

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS  
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Public Works *Pharf*

BOARD AGENDA # 9:10 a.m.

Urgent

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AGENDA DATE July 22, 2008

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES  NO

4/5 Vote Required YES  NO

(Information Attached)

SUBJECT:

Public Hearing to Consider the Approval of the 2008/2009 Annual Assessments for County Services Area Nos. 4 through 14, 16 through 25 and Landscape and Lighting Districts Including Bret Harte, Bystrum, Howard/McCracken, Laurel, Paradise South, Riverdale, Riverview, and Shackelford

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Find that notice of the public hearing was published in compliance with Section 6066 of the Government Code.
2. Conduct a public hearing to receive comments regarding the 2008/2009 annual assessments.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

There will be no impact to the General Fund. Annual assessments will be charged to each parcel to pay for their respective services. These annual assessments will generate \$800,943 in Fiscal Year 2008/2009 to provide extended County services within the county service areas and to operate the landscape and lighting districts.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2008-545

On motion of Supervisor O'Brien and approved by the following vote, Seconded by Supervisor Grover

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Grover, Monteith, DeMartini and Chairman Mayfield

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

- 1)  Approved as recommended
- 2)  Denied
- 3)  Approved as amended
- 4)  Other:

MOTION:

*Christine Ferraro*

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

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3. Set the 2008/2009 annual assessments as shown on Exhibits "A" through "CC" for the following county service areas and landscape and lighting districts:

- CSA NO. 4 - Bristol Glen (Salida)
- CSA NO. 5 - Starlite Place (Keyes)
- CSA NO. 6 - Raymond Tract (Keyes)
- CSA NO. 7 - Modesto Auto Center (north Modesto)
- CSA NO. 8 - Honey Bee Estates (Empire)
- CSA NO. 9 - River/Souza (north Ceres)
- CSA NO. 10 - Salida (Salida)
- CSA NO. 11 - Gilbert Road (Oakdale)
- CSA NO. 12 - Peach Blossom Estates (Oakdale-Riverbank)
- CSA NO. 13 - La Jolla (Keyes)
- CSA NO. 14 - United Pallet (north Modesto)
- CSA NO. 16 - Olive Ranch Estates (east Oakdale)
- CSA NO. 17 - Sunray Estates (Keyes)
- CSA NO. 18 - Atlas Park (east Oakdale)
- CSA NO. 19 - Tuolumne-Gratton (Denair)
- CSA NO. 20 - Summit (north Modesto)
- CSA NO. 21 - Riopel (Denair)
- CSA NO. 22 - Old School North (Denair)
- CSA NO. 23 - Hillsborough-Schutz (east Oakdale)
- CSA NO. 24 - Hideaway Terrace (Denair)
- CSA NO. 25 - Suncrest II (Denair)
- Bret Harte Landscape and Lighting District (south Modesto)
- Bystrum (northwest Ceres)
- Howard/McCracken (Westley area; I-5/McCracken interchange)
- Laurel (south Ceres)
- Paradise South (south Modesto)
- Riverdale Landscape and Lighting District (south Modesto)
- Riverview Landscape and Lighting District (south Modesto)
- Shackelford Landscape and Lighting District (south Modesto)

4. Make the Engineer's Reports a part of the record of this proceeding.
5. Authorize the Auditor-Controller to add the annual assessments to the 2008/2009 Tax Roll.

**DISCUSSION:**

The above County Service Areas (CSA) and Landscape and Lighting Districts (LLD) were formed by resolutions of the Board of Supervisors. The CSAs and

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LLDs provide extended services over and above those services provided to the general public. For CSAs those services may include storm drainage maintenance, park and streetscape maintenance, and added sheriff protection. LLDs provide extended services for street lighting and in some instances landscape maintenance. The specific services provided to each CSA and LLD are outlined in the narrative below.

Government Code Sections 25210.77(A) for CSAs and Section 22565 for LLDs require that an Engineer's Report ("Report") containing a description of each parcel of real property receiving a particular extended service and the amount of the assessment for each parcel be prepared once a year and filed with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors. The Department of Public Works has studied the above CSAs and LLDs to estimate the annual cost of the extended services provided and filed the Reports with the Clerk of the Board on July 1, 2008. The Reports shall become a part of the record of this proceeding.

