

# Benefit Assessment Report for Streetlighting Services in the North County Lighting District Los Alamos, Casmalia, Orcutt, Unincorporated Santa Maria, Unincorporated Lompoc

(Fiscal Year 2015-2016)

North County Lighting District (Fund 2670)

The Board adopted Resolutions 94-307 and 94-308 to approve the consolidation and annexation of certain territories receiving streetlighting services in the north county to the Santa Barbara North County Lighting District. The Santa Barbara Local Area Formation Commission (LAFCO) approved these actions pursuant to LAFCO Resolutions 94-7 and 94-8 respectively. These actions consolidated the Casmalia, Orcutt, and Los Alamos streetlighting districts as well as annexing the streetlighting functions of County Service Area 4 (unincorporated Lompoc) and County Service Area 5 (unincorporated Santa Maria), all of which are served by PG&E. Streetlighting is the only service provided by this district. CSA 4 and CSA 5 also provide park and open space services (Community Services Department). Streetlighting is currently funded with property taxes. Currently no benefit assessment revenues are collected. 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. The subject of this report is specific to streetlighting.

The North County Lighting District currently provides for 2,855 streetlights. The poles and fixtures are owned by Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E), 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 benefit assessment rate for CSA 5 is currently zero. It could be restored to \$14.73 per year per parcel with Board approval. The benefit assessment rate is factored based on the various land uses as shown in the table below. To date benefit zones have been created in CSA 4 (Clubhouse Estates and Providence Landing) and CSA 5 (Harp Springs, Mesa Verde, Old Mill Run, Stonegate, and Vintage Ranch. Currently their benefit assessment rate is zero.

<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