## COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.
C-13

For the meeting of: September 9, 2014
Date: $\quad$ August 15, 2014
To: Board of Supervisors
From: John Bartholomew, Treasurer-Tax Collector y/2
Subject: RESOLUTION TO SELL TAX-DEFAULTED PROPERTIES VIA SEALED BID

## RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve Resolution \# $\qquad$ (Attachment 1) for sale of properties tax-defaulted, subiect to sale.
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to provide the Treasurer-Tax Collector with four certified copies of the Resolution by September 16, 2014.

## SOURCE OF FUNDING:

General Fund - Revenue from sale will pay costs.

## DISCUSSION:

Notice is hereby given of the Tax Collector's intention to sell tax defaulted properties through a sealed bid sale. The properties will be sold for the stated minimum price or more if higher bids are received. Those tax defaulted properties subject to the power of sale are described on the attached Authorization and Report of Sales (Attachment 2) in accordance with Chapter 7 of Part 6 of Division 1 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code. These properties subject to sale are all located in the Shelter Cove Resort Improvement District and will only be offered to contiguous parcel owners who must, if they have the successful bid, combine the sale parcel with their own parcel as a condition of the sealed bid sale process.


Every property being offered in this sale has been through the regular tax auction process at least twice without any minimum bids being received from potential bidders. The Tax Collectors office has therefore rendered these parcels as unusable by their size, location, or condition per Revenue and Taxation Code 3692(c) and has therefore reduced the minimum bid amounts to little more than the costs of taking them through the sealed bid process.

As stated in 3692(c) "If the parcel is sold to a contiguous property owner, the tax collector shall require that the successful bidder request the assessor and the planning director to combine the unusable parcel with the bidder's own parcel as a condition of sale". The combining of parcels is the objective of this sale whereby they will then be removed from the tax rolls as individually assessed parcels and become part of parcels whose owners are current with their taxes and most likely will remain so into the future. This result will be much more cost effective over time versus trying to collect on parcels which have proven to be uncollectable in the past.

## FINANCIAL IMPACT:

All costs of the sale will be reimbursed from sale proceeds. The net effect, if all parcels are sold, is that the County will not collect $\$ 77,016.92$ in taxes owed on these parcels; but the County in turn will realize significant cost savings by not having to assess or try to collect taxes on these unusable parcels which have been proven to be uncollectable in the past.

## OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None.

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:
Continue to try and collect taxes on these unusable parcels.
ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution
2. Authorization and Report of Sales

ATTACHMENT 1

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA Certified copy of portion of proceedings, Meeting of September 9, 2014

RESOLUTION NO. 14-64

## RESOLUTION APPROVING SALE OF PROPERTIES TAX-DEFAULTED AND SUBJECT TO SALE

WHEREAS, the properties shown in Attachment 2 are tax defaulted and subject to sale.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:
Pursuant to the above notice and request, we resolve that approval for said sale is hereby granted. Tax Collector is directed to sell the property described in said Notice as provided for by law pursuant to Chapter 7 of Part 6 of Division 1 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code.

Dated: September 9, 2014


Adopted on motion by Supervisor Bass, seconded by Supervisor Fennell, and the following vote:
AYES: Supervisors Sundberg, Lovelace, Bohn, Fennell, Bass
NAYS: Supervisors --
ABSENT: Supervisors --
ABSTAIN: Supervisors --

## STATE OF CALIFORNIA ) <br> County of Humboldt )

I, KATHY HAYES, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Humboldt, State of California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true, and correct copy of the original made in the above-entitled matter by said Board of Supervisors at a meeting held in Eureka, California as the same now appears of record in my Office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Board of Supervisors.


By ANA HARTWELL
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt, State of California

ATTACHMENT 2

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