On July 1, 2008, the Board of Supervisors approved setting the public hearing date for July 22, 2008 to consider the proposed annual assessments for Fiscal Year 2008-2009. Notice of the public hearing was published in accordance with Section 6066 of the Government Code. Said notice stated that all persons would be afforded an opportunity to speak for or against the proposed annual assessments.

The CSAs and LLDs are funded through annual assessments included on property tax bills. Revenues are allocated when property owners make those payments. Therefore, the major receipts of revenue are in December and April, while expenditures are incurred throughout the year. This lag in funds can create a deficit in the CSA or LLD account if the existing year-end fund balance is not sufficient to cover the period from July through December, generally referred to as the "dry period". Once assessments are received, this deficit is corrected. It is the Department of Public Works intent to accumulate sufficient fund balance in each of the CSA and LLD accounts to cover expenditures during this dry period. Accumulating the necessary fund balance in a single year would, in some instances, result in large assessment increases to the property owner. Therefore, when dry period funding is not sufficient, fund balance increases will be phased in over the next few years.

The Department of Public Works staff has made a concentrated effort to review each CSA and LLD to determine appropriate levels of service and to develop costs based on those services. A detailed schedule of anticipated expenditures is provided in each Engineer's Report. In general, cost increases are due to inflated energy and fuel costs, however, some of the increase is due to improved oversight of the program, including the estimating and tracking of expenditures.

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Prior to this public hearing a final review was performed on the submitted Engineer's Reports. It was determined that public parcels were not exempt from assessment; therefore the calculations were adjusted to include those parcels. Updated Revised Engineer's Reports, reflecting those changes, have been provided.

The following is a summary of the proposed Fiscal Year 2008/2009 annual assessments:

**CSA 4-Bristol Glen (in Salida)** was established in October 1989 to provide extended storm drainage to the Bristol Glen Subdivision.

The assessment for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$31.38 per Equivalent Benefit Unit (EBU), which is the same as prior year.

The operating budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$15,227. Fund balance at June 30, 2008 was estimated at \$96,395. From this amount, a reserve of \$22,930 has been established for the future replacement of an existing pump at the storm drain basin. In addition, \$10,928 of fund balance will be used to offset expenditures in Fiscal Year 2008-2009. There are sufficient funds available to cover expenditures during the dry period.

At this level of assessment and projected expenditures, fund balance will be depleted within the next five years. It will then be necessary to either reduce services or conduct a ballot measure per Proposition 218 to increase assessments.

**CSA 5-Starlite Place (in Keyes)** was established in March 1990 to provide extended storm drainage for the Starlite Place Subdivision.

The assessment for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$32.24 per EBU, which is the same as prior year.

The operating budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$11,933. Fund balance at June 30, 2008 was estimated at \$141,450. From this amount, a reserve of \$45,880 has been established for the future replacement of two existing pumps at the storm drain basin. In addition, \$5,434 will be used to offset expenditures in Fiscal Year 2008-2009. There are sufficient funds available to cover expenditures during the dry period.

At this level of assessment and projected expenditures, fund balance will be depleted within the next seven years. It will then be necessary to either reduce

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services or conduct a ballot measure per Proposition 218 to increase assessments.

**CSA 6-Raymond Tract (in Keyes)** was established in May 1990 to provide extended storm drainage to the Raymond Tract Subdivision.

The assessment for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$22.72 per EBU, which is the same as prior year.

The operating budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$14,308. Fund balance at June 30, 2008 was estimated at \$39,325. From this amount, \$13,308 will be used to offset expenditures in Fiscal Year 2008-2009. There are sufficient funds available to cover expenditures during the dry period.

On April 15, 2008 the Board of Supervisors adopted the results of the ballot procedure for formation of CSA 26-Keyes and the dissolution of CSA 6, CSA 13 and CSA 17 to be effective July 1, 2009. Upon formation of CSA 26, existing CSA's 6, 13, and 17 will be dissolved and those areas will be included in the newly formed CSA. CSA 26 will fund the maintenance for the filtration unit, storm drain lines and pumps, and the landscaped storm drain basins/parks that comprise the Keyes Storm Drain Infrastructure Project. Assessments for CSA 26 will begin in Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

**CSA 7-Modesto Auto Center (in north Modesto area)** was established in July 1990 to provide extended storm drainage to the Modesto Auto Center.

