# Session Four

# Current Application of Land-Secured Financing Districts

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CURRENT TOPICS AND PRACTICES IN LAND-SECURED AND DEVELOPMENT FINANCE

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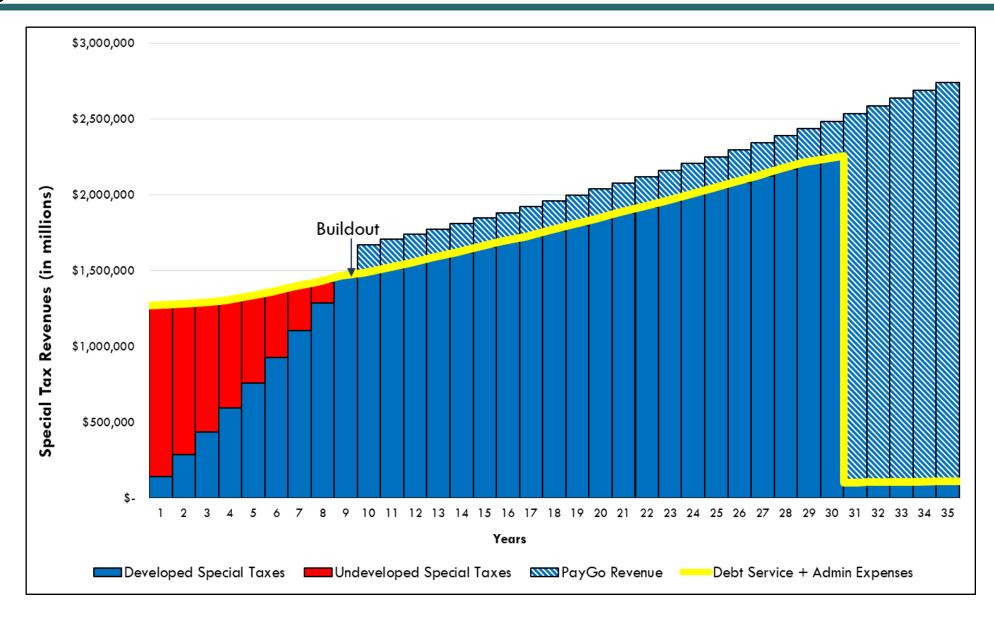
### **New Trends in Mello-Roos CFDs**

- PayGo Revenues
- Extended Term
- Transition of Facilities Tax to Services Tax
- Annexable Services CFDs
- Contingent Special Tax

# Pay-As-You-Go Revenues (PayGo)

- PayGo = special tax revenues remaining after payment of debt service and administrative expenses
- Maximum special tax levied on Developed Property, not Undeveloped Property
- Little or no PayGo in initial years of development
- Available from 10% coverage, savings after refundings, and retirement of bonds

### PayGo Revenues



### **Uses of PayGo Revenues**

- Continued acquisition of facilities (reimbursement to developer) after bond issuance
- Payment of facility costs in later years of development
- Repair/replacement of facilities funded from bond issues
- Deferred maintenance if services special tax is delayed or not required
- Contribution to major projects for which funding can be delayed (e.g., sea level rise improvements, transit, interchange)

### **PayGo Policy Considerations**

- Term of collection of maximum special tax
- Use of PayGo Revenues
- Beneficiaries of bond refundings
  - Taxpayers = reduction in special taxes levied
  - Developers = additional reimbursements
  - Public agency = funding of facilities and/or maintenance

### **Extended Term**

- Sunset date for special tax is well past retirement of initial bonds
  - Historically, CFDs with multiple bond issues had 35 to 45-year terms
  - Now, 60 to 100-year term of facilities special tax
- Useful only if facilities can be funded well into the future
  - PayGo or additional bond issues
  - After 30 years, use "recycled bonding capacity"
  - Multiple tranches of bonds, each with 30-year term
- Impacts prepayment options

