COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS POLICY

Subject: MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENTS

Policy:

Establish procedures for responding to ballots for municipal assessments on county-owned real property.

1. With the passage of Prop 218, it was required that property owned or used by a government agency would not be exempt from an assessment unless the agency can demonstrate by clear and convincing evidence that such publicly owned parcels in fact receive no special benefit.

2. All assessment ballots received by county departments, agencies or districts for county-owned real property, including property in the name of the Regional Park and Open Space District, Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Waste Management District and Redevelopment Agency, shall be forwarded to the Facilities Management Department.

3. In concert with County Counsel, assessments shall be evaluated for compliance with the provisions of Prop 218, to determine if the required engineer’s report establishes a legally sufficient nexus between the special benefit identified and the property being assessed.

4. The Facilities Management Department shall additionally consult with the Executive Office and the office of the supervisory district in which the assessment is proposed to be levied in order to ascertain any pertinent information relating to the ballot measure.

5. When the above procedure is completed, a recommendation on the ballot measure shall be formulated and be placed on the Board of Supervisors agenda for policy decision.

Reference:
Minute Order 3.2 of 07/16/02
Minute Order 3.3 of 04/10/07