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Measure 18-144

Antelope Meadows Special Road District

Official Title: Antelope Meadows Special Road District five-year operating levy increase

Question: Shall the Road District approve \$0.78 per \$1,000 property tax increase to Antelope Meadows for road maintenance beginning in FY2026/2027? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

Financial Impact

This measure would increase the tax rate \$0.78 per \$1,000 assessed value from its current rate of \$1.5771 per \$1,000 to a new rate of \$2.3571/\$1,000. and would increase the Road District's yearly budget by half, from about \$28,000 to \$42,000. This approximately \$14,000/year increase would increase the Road District's total budget by \$70,000 over the next five years.

NOTE: Assessed value is the value used to calculate property tax. It is shown on the property tax statement. It is NOT the same as real market value, which is the market price of the property.

Probable Results of "Yes" Vote

A "Yes" vote would allow the Road District to continue to plow, grade, and pay insurance as well as to add rock to roadways more than the current three blocks/year (including the main road on alternating years). It would allow the Road District to better address the concerns of the other roads in the neighborhood. Taxes would increase.

Probable Results of "No" Vote

A "No" vote would mean that the Road District would continue to be challenged to address the concerns of all the roads in the neighborhood, since it needs to spend sufficient funds to address the concerns of the main incoming road (Howard). Taxes would remain the same.

Background

When Antelope Meadows became established in 1984, the Road District voted to implement \$1.5771/\$1,000 of assessed value to be returned to the Road District from Klamath County property taxes. In the 40 years since then, the cost of maintaining the nearly 8 miles of road through grading, plowing, and adding rock to roadways has steadily increased, while the income from the levy has remained the same.

With the current budget, after plowing, grading, and insurance, there is enough left to add rock to roadways at a rate of 3 blocks/year. Because of alternating years addressing the main incoming road (Howard), it's becoming more challenging to address all of the concerns of the other roads in the neighborhood.

The Proposal

By approving a \$0.78 per \$1,000 increase to the Antelope Meadows property tax contribution, voters will allow the Road District to meet the increased costs of grading, plowing and adding rock to the roadways in the neighborhood. The Road District's total budget during this 5-year period will increase from \$140,000 to \$210,000.

There is no organized support for or opposition to this measure.