The assessment for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$253.81 per EBU, which is the same as prior year.

The operating budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$7,920. Fund balance at June 30, 2008 was estimated at \$57,431. From this amount, a reserve of \$24,552 has been established for the future replacement of two existing pumps at the storm drain basin. In addition, \$5,920 will be used to offset expenditures in Fiscal Year 2008-2009. There are sufficient funds available to cover expenditures during the dry period.

At this level of assessment and projected expenditures, fund balance will be depleted within the next four years. It will then be necessary to either reduce services or conduct a ballot measure per Proposition 218 to increase assessments.

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**CSA 8-Honey Bee Estates (in Empire)** was established in October 1990 to provide extended storm drainage to the Honey Bee Estates Subdivision.

The assessment for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$31.24 per EBU, which is the same as prior year.

The operating budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$12,632. Fund balance at June 30, 2008 was estimated at \$30,825. From this amount, \$11,882 will be used to offset expenditures in Fiscal Year 2008-2009. There are sufficient funds available to cover expenditures during the dry period.

At this level of assessment and projected expenditures, fund balance will be depleted within the next two years. It will then be necessary to either reduce services or conduct a ballot measure per Proposition 218 to increase assessments.

**CSA 9-River/Souza (in Ceres area)** was established in December 1990 to provide extended storm drainage to the Garden Grove, Golden Best, and Pine Ridge Plaza Subdivisions.

The assessment for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$20.26 per EBU, which is the same as prior year.

The operating budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$10,590. Fund balance at June 30, 2008 was estimated at \$75,852. From this amount, \$9,091 will be used to offset expenditures in Fiscal Year 2008-2009. There are sufficient funds available to cover expenditures during the dry period.

At this level of assessment and projected expenditures, fund balance will be depleted within the next seven years. It will then be necessary to either reduce services or conduct a ballot measure per Proposition 218 to increase assessments.

**CSA 10-Salida (in new Salida PD area)** was established in October 1990 to provide extended governmental services for sheriff and library services, parks, streetscape, and storm drain maintenance for the benefit of parcels within the CSA 10. At this time, no extended library services are provided. Programs within this CSA are kept separate for accounting purposes.

Administration- The Administration operating budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$5,000. Fund balance at June 30, 2008 was estimated at negative \$4,510. This is the result of a Proposition 218 ballot being conducted in June 2004. Costs

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associated with the ballot procedure resulted in a negative fund balance. At the current rate of assessment the deficit will be eliminated in approximately two years.

Parks and Streetscape Maintenance-The operating budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$235,112. Fund balance at June 30, 2008 was estimated at \$26,389. This entire amount will be used to offset expenditures in Fiscal Year 2008-2009. Although existing fund balance and the proposed assessment will fully fund the operating budget, there are no funds available to cover expenditures during the dry period. This will result in a short-term deficit until assessments are received in December 2008.

Public Works- The operating budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$75,159. Fund balance at June 30, 2008 was estimated at \$213,710. From this amount, \$58,837 will be used to offset expenditures in Fiscal Year 2008-2009. There are sufficient funds available to cover expenditures during the dry period; however, adequate funding is not available to reserve for future replacement of nine existing pumps.

At this level of assessment and projected expenditures, fund balance will be depleted within the next two years. It will then be necessary to either reduce services or conduct a ballot measure per Proposition 218 to increase assessments.

Sheriff Services- The proposed operating budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$376,773, however only \$180,439 will be funded through CSA 10 assessments. There is a zero fund balance estimated for June 30, 2008. Of this amount, only \$180,439 is authorized for assessment due to the limitations of Proposition 218. In prior years, the Sheriff's department has made up the difference between the CSA 10 assessment allocation and the total CSA 10 Sheriff budget by absorbing it into Sheriff's operations. Absent a Proposition 218 ballot procedure, the only other option available is reduction in services.

#### CSA 10 Assessment

The assessment for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$139.32 per EBU, which is the same as prior year. The total operating budget for CSA 10 is \$495,710. As stated previously, the current level of assessment is insufficient for Sheriff's services and will be insufficient for Public Works and Parks within the next few years. It will then be necessary to either reduce services or conduct a ballot measure per Proposition 218 to increase assessments.

