

'Special District' Government Is Increasing on State-County Level

The special district concept of local government has sustained a remarkable growth the past decade, a fact that is reflected by the 3038 such districts in existence in California at the end of the 1958-59 fiscal year.

This is the first time that the total number of special districts in the state has exceeded 3,000, according to State Controller Alan Cranston. Total for the prior year was 2,962.

Cranston's office issued a 439-page report that summarizes the financial operation of the districts for 1958-59. It shows their total income to have been \$287,525,865 while total expenditures amounted to \$264,297,593.

"It is not surprising to find that Californians rely heavily on the special district form of government," Cranston said. "Probably nowhere else in the United States is the trend toward urbanization more pronounced than it is here."

"This centralization of population breeds public needs, and only through special districts can many of these needs be satisfied."

Cranston said 1108 of the districts were governed by county supervisors and the other 1930 by local boards.

Of the total income, services accounted for 53 per cent, taxes and assessments for 38 per cent, subventions and grants for 3 per cent, and miscellaneous sources for 6 per cent.

On the expenditure side, salaries and wages accounted for 37 per cent, other operating expenses for 36 per cent, and capital outlay for 27 per cent.

Total bonded indebtedness of the districts at the end of the 1958-59 fiscal year was \$871,329,431, an increase of \$205,315,230 over the prior year.

The districts carried on 66 different classes of activity. Major groupings included 451 districts for fire protection, 429 for highway lighting, 168 for lighting maintenance, 251 for cemeteries, and 160 each for soil conservation and county water.

Those counties with more than a hundred special districts within their boundaries included Los Angeles with 347, Sacramento with 154, Fresno with 131, San Joaquin, 127, Contra Costa with 126, San Diego with 125, and San Bernardino with 103.

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY TO THE DOLORES LIGHTING DISTRICT AND TO ESTABLISH SAID TERRITORY AS TEMPORARY ZONE 3
PETITION NO. 68-60

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 22nd day of November, 1960, a petition was filed with the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, proposing that the territory hereinafter described be annexed to the Dolores Lighting District, pursuant to the provisions of the Highway Lighting District Act (Division 14, Part 4 of the Streets and Highways Code of the State of California.) The text of the petition is as follows:

COST ESTIMATE FOR STREET LIGHTS

This estimate includes the total maintenance and operation cost, steel pole and differential to be paid in two equal payments, one payment to be made each fiscal year for two years. The amounts will be added to the County tax bill.

First Year Taxed

Steel Standards—one-half of cost differential for 14 standards at \$82.00 each. Amount to be paid by zone..... \$1,148.00
Average Monthly maintenance and operation cost..... 75.00
This amount will be paid by the Dolores Lighting District.

Estimated tax rate for Lighting District..... \$0.30 per \$100 assessed valuation
Estimated tax rate for zone..... \$0.60 per \$100 assessed valuation
Total estimated tax rate for the first year..... \$0.90 per \$100 assessed valuation

Second Year Taxed

Steel Standards—one-half of cost differential for 14 standards at \$82.00 each. Amount to be paid by zone..... \$1,148.00
Average Monthly maintenance and operation cost..... 75.00
This amount will be paid by the Dolores Lighting District.

Estimated tax rate for Lighting District..... \$0.30 per \$100 assessed valuation
Estimated tax rate for zone..... \$0.60 per \$100 assessed valuation
Total estimated tax rate for the second year..... \$0.90 per \$100 assessed valuation

Third Year Taxed

Total maintenance and operation cost..... \$ 900.00
Average Monthly maintenance and operation cost..... 75.00
This amount will be paid by the Dolores Lighting District.

Total estimated tax rate for Lighting District..... \$0.30 per \$100 assessed valuation
No tax levy fall zone.

Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles

We, the undersigned, respectfully request that the area designated by the accompanying map and description be annexed to the Dolores Lighting District, and that street lights indicated on said map be installed utilizing steel standards with overhead wiring EXCEPT AT LOCATIONS WHERE THERE ARE EXISTING WOOD POLES which may be used for street lights, and maintained; and declare:

That we are the owners of real property within that certain territory hereinafter described, representing at least twenty-five per cent of the assessed valuation of the real property in said territory; and

That the total number of the owners of real property in said territory is 70 and the assessed valuation of said property as shown by the last equalized assessment roll of Los Angeles County is \$278,850 and

That the territory is noncontiguous to the Dolores Lighting District territory of Los Angeles County, but is not within the limits of any lighting district; and

We further request: (1) that if the territory herein described or any part thereof is annexed to the Dolores Lighting District, said annexed territory be established as a temporary zone for the purpose of levying a special tax therein to finance the cost of installing street lights on steel standards; (2) that the temporary zone be formed immediately upon the annexation of said territory to the district and that said zone remain in existence until expiration of the first two complete fiscal years in which it is possible to levy a special tax within the zone for the purposes petitioned.

