



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
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Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
For Agenda of: 4/17/2012
Placement: Set Hearing
Estimated Tme: 5/1/2012 - 15 minutes
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date form:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Scott McGolpin, P.E., x3010
Director(s) Public Works Director

Contact Info: Mark A. Schleich, P.E., x3600
Deputy Public Works Director

SUBJECT: Establishing Benefit Assessments for County Service Area 31 (CSA 31), and the North County Lighting District for Fiscal Year 2012-2013, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Supervisorial Districts

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form: No

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt a resolution setting a public hearing regarding benefit assessments in County Service Area 31 for May 1, 2012;
2. Not impose the benefit assessments in the portions of the North County Lighting District that may assess fixed charges for fiscal year 2012-2013 on May 1, 2012;
3. At the hearing consider the following recommendations:
 - a. Receive and file report entitled *Engineering Report for Fiscal Year 2012-2013* (Attachment A) with the Clerk of the Board;
 - b. Adopt a Resolution establishing streetlighting charges for County Service Area 31 for fiscal year 2012-2013.

- c. Adopt the findings in the attached Notice of Exemption that the proposed action is for the establishment of rates for services provided by County Service Area 31, that no expansion of services or facilities will result, and that any increased revenues will be used for meeting operating expenses and financial reserve needs and requirements, and that the action is therefore exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to 14 CCR Section 15273. Approve and direct staff to file and post the Notice of Exemption on that basis.

Summary Text:

These actions address setting the benefit assessment rates for streetlighting in the County Service Area 31 (Isla Vista), and North County Lighting District (Los Alamos, Casmalia, Orcutt, unincorporated Lompoc and unincorporated Santa Maria) service areas. There are no changes proposed in the rates from last year.

Background:

County Service Area 31 currently provides for 326 streetlights as well as other services administered by other departments (repair and maintenance of curb, gutters and sidewalks; and the planting and maintenance of streetscape landscaping) in Isla Vista. Revenues are expected to be \$49,293 next year based upon - benefit assessments and property taxes revenues of \$33,573 and \$14,923 and interest of \$797 respectively. Total expenses for next year's services are expected to be \$56,917 with the \$7,624 remainder coming from fund balance. The benefit assessment rate is proposed to remain unchanged for next fiscal year. For street lighting, the current benefit assessment rate is \$12.93 per residential parcel with factored amounts for other development types. The rate was restored in fiscal year 2008-2009 and any additional increase would require an election pursuant to Proposition 218. With the recent changes to the Isla Vista Redevelopment Agency, we anticipate an increase in property tax revenues to CSA 31 in the near future.

North County Lighting District currently provides for 2,812 streetlights in Los Alamos, Casmalia, Orcutt, unincorporated Santa Maria, and unincorporated Lompoc areas. Total expenses for next year's services are expected to be \$414,079 and revenues are expected to be \$402,220 (fund decrease of \$11,859). The benefit assessment rate and special zones of benefit are proposed to remain at \$0.00 per year per parcel at this time in order to reduce the fund balance to an amount of approximately half the annual operating budget. The Department will reevaluate the need to restore assessment annually.

Please see the Engineering Reports in Attachment A, which further describes the streetlighting entities as well as provides fund histories and projections.

Performance Measure:

No changes to the streetlighting level of service provided by County Service Area 31 or the North County Lighting District are currently anticipated or proposed.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

No fiscal changes are proposed to the County Service Area 31, or the North County Lighting District benefit assessment rates. The revenues and streetlighting costs are summarized in the table below.

<u>CSA, District or Zone</u>	<u>Benefit Assessment Revenue</u>	<u>Apportioned Property Tax Revenue</u>	<u>Fund Reserve</u>	<u>Streetlighting Service Costs</u>
CSA 31	\$33,573	\$14,202	\$0	\$47,775
NCLD (CSA 5 and zones)	\$0	\$402,220	\$11,859	\$414,079
Total	\$33,573	\$416,422	\$11,859	\$461,854

Staffing Impacts:

No new staffing positions are proposed in this budget.

Special Instructions:

- A. Request the Clerk of the Board to publish notice of the meeting, as set forth in Attachment B, in the Daily Sound pursuant to Government Code Section 6066. The recommended publication dates are April 17 and April 24, 2012.
- B. Following Board approval, request Clerk of the Board to post the Notice of Exemption (Attachment C) and forward a stamped copy to the Public Works Dept, Santa Maria, Attention: Christy Angkahan
- C. Request the Clerk of the Board to forward a certified copy of the noticing resolution and the acceptance resolution to:
 - Christy Angkahan, Public Works Dept., Santa Maria
 - Shannon Barcelona, Public Works Dept., RRWM, Santa Barbara

Attachments:

- Resolution setting public hearing
- Resolutions establishing streetlighting charges
- Engineering reports CSA 31, and NCLD (Attachments A)
- Public Hearing Notice (Attachment B)
- Notice of Exemption (Attachment C)

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