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ADOPTED
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

39 March 18, 2014

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT
LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT-1
ANNUAL ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE - FISCAL YEAR 2014-15
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

This action is to authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee, as the Engineer, to prepare and file the required annual Engineer's Report to renew the annual street lighting assessments for all zones within County Lighting District Landscaping and Lighting Act-1 for Fiscal Year 2014-15 pursuant to the California Streets and Highways Code.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Designate the Director of Public Works or her designee as the Engineer under section 22523 of Article 2, Chapter 1, Part 2, Division 15, of the California Streets and Highways Code (commencing with section 22520).

2. Adopt the Resolution Ordering Engineer's Report for Fiscal Year 2014-15 pursuant to the California Streets and Highways Code section 22622, which orders the Director of Public Works or her designee, as the Engineer, to prepare and file the required annual Engineer's Report in accordance with section 22565 et seq. of the California Streets and Highways Code and section 4(b) of Article XIII D of the California Constitution.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to adopt the enclosed resolution ordering the Director of Public Works or her designee, as the Engineer, to prepare the required annual Engineer's Report to renew the annual street lighting assessments for all zones within the County Lighting District Landscaping and Lighting Act-1. This action only initiates the Engineer's Report and does not establish any assessment rates.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1). Renewing the street lighting assessments provides the funding necessary for the operation and maintenance of street lighting facilities within the lighting district. This action is consistent with Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 2). The annual levy of assessments will provide the supplemental funding necessary for the operation and maintenance of street lighting facilities within each lighting district zone. In addition, this action is consistent with Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3). Maintaining street lighting services provide for the delivery of a customer-oriented municipal service for the convenience and safety of the motoring public as well as for the safety and security of people and property, which improves the quality of life in the County of Los Angeles.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

Sufficient funds are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2013-14 Consolidated Lighting Maintenance Districts Budget for preparation of the annual Engineer's Report.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On July 24, 1979, the Board approved the formation of the lighting district to provide supplemental funds for the operation of street lights in the existing County Lighting Maintenance Districts, pursuant to provisions of the Landscaping and Lighting Act-1 of 1972, Part 2, Division 15, of the California Streets and Highways Code. Each subsequent year, the Board has renewed annual street lighting assessments for all zones within the lighting district for supplemental funds. Similar action is now needed to enable the County to keep all of the lighting districts' street lights in operation during FY 2014-15.

The Landscaping and Lighting Act-1 and the California Constitution (Article XIII D) set forth procedures that must be followed for any fiscal year during which an assessment is to be levied. The Landscaping and Lighting Act-1 requires that the legislative body adopt a resolution generally describing any proposed improvements or substantial changes in existing improvements. The Board must also order an Engineer, designated pursuant to section 22523 of the California Streets and Highways Code, to prepare and file an Engineer's Report in accordance with section 22565 et seq. of Article 4, Chapter 1, of the California Streets and Highways Code and section 4(b) of Article XIII D of the California Constitution.

Under the California Streets and Highways Code section 22622, the Board must adopt a resolution generally describing any proposed improvements or substantial changes in existing improvements within the lighting district and order the Director of Public Works or her designee, as the Engineer, to prepare and file an Engineer's Report in accordance with section 22565 et seq. of the California Streets and Highways Code. The existing assessments and any needed increases in assessment

rates shall be supported by the Engineer's Report. If any future increases in assessment rates are needed, the Department of Public Works will comply with all legal requirements under Article XIII D of the California Constitution (Proposition 218).

In a few weeks, Public Works will submit for your approval the required Engineer's Report and resolution to establish the assessments for FY 2014-15.

The resolution has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The recommended action to authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee, as the Engineer, to prepare and file the required annual Engineer's Report to renew the annual street lighting assessments is not a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is an activity that is excluded from the definition of a project by section 15378(b) of the State CEQA Guidelines. The proposed action is an administrative activity of government, which will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Preparing an Engineer's Report is consistent with the current services regularly conducted by Public Works.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter and a copy of the signed resolution to the Department of Public Works, Traffic and Lighting Division. Also, please forward one adopted copy of the letter and resolution to the Assessor, Ownership Services Section (Attention Angela Gadsden), and one to the Auditor-Controller, Tax Division (Attention Kelvin Aikens).

Respectfully submitted,

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Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
County Counsel (Talin Halabi)
Executive Office

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RESOLUTION ORDERING ENGINEER'S REPORT
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-15
CALIFORNIA STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE SECTION 22622

WHEREAS, on July 24, 1979, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles approved the formation of County Lighting District Landscaping and Lighting Act-1 (Lighting District) to provide supplemental funds for the operation of street lights in County Lighting Maintenance Districts pursuant to provisions of the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972 (Act), Part 2, Division 15, of the California Streets and Highways Code; and

WHEREAS, under the California Streets and Highways Code section 22622 of the Act, the Board must adopt a resolution generally describing any proposed improvements or substantial changes in existing improvements within the Lighting District, and order the Director of Public Works or her designee, as the Engineer, to prepare and file a report in accordance with section 22565 et seq. of the California Streets and Highways Code; and

WHEREAS, section 4(b) of Article XIII D of the California Constitution requires assessments to be supported by a detailed Engineer's Report prepared by a registered professional engineer certified by the State of California.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, that:

SECTION 1. The Lighting District will include the following improvements:

a. Additional street lights installed within the existing County Lighting Maintenance Districts and assessment zones, in compliance with procedures set forth in the California Streets and Highways Code.

b. New street lighting systems installed in response to property owner petitions filed and processed in compliance with procedures set forth in the California Streets and Highways Code.

c. New street lighting systems installed in new land developments pursuant to the requirements of Titles 21 and 22, Los Angeles County Code, the Subdivision and Zoning Ordinances, and processed in compliance with procedures set forth in the California Streets and Highways Code.

d. Repair or replacement of obsolete street lighting equipment within County Lighting Maintenance Districts and assessment zones.

SECTION 2. The Director of Public Works or her designee as the Engineer, is hereby ordered to prepare and file a report in accordance with section 22565 et seq. of Article 4, Chapter 1, of the California Streets and Highways Code and section 4(b) of Article XIII D of the California Constitution.

The foregoing Resolution Ordering Engineer's Report was on the 18th day of March, 2014, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.

SACHI A. HAMAI
Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By Carla Little
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JOHN F. KRATTLI
County Counsel

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