

Benefit Assessment Report for Streetlighting Services in County Service Area 3 for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Unincorporated Goleta and Unincorporated Santa Barbara
Expense Fund 2120, Benefit Assessment Collection Fund 2126

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 pursuant to the Government Code and as recognized by the Santa Barbara Local Area Formation Commission (LAFCO) include streetlighting, open space and park maintenance, and enhanced library services. All benefit assessment revenue goes towards streetlighting and any shortfall is made up from property tax revenue. In addition, zones of benefit may also be created when land is being subdivided and annexed to CSA 3 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 1,367 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 \$207,000. 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
No benefit	0.0