



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

(Fiscal Year 2017-2018)

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 Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E). Streetlighting is the only service provided by this district pursuant to the Streets and Highways Code. CSA 4 and CSA 5 also provide park and open space services (Community Services Department). Streetlighting is currently funded with property taxes and reserves. Benefit assessments may be assessed in certain zones but are not currently as reserves balances are adequate. In addition, zones of benefit may also be created when land is being subdivided and annexed to NCLD to ensure that streetlighting costs associated with new development are adequately covered.

The North County Lighting District currently provides for 2,863 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. Zone benefit assessment rates vary by zone and can be imposed up to their approved maximums with Board approval. Existing zones are the territory in CSA 5, and tracts known as Clubhouse Estates, Providence Landing, Harp Springs, Mesa Verde, Old Mill Run, Stonegate, Vintage Ranch, and Bradley Ranch. Currently all benefit assessment zone rates are zero. The benefit assessment rate is factored based on the various land uses as shown in the table below.

<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