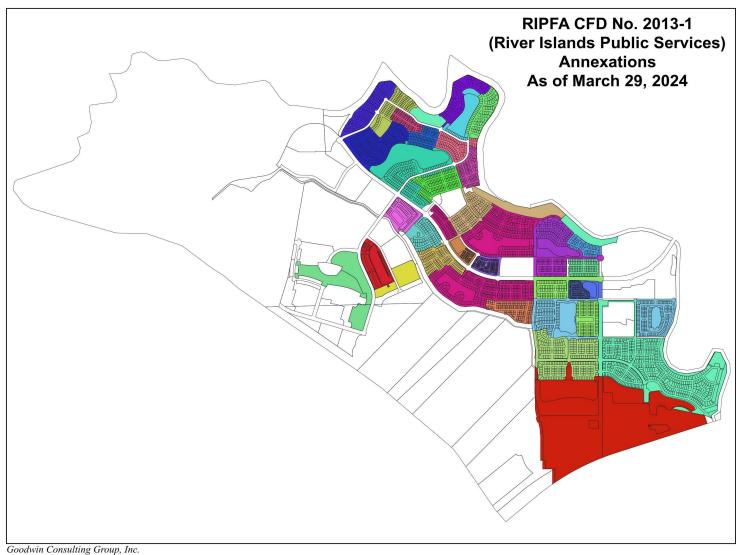
### **Transition of Facilities Tax to Services Tax**

- Reserves capacity in initial years for infrastructure and community facilities
- Provides revenues in perpetuity for maintenance, repair & replacement, and public services
- "Transition Event" usually occurs at the earlier of: (i) all bonds repaid and facilities fully funded or (ii) all bonds repaid and sunset date for facilities tax
- Must transition to avoid 2% cap on escalation and requirement for a sunset date
- Need to consider transition in prepayment formula for facilities special tax

### **Annexable Services CFDs**

- Quick and cost-effective mechanism to comply with condition of development to fund maintenance and/or public services
- One or more parcels in initial CFD boundaries, with projects annexing as condition needs to be met
- Future Annexation Area can be entire jurisdiction and even sphere of influence
- Initial CFD can be "Tax Zone 1" with future tax zones established upon annexation if different tax rates are needed
- Maximum special tax may have multiple components for different cost items
- With each annexation, one or more components can be changed

### **Annexable Services CFD**



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### **Contingent Special Tax**

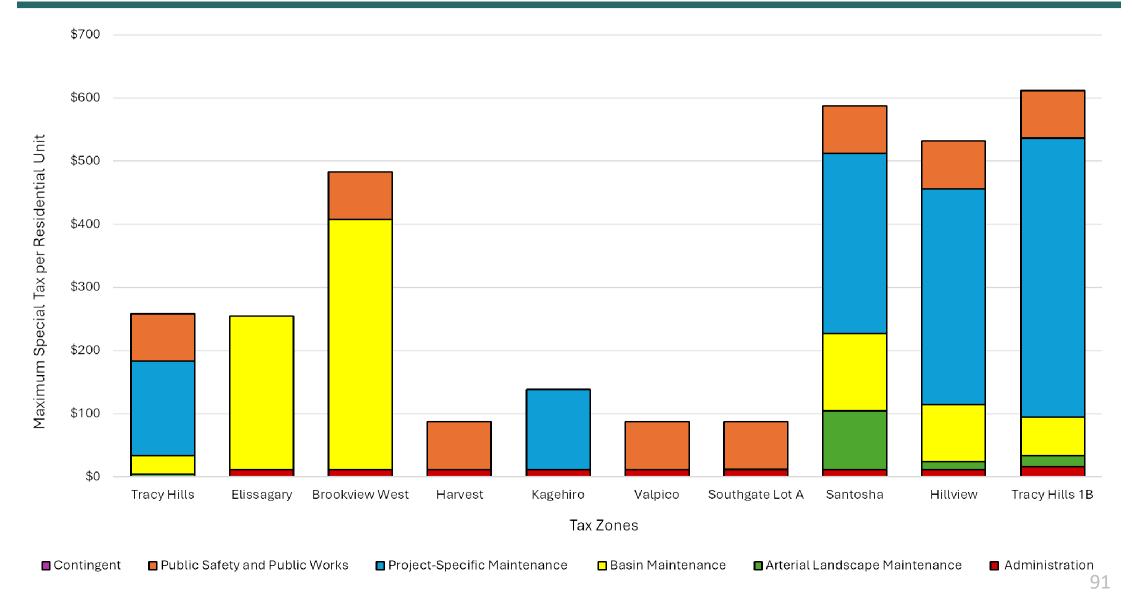
- Used when public agency is concerned about continuation of services being provided by an owners association
- Kicks in if and when association does not provide required service(s) or provides substandard level of service
- "Trigger Event" is defined in RMA
- Contingent Special Tax must be disclosed to homebuyers

