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**January 28, 2025, Agenda Item 2
Public Hearing for the Annexation and Levying of Assessments
For County Lighting Districts, Negotiated Exchange of Property Tax Revenues
L 038-2020, Castaic**

My name is Mark Pestrella, and I am the Director of the Los Angeles County Public Works.

Public Works is seeking Board approval and authorization to (1) annex single-lot territory known as L 038-2020 to County Lighting Maintenance District 1687 and County Lighting District Landscaping and Lighting Act-1, Unincorporated Zone; (2) order the levying of assessments for street lighting purposes; and (3) approve the negotiated exchange of property tax revenues among those nonexempt taxing agencies whose service areas are subject to the jurisdictional changes.

The County Code requires the installation of a street lighting system by a developer as a condition of the single-lot development. The single-lot development must comply with the terms of these ordinances and provide street lighting as a condition of development. The proposed annexation, levy of assessments, and exchange of property tax revenues are required to provide the necessary funding for the operation and maintenance of streetlights.

County Lighting Maintenance District 1687 and County Lighting District Landscaping and Lighting Act-1, Unincorporated Zone, serve the unincorporated County area.

The Board on October 22, 2024, adopted a resolution of intention to annex the single-lot territory to the County Lighting Districts, order the levying of assessments for Fiscal Year 2025-26, and set a date for the public hearing. The annexation of territory to the County Lighting Districts will result in a new annual base-rate assessment of \$5 for a single-family residence for the Unincorporated Zone with proportionately higher assessments for other land uses. Today's action is the second and final step in this process.

Assessment ballots and notices of hearing were mailed to the property owners at least 45 days in advance of the date of hearing; no posting and publication or filing of an Engineer's Report is required by Section 22608.2 of the California Streets and Highways Code for subdivision annexation project. Assessment ballots are to be tabulated at the conclusion of the public hearing. If there is no majority protest, the Board may adopt the Resolution Ordering Annexation of territory to the County Lighting Districts and levying of annual assessments in Fiscal Year 2025-26.

I am familiar with the proceeding for the annexation of territory to the County Lighting Districts, and I have concluded that this single-lot territory will be benefited by the annexation and the service to be provided, and the proposed assessments have been spread in proportion to benefit.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the forgoing is true and correct.

Executed on January 13, 2025.



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