot, require a replacement ballot, or want to change your vote, call (530) 666-8725 for another ballot. See the enclosed ballot for additional instructions. Ballots are weighted by the proposed amount of assessment and will be tabulated accordingly by the Yolo County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors. The proposed assessment shall not be imposed if, upon the conclusion of the public hearing, weighted ballots submitted in opposition to the proposed assessment exceed the weighted ballots submitted in favor of the proposed assessment. If a majority of weighted ballots returned are in support, the proposed assessment may be levied for fiscal year 2016-17 and may be continued in future years to fund ongoing park improvements and maintenance.

Notice of Public Hearing

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 9:00 am at the Yolo County Board of Supervisors, 625 Court Street, Room 206, Woodland, CA 95695. You are invited to attend the public hearing. Ballots shall remain sealed until the public hearing portion of the Board of Supervisors meeting is closed. Tabulation of the returned ballots will commence after the close of the public hearing; it is expected that the results of the tabulation will be announced prior to the conclusion of the Board of Supervisors meeting on May 19, 2015. The Yolo County Board of Supervisors and MERCSA will consider appropriate action at that time.

Additional Information

For additional information concerning the Esparto Park Maintenance and Operations Assessment District and the proposed assessments, please contact MERCSA at



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