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Special Assessments

It is that time of year as we prepare for the **FY2023-24** tax year. This is a reminder for the placement of special assessments and bonds on the FY2023-24 tax roll. If you have contracted this task to your consulting firm/s, please provide this notice to them.

The **cut-off date** for submitting the special assessment information for the FY2023-24 tax roll is **August 10, 2023** (GC 26911). Special assessments and bonds received after this date **will not** be placed on the tax roll. **Please advise your consultant to submit your assessments by the due date.**

New for FY2023-24:

The County has transitioned to a new property tax system, County Assessment and Taxation System (CATS) to replace our in-house system, Solano County Integrated Property Tax System (SCIPS). We are requesting your submission be in the new CATS format via the <u>Public Access</u> portal site (requires log-in); therefore, please visit the new Public Access site to request a log-in. The new format will accommodate bond and non-bond items in one file.

Upon receipt of your special assessments, after you have validated the data using the Public Access portal, we will allow you to make any necessary corrections before transferring them to the roll. Once the special assessment is placed on the roll, cancellations/changes will be accepted from October 15th until March 31st of the following year.

PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS BELOW ARE ADDRESSED

When preparing your file, please note the following:

- You may combine all your project numbers for your agency in one file for Bonds and Non-Bonds in the new CATS format. If a consulting firm is submitting your charges, please ensure they submit the file for your agency in a separate upload from other agencies via the Public Access portal.
- Valid parcel numbers must be used for the special assessments. Please ensure all data are correct before submitting to our office (validation of parcel number to be done via the Public Access portal).
- **Do not include** any assessment less than \$10 on the tax roll.
- **Do not include** any property owned by Federal agencies. Federal agencies are exempt from property taxes and special assessments.

- **Do not include** any common area parcels. The Assessor's Office has coded these with a use code of 9100.
- Obtain a **project number** for <u>new</u> special assessments (first time on the tax roll). To obtain a project number, contact us at <u>Prop@solanocounty.com</u>.

When submitting on the Public Access portal (access required) please provide the following:

- A summary page with **PIN count** (Property Identification Number, formerly known as APN Assessor Parcel Number) and **total amount** to upload (see attached form).
- The name, telephone number and email of the individual who will respond to taxpayer queries regarding this levy (see attached form). This information is required and is placed on the tax bill. Without it, the levy will not be placed on the tax bill. If you contracted a consulting firm to administer this levy, obtain the name and telephone number designated by your contractor to answer questions from the taxpayers.

• <u>A copy of the Board Resolution</u>.

- A brief narrative (in MS Word format) for all new special assessments (first time on the tax roll) describing the nature of the special assessment which should include what, how, where, and why.
- Let us know if any of the project numbers listed above will **not have charges for FY2023-24, or in the future.**
- If you are a new taxing agency with us, in addition to the above items required, we will need your Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)/Automated Clearing House (ACH) banking instructions.

Please contact Rosalba De La Mora at (707) 784-6552 (<u>rdelamora@solanocounty.com</u>) or Rosemary Bettencourt at (707) 784-6413 with any questions.

Very truly yours,

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