

Benefit Assessment Report
for
Streetlighting Services in County Service Area 3
Unincorporated Goleta and Unincorporated Santa Barbara

(Fiscal Year 2015-2016)

County Service Area 3 (Fund 2120)

CSA 3 was formed July 23, 1962 by Resolution No. 22409 and encompasses the urbanized area between the cities of Goleta and Santa Barbara. Powers it may exercise, as recognized by the Santa Barbara Local Area Formation Commission (LAFCO) include streetlighting, open space and park maintenance, and enhanced library services. Streetlighting is funded with 100 percent of the benefit assessment revenue and the remainder with property taxes. In addition, zones of benefit may also be created when land is being subdivided to ensure that streetlighting costs associated with new development are adequately covered. Park and open space services are funded by property taxes. A separate benefit assessment funds library services. The subject of this report is specific to streetlighting.

CSA 3 currently has 1,344 streetlights. The poles and fixtures are owned by Southern California Edison (SCE), which bills monthly for their operation and maintenance. Streetlights are added to the system through development (pursuant to Resolution 81-229) or other sources of funds and must meet County Engineering Design Standards. The \$24.00 benefit assessment rate is expected to generate approximately \$200,496. The benefit assessment rate is factored based on the various land uses as shown:

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>FACTOR</u>
Vacant farm land	0.5
Residential (single and condos)	1.0
Residential (duplex, triplex)	3.0
Apartments, courts	6.0
Heavy commercial	9.0
Light commercial	3.0
Industrial	6.0
Churches, miscellaneous, other	2.0
Government exempt	0.0