

## **Interoffice Memo**

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**SUBJECT** 

COUNTY COUNSEL ANALYSIS – MORONGO VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON JUNE 7, 2016

Measure \_\_\_\_\_ is submitted to the voters by the Morongo Valley Community Service District ("District") to authorize the District to convert a current benefit assessment of 3% per year which has been in effect since 2002, into a special parcel tax of \$350 each year, adjusted for inflation, to be assessed on all taxable real property within the District to use in funding fire protection and paramedic services provided by the District. A yes vote by two-thirds of the voters within the District on this measure will authorize the Board of Directors of the District to convert the 3% assessment into a special parcel tax of \$350 per year beginning in the 2016-2017 fiscal year. This assessment will be used to provide fire suppression, protection, prevention, rescue, advance life support paramedics, and other emergency services within the District, and for any related incidental expenses.

The assessment will be levied against all taxable real property within the District on July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, beginning on July 1, 2016. The special tax will be adjusted annually for inflation based on the Consumer Price Index for the Los Angeles/Riverside/Orange County region, and shall be collected by the County of San Bernardino in the same manner as county property taxes.

If fewer than two-thirds of the voters approve this measure, the Board of Directors of the District will not be authorized to convert the current 3% Morongo Valley Fire and Rescue Assessment into a special parcel tax of \$350 each year, and real property in the district will continue to be assessed in the amount of 3% per year.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure \_\_\_\_\_. If you desire a copy of the measure, please call the Morongo Valley Community Services District at (760) 363-6454 and a copy will be mailed to you at no cost.

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