



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: June 28, 2023

PRESENTER: Jerry Jones, City Engineer

SUBJECT: Resolution of Intention to Levy and Collect the Annual Assessments for Landscape and Lighting District No. 1 (JJ)

RECOMMENDATION: Council by motion adopt resolution of intention to levy and collect the annual assessments for Landscape and Lighting District No. 1 and set the date for the required public hearing for July 26, 2023.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Landscape and Lighting District (LLD) No. 1 maintains public landscaping in median islands and landscape strips along major streets. The revenue from the district also pays for street lighting costs for areas within the LLD. All new developments are annexed into the LLD and charged an annual assessment that is collected with property taxes. There are currently 13 sub-areas within the LLD. No new annexations took place this past year.

This is the second of three actions by Council required by State law for the levy of the annual assessments. Council previously initiated proceedings for the annual levy of assessments at the April 26, 2023 Council Meeting. The City Engineer has prepared a preliminary report labeled Engineer's Report of the City of Kerman Landscaping and Lighting District No. 1 (LLD), dated June 2023, and filed the report with the City Clerk. The report includes descriptions of the improvements maintained, boundaries of the district and sub-areas, and proposed assessments per parcel. The final report will be submitted for approval at the time of the public hearing. The next, and final, action required by Council will be to conduct the required public hearing, receive any testimony, and confirm the annual assessments. The assessment roll is then submitted to the County Assessor for inclusion on the property owner's tax bill.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The annual assessments from Landscape and Lighting District No. 1 are used for maintenance of public landscaping and street lighting. The assessments for Sub-areas 1 through 5 were established prior to the passage of Proposition 218 and therefore cannot be raised without a vote of the property owners. The assessments for Sub-areas 6 through 12 are adjusted annually by the change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). For 2022, there was an increase in the CPI of 8.0%. The estimated total assessments for FY 23-24 are \$380,801.76. The exact amount of total assessments will be known once the City receives the property roll from the Fresno County Assessor's Office.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Resolution
- B. Map – Assessment Area Boundaries