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**TO:** LOCSD Board of Directors

**FROM:** Mitch Cooney, Interim General Manager *FWR*

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item 5F – 12/17/2009 Board Meeting  
Cabrillo Estates Street Lighting

Since Cabrillo Estates Street Lighting has been operating at a deficit, the Los Osos CSD Board of Directors took steps to increase the revenue stream associated with Cabrillo Estates Street Lighting by commencing the process under Proposition 218 whereby the property owners in Cabrillo Estates were asked to increase their Assessment to cover the costs associated with providing Street Lighting services. The protest hearing and subsequent count of the ballots determined that the property owners did not support the increased assessment.

During July, the Board of Directors tasked the Interim General Manager with working with the Cabrillo Estates Home Owners Association to determine if:

- The residents of Cabrillo Estates wanted to terminate Street Lighting in Cabrillo Estates; or
- If the Cabrillo Estates HOA was interested in pursuing either a HOA operated Street Lighting District or a separate Lighting District as defined by the California Government Code; or,
- At their cost, have a Proposition 218 election conducted to develop a revenue stream sufficient to support the budgeted operations incumbent upon the District to provide these services.

Several meetings were held with Cheryl Dove, the President of the Cabrillo Estates HOA. A survey was also sent to residents of Cabrillo Estates by the HOA asking their opinion on support for an increased assessment to cover the costs associated with street lighting in Cabrillo Estates. During the current fiscal year the District has paid PG&E \$2,190 for electricity. On July 2, 2009, the Board of Directors adopted LOCSD Resolution 2009-14: A Resolution Directing the Collection of Annual Assessment for Cabrillo Street Lighting. It is anticipated that the District will collect a total of \$1,700.00 from the Assessment for the Cabrillo Street Lighting.

On November 14, 2009, the District received correspondence from Ms. Cheryl Dove, the President of the Cabrillo Estates HOA, indicating that their option, at this time, is to discontinue street lighting in Cabrillo Estates.

Should, at a future date, Cabrillo Estates residents wish to re-establish street lights within their community, District staff will work to ascertain the most economical form of service that meets their needs.

**THE RECOMMENDED ACTION BEFORE YOUR BOARD is to: Approve this item with the other Consent Agenda Items and direct staff to contact PG&E requesting that electrical service to the street lights in Cabrillo Estates be discontinued;**

**or**

**If the item is pulled from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration then: after Board discussion, public comment on the item, and then by motion, second and vote, direct staff to contact PG&E requesting that electrical service to the street lights in Cabrillo Estates be discontinued.**

November 14, 2009

To: Joe Sparks, Mitch Cooney, Dan Gilmore, and Directors  
Los Osos Community Services District  
From: Cheryl Dove, President  
Cabrillo Estates Property Owners Association  
Subject: Street Lights

Dear Board Members,

I am sending this message to report that the Cabrillo Estates Property Owners Board of Directors voted unanimously Thursday night to reject the two proposals to have another 218 election for a property tax increase for our street lights. Early in October I sent out a questionnaire to Cabrillo Estates property owners asking for a vote in favor or against paying more for the street lighting services. So far I have received 85 responses in favor and 16 against. Despite the fact that many of our residents are in favor of the street lights, we believe that they will not approve the election proposal due to the high cost of funding the election and the open ended amount that we may have to pay in the future. We are now in favor of pursuing other options next year including possibly contracting directly with PG&E, installing LED fixtures and solar powered lights, and reducing the number of street lights. Until then, we understand that our street lights will be turned off.

I want to thank Mitch for his efforts to work with us on this matter and meeting with us. It is our intention to cooperate with the CSD, LOCAC and the county to keep our special community a safe and a pleasant place to live.

Sincerely,



Cheryl Dove, President, CEPOA