Landmark Business Center No. 2 has its own storm drain system that is completely independent of the other properties within CSA 10. This business

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park only receives special extended service for storm drainage. It does not receive the extra benefits of Sheriff protection or maintenance of parks and streetscapes.

The assessment for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$42.34 per acre, which is the same as prior year. The total operating budget for this center is \$1,500.

**CSA 11-Gilbert Road (in Oakdale area)** was established in April 1991 to provide extended storm drainage to the Gilbert Road Subdivision.

The assessment for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$.166 per linear foot, which is the same as prior year.

The operating budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$300. Fund balance at June 30, 2008 was estimated at \$8,661. There are sufficient funds available to cover expenditures during the dry period.

Maintenance of this CSA includes annual grading and repair of the roadside drain system. As such, the EBU for the assessment is per linear foot of road frontage.

**CSA 12-Peach Blossom Estates (in west Oakdale area)** was established in November 1991 to provide extended storm drainage to the Peach Blossom Estates Subdivision.

The assessment for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$83.34 per EBU, which is the same as prior year.

The operating budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$3,184. Fund balance at June 30, 2008 was estimated at \$30,593. From this amount, \$2,184 will be used to offset expenditures in Fiscal Year 2008-2009. There are sufficient funds available to cover expenditures during the dry period.

At this level of assessment and projected expenditures, fund balance will be depleted within the next twelve years. It will then be necessary to either reduce services or conduct a ballot measure per Proposition 218 to increase assessments.



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**CSA 13-La Jolla (in Keyes)** was established in November 1991 to provide extended storm drainage to the La Jolla Subdivision.

The assessment for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$35.70 per EBU, which is the same as prior year.

The operating budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$7,437. Fund balance at June 30, 2008 was estimated at \$56,481. From this amount, \$6,438 will be used to offset expenditures in Fiscal Year 2008-2009. There are sufficient funds available to cover expenditures during the dry period.

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**CSA 14-United Pallet (in north Modesto area)** was established in January 1993 to provide extended storm drainage. However, the storm drain system remains private, therefore the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 assessment will be \$0 for all parcels.

**CSA 16-Olive Ranch Estates (in east Oakdale area)** was established in September 2000 to provide extended maintenance of the storm drainage system and landscaping at the storm drain basin within the Olive Ranch Estates Subdivision.

The assessment for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$666.33 per EBU, an increase of \$125.39 (23%) from the prior year.

The operating budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$19,990. Fund balance at June 30, 2008 was estimated at \$26,280. From this amount, \$2,157 has been added to a reserve established for the future replacement of two existing pumps at the storm drain basin. There are sufficient funds available to cover expenditures during the dry period.

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**CSA 17-Bonita Ranch (in Keyes)** was established in January, 2003, to provide extended maintenance services for the storm drain system, streetscape along Washington Road, park, and landscaped storm drain retention basin within the Bonita Ranch Subdivision, (formerly known as Sunray Estates).

The assessment for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$281.13 per EBU, which is the same as prior year.

The operating budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$123,937. Fund balance at June 30, 2008 was estimated at \$195,159. From this amount, a reserve of \$43,142 has been established for the future replacement of two existing pumps at the storm drain basin. In addition, \$44,860 of fund balance will be used to offset expenditures in Fiscal Year 2008-2009. There are sufficient funds available to cover expenditures during the dry period.

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**CSA 18-Atlas Park (in east Oakdale area)** was established in December 2002, to provide extended maintenance services for the storm drain system and landscaping at the park and storm drain basin within the Atlas Park Subdivision.

The assessment for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$509.38 per EBU, an increase of \$95.74 (23%) from the prior year.

The operating budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$14,650. Fund balance at June 30, 2008 was estimated at \$13,760. From this amount, \$6,500 will be used to offset expenditures in Fiscal Year 2008-2009. There are sufficient funds available to cover expenditures for three months of the dry period. This will result in a short term deficit until assessments are received in December 2008.

