

Rancho residents willing to pay more for road repairs?

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Calaveras County has begun a survey to determine whether residents in communities such as Rancho Calaveras want to pay more money for additional road improvements.

The Board of Supervisors has directed public works staff to survey County Service Area property owners to determine if they would be interested in having their current per-parcel assessment fee raised to fund additional road improvements and a higher level of on-going maintenance in their service area.

Rancho is one of five such County Service Areas or districts in the county. It is also the largest of the CSAs encompassing 47 miles of maintained roads and is located in Supervisor District 5. The other CSAs are Bar XX, Diamond XX, Springs Hills and Golden Hills.

Rancho residents currently have annual assessments to the road improvement fund ranging from \$19 to \$38. In all the Rancho CSA collects nearly \$250,000 annually and had a fund balance of \$495,729 at the end of 2021.

Public works invites CSA property owners to participate in the survey and provide their input. Property owners will find the survey posted to the Calaveras County Public Works homepage. Submissions will only be accepted from CSA property owners with one submission per parcel.

The homepage is at <https://publicworks.calaverasgov.us/>. On the banner at the top of the page, hover your cursor over the CSA tab. A drop-down menu will appear with the names of the CSA and you will be directed to the survey instructions. The link to your CSA's survey will be at the top of that page.

The survey will conclude at 11:59 p.m. on March 31 and the results are scheduled to be presented April 26 to the Board of Supervisors for them to decide whether or not to move forward with the additional fees.

Contact Jacob Lile, public works analyst at jlile@co.calaveras.ca.us or (209) 754-6401 with any questions about the survey.