



FACT SHEET

COUNTY SERVICE AREA (CSA) 126



Revenue Sources and Services Provided:

- **Ad Valorem Property Tax (General Property Tax)**
 - Funds street lighting
 - Landscape maintenance at Center St off-ramp/Orange Grove/Iowa Ave

Developed Properties Existing Pre-1997 Special Assessment Vote

- **Special Assessments**
 - **\$120/parcel** voter approved assessment funds **extended sheriff service and Highgrove Park maintenance and operations**

For New Developments

- Special assessment reports known as an Engineer's Report for each individual development project determines the level of service, the cost for those services, and the annual special assessment amount per home. New communities (i.e. Spring Mountain Ranch, The Heights, Meridian Pointe, etc.) have an assessment unique to each new community. The range among new development is **\$554.42 to \$3,005.54**. These assessments cover the cost for services including **landscape maintenance along the public streets, maintenance of water quality basins, trail systems, and parks** within those communities. Each community pays specifically for the services provided within that residential development in addition to the original \$120/parcel for extended sheriff. The acceptance of the report and special assessments by the developer acts as voter approval and is inherited by homeowners upon purchase of homes.



COUNTY SERVICE AREA 126 HISTORY



- County Service Area (CSA) 126 was formed in 1978 for street lighting.
- In 1991, Board Resolution 91-180 added municipal services available through California CSA Law including: Landscape Maintenance, Park and Recreation, and Extended Sheriff Services. These services must be beyond the standard level of services provided by the County.
- In 1997 residents within CSA 126 voted to continue an annual \$120/parcel special assessment for the purpose of funding extended sheriff services and park maintenance.
- In 2009, as contractual rates for a dedicated sheriff's deputy (\$168,000 with annual increase of ~5%) continued to outpace the revenue collected for extended sheriff services (\$120/parcel x 1070 parcels = \$128,400), CSA Administration informed the CSA 126 Municipal Advisory Committee that the dedicated sheriff deputy would be halted while the CSA 126 fund balance recuperated. Once the fund balance was restored to a healthy balance, a new approach to the provision of extended sheriff services would be implemented.
- In addition to the cost of service outpacing the revenue collected, the Highgrove region had grown to a size that warranted a general fund deputy in accordance with the County standard goal of 1 deputy/1,000 residents. With this standard in place, it is a violation of CSA Law to fund a dedicated deputy in order to supplement County general fund obligations. CSA services must be provided at an enhanced level.
- In 2015, CSA 126 entered into an agreement with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department to provide enhanced targeted enforcement throughout the CSA 126 service area, on a billable basis, not to exceed the revenue collected for enhanced sheriff services.
- Current number of parcels in CSA 126 = 1,927. \$120 per parcel x 1,927 parcels = \$231,240
- Current cost for full time deputy = \$253,708. The current revenue generated by the special assessment within CSA 126 for extended sheriff services does not generate sufficient revenue to support a full-time deputy dedicated to CSA 126.

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