**CSA 19-Tuolumne-Gratton (in Denair)** was established December 2002 to provide extended maintenance services for the storm drain system, landscaped storm drain basin, and park within a Planned Development including the subdivisions of Sterling Ranch, Numbers 1-5, and Runyan Country Estates. Sterling Ranch receives benefit from the storm drain system, landscaped storm

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drain basin and landscaped park, while Runyan Country Estates receives benefit from only the landscaped park. Therefore, the assessments reflect this difference in benefit received.

The assessment for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 for Sterling Ranch is \$175.10 per EBU, an increase of \$45.40 (35%) and for Runyan Estates is \$48.20, an increase of \$17.66 (58%) from the prior year.

The operating budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$61,828. Fund balance at June 30, 2008 was estimated at \$105,704. From this amount, a reserve of \$53,243 has been established for the future replacement of two existing pumps at the storm drain basin. In addition, \$7,459 of fund balance will be used to offset expenditures in Fiscal Year 2008-2009. There are sufficient funds available to cover expenditures during the dry period.

**CSA 20-Summit (industrial park in north Modesto area)** was established in January 2003 to provide extended maintenance service for the storm drain system within the Summit Corporate Center Industrial Park Subdivision.

The assessment for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$118.55 per EBU. There was no assessment in Fiscal Year 2007-2008 due to fund balance being used to totally offset anticipated expenditures.

The operating budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$8,719. Fund balance at June 30, 2008 was estimated at \$18,482. From this amount, \$4,456 will be used to offset expenditures in Fiscal Year 2008-2009. There are sufficient funds available to cover expenditures during the dry period.

**CSA 21-Riopel (in Denair)** was established in December 2005 to provide extended maintenance services for the park, storm drain system and landscaping at the storm drain basin within the Riopel Subdivision.

The assessment for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$283.45 per EBU, an increase of \$49.78 (21%) from the prior year.

The operating budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$31,009. Fund balance at June 30, 2008 was estimated at \$36,370. From this amount, \$15,419 will be used to offset expenditures in Fiscal Year 2008-2009. There are sufficient funds available to cover expenditures during the dry period.

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**CSA 22-Old School North (in Denair)** was established in November 2004 to provide extended maintenance services for the storm drain system and landscaping at the storm drain basin within the Old School North Subdivision.

The assessment for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$1,024.27 per EBU, an increase of \$180.55 (21%) from the prior year.

The operating budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$14,922. Fund balance at June 30, 2008 was estimated at \$7,386. There are sufficient funds available to cover three months of the dry period. This will result in a short term deficit until assessments are received in December 2008.

**CSA 23-Hillsborough-Schultz (in east Oakdale)** was established in November 2006 to provide extended maintenance services for the storm drain system including a river outfall facility for two residential subdivisions: Hillsborough Estates 2 and Lands of Schutz.

The assessment for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$71.99 per EBU. This is the first year of assessment for this CSA.

The operating budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$11,043. Fund balance at June 30, 2008 was estimated at \$81,121. From this amount, \$5,500 will be used to offset expenditures in Fiscal Year 2008-2009. There are sufficient funds available to cover expenditures during the dry period.

**CSA 24-Hideaway Terrace (in Denair)** was established in September 2006 to provide extended maintenance services for the storm drain system and landscaping at the storm drain basin within the Hideaway Terrace Subdivision.

The assessment for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$845.31 per EBU, an increase of \$522.37 (162%) from prior year.

The operating budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$12,265. Fund balance at June 30, 2008 was estimated at negative \$1,543. The negative fund balance is the result of the failure of property owners to pay the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 assessments. These assessments will eventually be received as property tax bills are paid, or the property changes ownership. There are insufficient funds in this account to fund the dry period. To build that reserve, an amount equal to 10% of the operating budget will be added to the total amount to be levied for the next five years.

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**CSA 25-Suncrest II (in Denair)** was established in November 2006 to provide extended maintenance services for the storm drain system, landscaping at the storm drain basin, and landscaping at the adjacent lot located west of the basin within the Suncrest II Subdivision.

The assessment for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$541.81 per EBU. This is the first year of assessment for this CSA as the developer paid the first year's operating costs.

The operating budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$13,353. Fund balance at June 30, 2008 was estimated at \$15,727. From this amount, \$5,226 will be used to offset expenditures in Fiscal Year 2008-2009. There are sufficient funds available to cover expenditures during the dry period.

