

STAFF REPORT
City of Lancaster

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Date: June 12, 2012

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Robert C. Neal, Director of Public Works

Subject: **Lancaster Lighting Maintenance District Annual Assessment for Fiscal Year 2012-2013**

Recommendations:

- A. Adopt **Resolution No. 12-28**, generally describing any proposed improvements or substantial changes in existing improvements and ordering the Utility Services Manager to prepare and file a report for Lancaster Lighting Maintenance District, pursuant to provisions of the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972 of the Streets and Highways Code of the State of California; and
- B. Adopt **Resolution No. 12-29**, preliminarily approving the Engineer's Report, fixing time and place for public hearing on the levy of the proposed assessment and declaring its intention to levy and collect assessments within Lancaster Lighting Maintenance District, pursuant to Part 2 of Division 15 of the Streets and Highways Code of the State of California.

Fiscal Impact:

Each benefit unit will be assessed \$91.04 (\$45.00 in zones that voted "no" during the 2003 election). A total of \$4,099,162.00 will be assessed against the benefiting properties, which will be used for maintenance expenses. The total operating cost of the Lancaster Lighting Maintenance District for Fiscal year 2012-2013 is \$5,120,416.00. The resulting budget shortfall of \$1,021,376.00 will be funded from City TDA Article 8 and/or other City funding sources. Note that an operating reserve of \$2,560,208.00 is not funded as revenues are insufficient.

Background:

On March 11, 2003, the City Council directed that an election be held asking the property owners within the Lancaster Lighting Maintenance District (LLMD) to approve an increase in the annual street lighting assessment to \$70.00 per lighting unit, including a Consumer Price Index (CPI) based inflator.

The Lancaster Lighting Maintenance District was formed, including subsequent annexations thereto, for the purpose of financing maintenance operations and installation of public lighting facilities, including but not limited to street lights, traffic signals, public parking lot lights, and highway safety lights (public lighting facilities) (as defined in § 22525 of the California Code) within the City of Lancaster, and assessing those properties which benefit from this service their proportionate share of the cost. Each year the City Council must, by law, order the

preparation of an Engineer's Report describing the existing and proposed maintenance services, and conduct a public hearing to establish and order the amount of assessment for the next fiscal year.

Last year's rate was \$89.17. For Fiscal Year 2012-2013, the rate of assessment will be \$91.04 per lighting unit, including the established CPI adjustment of 2.1% ($\$89.17 + (\$89.17 \times 0.021) = \$91.04$), except for those parcels within the zones that voted "no" as shown on "Exhibit C", which will remain at \$45.00 per lighting unit.

The street lighting improvements in the areas within the District will be maintained with funds generated by the Lighting Maintenance District. Each lot or parcel within the District that has been annexed as indicated on the diagram will be assessed a unit assessment of \$91.04 for Fiscal Year 2012-2013. Parcels within the zones that voted "no" will remain at a unit assessment of \$45.00

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Attachments

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Engineer's Report – (On file in the City Clerk's Office)