We understand that the approximate cost to the annexed territory during the time it is a temporary zone is as shown on the face sheet of this petition.

We declare: that we are the owners of real property within that certain territory hereinafter described, representing at least 60% of the assessed valuation of said property as shown by last equalized assessment roll of Los Angeles County; that the territory is noncontiguous to the Dolores Lighting District territory of Los Angeles County and is not within the limits of any lighting district.

The boundaries of said territory are described as follows:

ANNEXATION TO DOLORES LIGHTING DISTRICT

Temporary Zone 3

Beginning at the intersection of the center line of Figueroa Street, as said center line is shown on map of Tract No. 23667 recorded in Book 629, pages 45, 44 and 45 of Maps, in the office of the Recorder of the County of Los Angeles; with the westerly prolongation of the most northerly line of said tract; thence easterly in a direct line through the northeasterly corner of Lot 65 of said tract to the center line of Moneta Avenue, as said last mentioned center line is shown on said map; thence southerly along said last mentioned center line to the easterly prolongation of the southerly line of Lot 84 of Tract No. 2612, as shown on map recorded in Book 46, pages 5 and 6 of said Maps; thence westerly along said prolongation and southerly line to the southwesterly corner of said last mentioned lot; thence southerly along the easterly line of Lot 84 of said last mentioned tract to a line that is parallel with and 160 feet southerly, measured at right angles, from the northerly line of said last mentioned lot; thence westerly along said parallel line to said center line of Figueroa Street; thence northerly along said last mentioned center line to the point of beginning.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Thursday, the 15th day of December, 1960, at the hour of 9:30 o'clock a.m. has been fixed as the time, and the Hearing Room of the Board of Supervisors, Room 381, Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street (Corner Temple Street and Grand Avenue), Los Angeles 12, California, has been fixed as the place when and where any and all persons having objections to the proposed annexation may appear before said Board of Supervisors and show cause why said proposed annexation should not be made in accordance with said Resolution of Intention.

GORDON T. NESVIG
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
Torrance Press, Thursday, December 1, 1960.

Ascot's Big Four On Sprint Car Program Sunday

A. J. Foyt, Jim Hurtubise, Parnelli Jones and Don Branson rate as the "Big Four" in a field of the nation's top ranked drivers for the USAC sanctioned sprint car program next Sunday afternoon (Dec. 4) at Ascot Stadium, Gardena. Racing starts at 2:30 o'clock qualifying at 1 p.m., and 14 cars will be flagged off in the 40-lap main event around the fast half-mile track.

J. C. Agajanian, who is bringing the first nationally sanctioned sprint car races to the Southland since 1952, has posted a guaranteed purse of \$5000 against 40% of the gate to attract his brilliant field. The program, first set as a night event Nov. 5, has been twice postponed and Aggis is hopeful of better cooperation from the weather man for the daylight speed-fest.

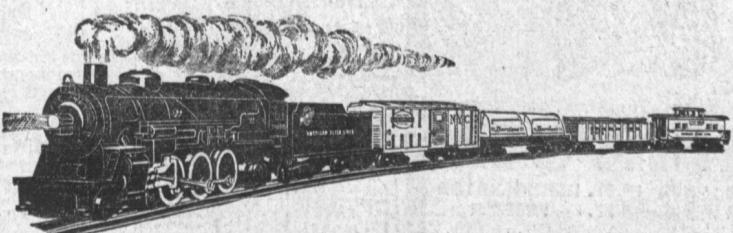
National Champion Foyt, of Houston, Tex., who wheels the potent A. J. Watson 220 Offy, enters Sunday's program as the National Driving Champion and the Eastern sprint car winner of 1960; Hurtubise, of Lennox, fastest Indy qualifier in history, finished third in the East and fifth in the Midwest; Jones, of Torrance, ran away with the Midwest championship by capturing seven of the 13 races, while Branson, Champaign, Ill., was runnerup in both the East and Midwest.

Jones and Hurtubise will drive their Chevy powered sprinters that outran the fabled Offys on the Eastern and Midwestern circuits. Parnelli in the Fike Special stock-block Chevy, was clocked at 100.840 m.p.h. in winning at Dayton, Ohio, last August to become the first driver in history to average more than 100 m.p.h. for a 30-lap race on a half-mile saucer.

In addition to qualifying and the 40-lap feature, Sunday's program includes the opening three-lap trophy dash for the fastest qualifiers, 15-lap semi-main and three eight-lap heats.

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