# **Case Studies**

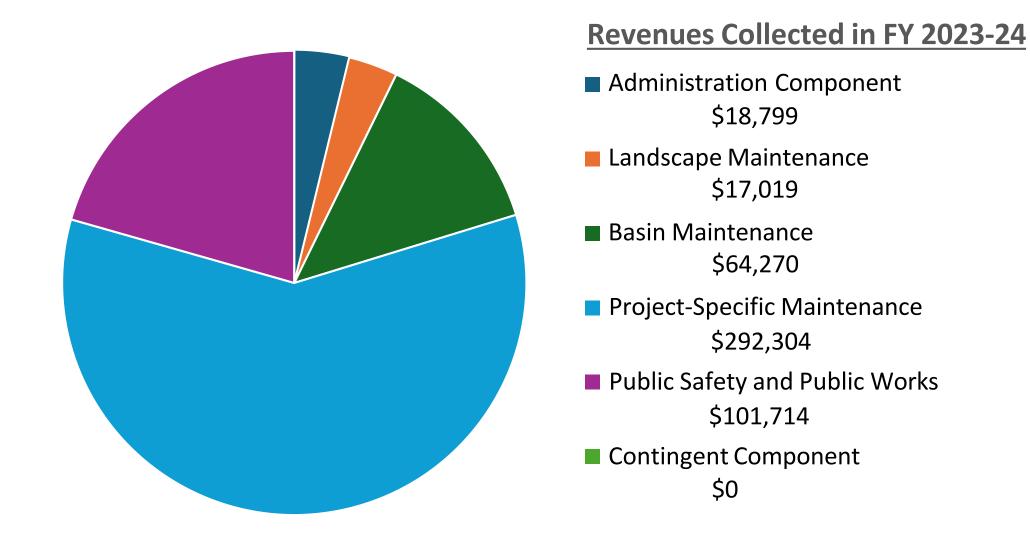
### **City of Tracy: Citywide Services CFD**

- All new developments in Tracy are conditioned to fund maintenance and public services
- Original CFD formed in 2018 with replacement formed in 2021 to add more authorized services
- 14 annexations to date, all creating a new tax zone
- Six different components making up one maximum special tax
- Two components are the same in almost every zone, other four vary by zone
- Escalator = lesser of increase in CPI or 4%
- In fiscal year 2023-24, CFDs generated almost \$500K in aggregate special tax revenues.

# **City of Tracy: Citywide Services CFD**



### **City of Tracy: Citywide Services CFD**



# Treasure Island: Case Study of a Modern CFD

- Improvement Areas
- Future Annexation Area
- PayGo
- Extended Term
- Adjustment of Maximum Tax prior to First Bond Issue
- Transition of Facilities Special Tax to Services Special Tax



## Redevelopment of Treasure Island

#### Former U.S. Navy station from 1941 to 1997

#### Yerba Buena Island

- 150 acres natural island
- Anchors Bay Bridge

#### **Treasure Island**

- •400 acre man-made island
- Hosted 1939 International Golden Gate Exhibition



### **Treasure Island Planned Redevelopment**



#### **Expansive Development Plan**

- Up to 8,000 homes, 25% below market
- 240,000 sq ft of retail, office, and commercial uses
- Ferry terminal and 400-slip marina
- Parks and open space



