



Atascadero City Council

Staff Report – Administrative Services Department

Las Lomas (Woodridge) Assessment Districts

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Council:

1. Adopt Draft Resolution A initiating proceedings for the levy and collection of annual assessments for Atascadero Street and Storm Drain Maintenance District No. 02 (Woodridge) for fiscal year 2009/2010.
2. Adopt Draft Resolution B accepting and preliminarily approving the Engineer's Annual Levy Report regarding the Atascadero Street and Storm Drain Maintenance District No. 02 (Woodridge).
3. Adopt Draft Resolution C declaring the City's intention to levy and collect annual assessments within Atascadero Street and Storm Drain Maintenance District No. 02 (Woodridge) in fiscal year 2009/2010, and to appoint a time and place for the public hearing on these matters.
4. Adopt Draft Resolution D initiating proceedings for annual levy of assessments for the Atascadero Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District No. 02 (Woodridge) for fiscal year 2009/2010 pursuant to the provisions of Part 2 of Division 15 of the California Streets and Highways Code.
5. Adopt Draft Resolution E for preliminary approval of the Annual Engineer's Levy Report for the Atascadero Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District No. 02 (Woodridge) for fiscal year 2009/2010.
6. Adopt Draft Resolution F declaring the City's intention to levy and collect assessments for the Atascadero Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District No. 02 (Woodridge) for fiscal year 2009/2010.

REPORT-IN-BRIEF:

The City Council formed and began assessing Atascadero Street and Storm Drain Maintenance District No. 02 (Woodridge) in 2005. This district was formed to provide funding for future routine maintenance of the streets, storm drains and sidewalks in the Woodridge subdivision.

The City Council also formed and began assessing Atascadero Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 02 (Woodridge) in 2005. This district was formed to provide for funding and maintenance of street trees, open space, park area, medians,

walkways, paths and other landscape and lighting improvements within the Woodridge subdivision.

The Woodridge subdivision is now known as Las Lomas. The Assessment Districts were formed and named when the area was known as the Woodridge development. All references to Woodridge are now understood to mean the development known as Las Lomas.

Willdan Financial, an independent financial consultant, was hired to prepare the engineer's report for the two districts. The engineer's report and the levies must be approved by Council annually. This is done in a two-step process. Tonight, there are three resolutions for each district (a total of 6 resolutions in all) that must be passed in order to continue the assessments within the districts. The resolutions passed tonight will also establish the date and time for the public hearing. The public hearing is tentatively scheduled for June 9, 2009, at 6:00 p.m., at which time the final resolutions will be presented to the Council for passage.

The proposed assessments for fiscal year 2009/2010 are less than the Maximum Assessment Rate. In accordance with the formula voters of the district adopted in 2005, the City may increase the Maximum Assessment Rate for inflation by the greater of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) or 3.0%. The Maximum Assessment Rate was increased by 3.0% this year for both districts. The Landscape and Lighting District has a surplus fund balance, so the City staff held a neighborhood meeting to receive input from property owners as to the preference on how to treat the surplus. The property owners in attendance requested an assessment of about 24% of the allowable maximum annual assessments for the Landscaping and Lighting District, and about 15% for the Street and Storm Drain District.

District	Amount Per EBU Maximum Assessment Fiscal Year 2009-10	Amount Per EBU Proposed Assessment Fiscal Year 2009-10
Atascadero Street and Storm Drain Maintenance District No. 02 Las Lomas	\$561.47	\$88.07
Atascadero Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District No. 02 Las Lomas	\$1,394.27	\$338.48

FISCAL IMPACT:

Annual assessments for 2009/2010 will total \$15,940 for road/drainage system maintenance and \$61,265 for landscape and lighting maintenance. These amounts will be assessed to the owners of parcels in Woodridge. The City General Fund will contribute \$5,080 toward the cost of the trails.

ATTACHMENTS:

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