**Bret Harte LLD (in south Modesto area)** was established in July 2004 to install and maintain streetlights in the Bret Harte area.

The assessment for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$40.15 per EBU, an increase of \$1.41 (4%) from prior year.

The operating budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$38,228. Fund balance at June 30, 2008 was estimated at \$9,520, approximately half of what is needed for funding through the dry period. This will result in a short-term deficit until assessments are received in December 2008. The amount to be levied was increased sufficiently to build the six-month reserve.

**Bystrum LLD (in northwest Ceres area)** was established in July 2005 to install and maintain streetlights in the Bystrum neighborhood area.

The assessment for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$50.19 per EBU, an increase of \$1.07 (2%) from prior year.

The operating budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$21,100. Fund balance at June 30, 2008 was estimated at \$5,402, approximately half of what is needed for funding through the dry period. This will result in a short-term deficit until assessments are received in December 2008. The amount to be levied was increased sufficiently to build the six-month reserve.

**Howard McCracken LLD (in Westley area: I-5/McCracken Interchange)** was established in April 2000 to install and maintain streetlights and provide landscaping services in the Westley triangle area.

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The assessment for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$640.65 per EBU, an increase of \$40.04 (7%) from prior year.

The operating budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$20,891. Fund balance at June 30, 2008 was estimated at \$25,775. From this amount, \$10,000 will be used to offset expenditures in Fiscal Year 2008-2009. There are sufficient funds available to cover expenditures during the dry period.

**Laurel LLD (in south Ceres area)** was established in July 2003 to install and maintain streetlights in the Laurel neighborhood area.

The assessment for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$70.19 per EBU, an increase of \$1.73 (3%) from prior year.

The operating budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$9,808. Fund balance at June 30, 2008 was estimated at \$3,622, approximately three-fourths of what is needed for funding through the dry period. This will result in a short-term deficit until assessments are received in December 2008. The amount to be levied was increased sufficiently to build the six-month reserve.

**Paradise South LLD (in south Modesto area)** was established in February 2006 to install and maintain streetlights in the Paradise neighborhood area.

The assessment for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$49.86 per EBU, an increase of \$18.90 (61%) from prior year.

The operating budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$18,480. Fund balance at June 30, 2008 was estimated at \$4,103, approximately half of what is needed for funding through the dry period. This will result in a short-term deficit until assessments are received in December 2008. The amount to be levied was increased to continue to build the six-month reserve.

**Riverdale LLD (in southwest Modesto area)** was established in August 1998 to install and maintain streetlights in the Riverdale Park Tract area.

The assessment for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$44.49 per EBU, an increase of \$.35 (1%) from prior year.

The operating budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$9,130. Fund balance at June 30, 2008 was estimated at \$4,531. There are sufficient funds available to cover expenditures during the dry period.

Public Hearing to Consider the Approval of the 2008/2009 Annual Assessments for County Services Area Nos. 4 through 14, 16 through 25 and Landscape and Lighting Districts Including Bret Harte, Bystrum, Howard/McCracken, Laurel, Paradise South, Riverdale, Riverview, and Shackelford

**Riverview LLD (in southwest Modesto area)** was established in July 2000 to install and maintain streetlights in the Riverview neighborhood area.

The assessment for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$43.94 per EBU, an increase of \$8.06 (22%) from prior year.

The operating budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$12,078. Fund balance at June 30, 2008 was estimated at \$3,618, approximately half of what is needed for funding through the dry period. This will result in a short-term deficit until assessments are received in December 2008. The amount to be levied was increased sufficiently to build the six-month reserve.

**Shackelford LLD (in southwest Modesto area)** was established in June 1999 to install and maintain streetlights in the Shackelford neighborhood area.

The assessment for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$29.74 per EBU, an increase of \$2.46 (9%) from prior year.

The operating budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$18,390. Fund balance at June 30, 2008 was estimated at \$8,265. From this amount, \$3,667 will be used to offset expenditures in Fiscal Year 2008-2009. There are sufficient funds available to cover expenditures during the dry period.

#### **POLICY ISSUES:**

The Board should determine if this action is consistent with the Board's priorities of providing a safe community, a healthy community and a well-planned infrastructure system.

#### **STAFFING IMPACT:**

There is no staffing impact associated with this item.

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