

**THE INDEPENDENCE RANCH COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT (“DISTRICT”) GIVES NOTICE that:**

**1. Purpose of Assessment.** The District is proposing to increase the roads assessment amount for all properties within the District, including for your property or properties. The purpose of this assessment is to fund needed road improvements needed throughout the District, including those outlined in the engineer’s report.

**THIS IS A SECOND, FINAL BALLOT TO AUTHORIZE THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT. EVEN IF YOU VOTED IN THE PREVIOUS BALLOT, WE ASK THAT YOU VOTE AGAIN.**

**2. The Assessment.** The increase of the proposed annual assessment to be levied on each parcel within the District is from the current rate of \$500 per year per parcel to \$750 per year per parcel. This will begin with a \$150 increase in FY 2024/25, an additional \$50 in FY 2025/26, and a final increase of \$50 in FY 2026/27.

	<u>2024/25</u>	<u>2025/26</u>	<u>2026/27 (and onward)</u>
<i>Total Proposed Assessment (per parcel):</i>	\$650	\$700	\$750
<i>Total Amount of Assessment Chargeable Within the District (ALL parcels in District):</i>	\$81,900	\$88,200	\$94,500

If approved, the assessment will be collected annually until the District determines that the assessment is no longer necessary. As long as the assessment in any year subsequent to FY 2026/27 does not exceed the amount adjusted as set forth above, the District may impose the assessment for that year without giving additional mailed notice or conducting a further balloting proceeding. A copy of the Engineer’s Report, along with additional information about this assessment, is available on the District’s website at [iranchcsd.org](http://iranchcsd.org).

**3. Public Hearing.** On Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at 6:30 PM at the Estrella Warbirds Museum Meeting Hall, 4251 Dry Creek Rd, Paso Robles, CA 93446, the District Board of Directors will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed assessment, and, at that time, receive public testimony, hear protests, tabulate the Assessment Ballots and the take final action on the levy of the assessment.

**4. Assessment Ballot.** At any time before the end of the public input portion of the Public Hearing, you may submit the Assessment Ballot, which is the upper part of this Notice, to the District General Manager. Ballots may be mailed or hand delivered to the mailbox located at 6289 Hawk Ridge Place, San Miguel, CA 93451, before 5:00 PM on Monday, May 13, 2024. You may also hand deliver your Ballot to the General Manager before the close of the Public Hearing. Ballots must be *received* by the General Manager before these deadlines to be counted. Postmark dates will not be considered.

**To complete your ballot, please mark the Ballot either “In Favor of Assessment” or “Oppose Assessment;” sign the Ballot and print your name and date; and place and seal it in the included return envelope. You may return the Ballot by mail or by hand delivery to the address on the ballot. Any Ballot returned unmarked, unsigned, or not sealed in an envelope will not be counted.**

The Ballot may be submitted, changed, or withdrawn by the person submitting it at any time before the end of the Public Hearing. If you need a replacement Ballot, please contact the General Manager.

The assessment will not be imposed if, upon tabulation of returned ballots, a majority protest exists. A majority protests exists if the Ballots submitted in opposition to the assessment exceed the Ballots submitted in favor of the assessment, with Ballots weighted according to the proportional financial obligation of the affected properties. Each parcel receives one vote. Therefore, a person who owns multiple parcels will have their ballot weighed accordingly.

**5. More Information.** More information, including supporting materials, is on the District website at [iranchcsd.org](http://iranchcsd.org).