



**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
AGENDA REPORT**

CONSENT CALENDAR

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:

Ken Stripling

DATE: May 23, 2017

SUBJECT: ANNUAL LEVY OF SPECIAL DISTRICTS FOR LANDSCAPING
AND LIGHTING DISTRICT ZONES T23 AND T23A

DEPARTMENT: Neighborhood Services

PRESENTER: Darin Seegmiller

RECOMMENDED ACTION

City Council:

1. Adopt a resolution initiating proceedings for the levy and collection of assessments for Fiscal Year 2017-18 for Landscaping and Lighting District, Zones T23 and T23A.
2. Adopt a resolution declaring the City of Santa Clarita's (City) intention to levy assessments, preliminarily approve Engineer's Report, and set a Public Hearing for June 13, 2017.

BACKGROUND

This required procedural matter orders, approves, and sets the Public Hearing for the annual levy of the Landscaping and Lighting District (LLD), Zones T23 and T23A. The levy of assessments for these specific LLD Zones has been separated from the levy of the remaining Zones within the City due to a potential conflict of interest as it relates to ownership of certain real property located within these LLD Zones by a member of the City Council.

The attached Resolutions direct Willdan Financial Services (Willdan) to prepare assessment Engineer's Reports for Landscaping and Lighting District (LLD), Zones T23 and T23A, for approval by the City Council. This action also schedules a Public Hearing to consider the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18 assessment rates recommended for these zones.

For FY 2017-18, the annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase for the previous year through December 2016 is approximately 1.97 percent. The inclusion of CPI escalators allow the City to maintain and provide a consistent level of landscape service to each of the LLD zones as maintenance costs increase from year-to-year. The City Council may levy assessment rates up to, or less than, the maximum assessment rate. While maximum assessment rates adjust

automatically, the actual assessment levied each year must be approved by the City Council as part of a noticed public hearing.

For FY 2017-18, staff is recommending the City Council levy Landscaping and Lighting Zone T23 at \$620.00 per parcel for single family residences, which is \$95.78 less than the maximum allowable rate of \$715.78. For the condominium developments in zone T23 staff is recommending the City Council levy \$310.00 per parcel, which is \$104.73 less than the maximum allowable rate of \$414.73.

To offset the increased contractual costs in Zone T23A, staff is recommending a rate increase of \$37.62 per parcel, bringing the applied rate up to the maximum assessment rate of \$837.11.

The proposed Special Districts actions are authorized by State Law as outlined in Article XIID of the California Constitution, enacted by Proposition 218, and required to levy assessments on properties receiving special benefits.

If the recommendations are approved, a Public Hearing for ordering the Fiscal Year 2017-18 levies will be scheduled for the June 13, 2017 City Council meeting.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS

Other direction as determined by the City Council.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no impact to the General Fund associated with these actions. Adequate funds to prepare the attached Engineer's Report were previously appropriated by the City Council as part of the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Annual Budget.

ATTACHMENTS

LLD Zones T23 T23A FY 2017-18 Initiate Resolution

LLD Zones T23 T23A FY 2017-18 Intent Resolution

FY 2017-18 Recommended Rate Table

LLD FY 2017-18 Engineer's Report (available in the City Clerk's Reading File)