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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: November 13, 2018
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Jessica Hankins, Public Works Project Manager
SUBJECT: **Resolution of Intent to Amend the Special Taxes for the Existing Darkhorse Permanent Road Division and Conduct an Election - District 2**

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Funds will be collected annually from special taxes charged to all parcels within the Permanent Road Division. There is no impact on the General Fund, and no budget amendment is needed.

BACKGROUND: In 2002, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors approved Resolution 02-518 forming the Darkhorse Permanent Road Division (PRD), and in 2005 and 2011 the Board approved Resolutions 05-280 and 11-429, annexing two more parcels totaling approximately 112 acres into the PRD. There are currently 214 single-family residential lots within the Darkhorse PRD taxed at \$298 annually, and one property containing the golf course and clubhouse taxed at \$6,600 per year.

In late 2017, the Darkhorse Homeowners' Association (HOA) approached County staff with an interest in amending the existing special tax in order to ensure that the PRD fund can keep pace with inflation and continue to provide for long-term maintenance of PRD roads. Staff advised the PRD members that an annual inflationary adjustment correlating to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) could be added to the existing special tax to ensure that PRD roads would be maintained to existing levels in perpetuity. The Darkhorse HOA formally requested that the County initiate the process to apply an annual inflationary adjustment to the existing Darkhorse PRD special tax.

There is a concurrent request by a majority of Retherford Road residents to annex their properties into the Darkhorse PRD. This annexation request is unrelated to the CPI adjustment and is being processed separately. Properties annexing into the Darkhorse PRD would also be subject to the annual CPI adjustment, however.

If this Resolution of Intent is approved, a public hearing notice and ballots will be mailed to property owners within the Darkhorse PRD no later than November 21, 2018, and a public hearing to hold a Proposition 218 election will be held on January 8, 2019.

Item Initiated by: Jessica Hankins, Public Works Project Manager
Approved by: Trisha Tillotson, Director of Public Works

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