### **Treasure Island Infrastructure Needs**

#### Significant upfront infrastructure costs

- Geotechnical stabilization of soils on manmade island and sea level rise mitigations
- Modern utility systems
- Rebuilt Causeway connecting the Islands
- Streets, bikepaths, pedestrian trails
- New Ferry Terminal
- Expansive parks and open spaces
- Over \$700 million invested to date

#### Future capital and maintenance needs

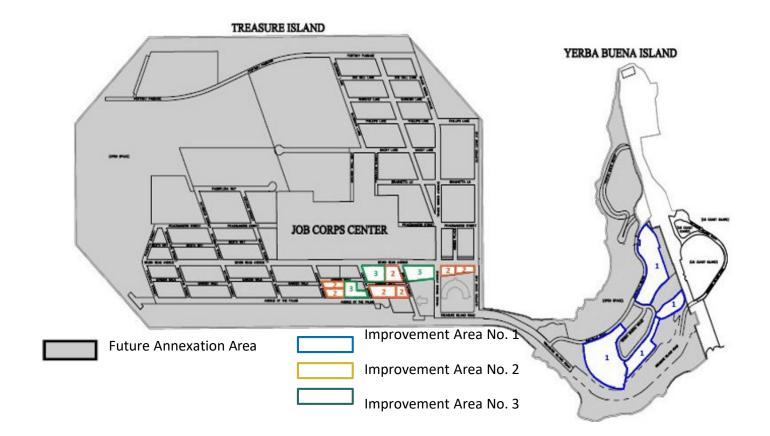
- Uncertain future Sea Level Rise improvements
- Ongoing maintenance of parks, infrastructure, and Sea Level Rise improvements





# San Francisco CFD No. 2016-1 (Treasure Island)

- Formed in 2017 with \$5 billion authorization
- Improvement Area No. 1 (Yerba Buena Island) and a Future Annexation Area
- Additional property has since annexed into Improvement Areas No. 2 and No. 3



### Treasure Island: Case Study of a Modern CFD

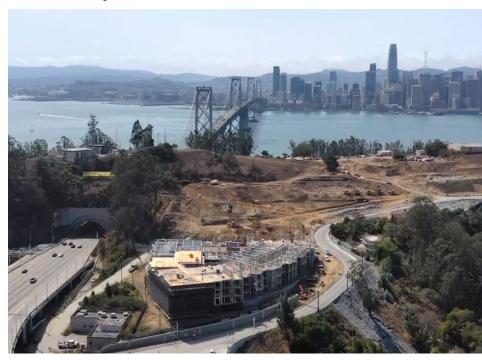
- Developer anticipating 8 improvement areas (IAs)
  - Three IAs formed to date; future IAs established when property annexes into CFD
- Financing Plan provided for 999-year facilities special tax term
  - Ultimately set at 100 years for each IA, then transitions to services special tax.
- Negotiated application of PayGo Revenues:
  - First 42 years = acquisition of infrastructure from developer
  - Years 43-100 = facilities and improvements determined by City, including Sea Level Rise (SLR) improvements
- "Transition Event" = earlier of (i) all bonds repaid and SLR capital reserve fully funded, or (ii) all bonds repaid and facilities tax levied for 100 years
  - Facilities special tax is then reduced to \$0
  - Services special tax equal to 26% of facilities special tax prior to transition kicks in

### **Treasure Island: CFD Bond Sales to Date**

#### **Improvement Area No. 1**

- \$17 million inaugural sale in October 2020
- \$40 million parity sale in July 2021
- 124 units completed, 31 units nearing completion

#### **Development Status as of October 2020**



#### **Improvement Area No. 2**

- \$25 million sale in January 2022
- \$17 million parity sale in December 2023
- 576 units under construction

#### Aerial as of late 2021

