

**CITY OF ALBANY
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda Date: May 16, 2011

Reviewed by: BP

Subject: Intention to Order Improvements and Levy Assessments in Assessment District No. 1988-1 and Assessment District No. 1996-1 for the 2011/12 and 2012/13 Fiscal Years, and Set a Public Hearing for June 20, 2011 on the proposed assessments.

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

1. Approve Resolution #2011-25 - A Resolution of Intention to Order Improvements and Levy Assessments in Assessment District No. 1988-1 for the 2011/12 and 2012/13 Fiscal Years (Pursuant to the Landscaping & Lighting Act of 1972), set a public hearing for June 20, 2011 on the proposed assessments; and
2. Approve Resolution #2011-26 – A Resolution of Intention to Order Improvements and Levy Assessments in Assessment District No. 1996-1 for the 2011/12 and 2012/13 Fiscal Years (Pursuant to the Landscaping & Lighting Act of 1972).

BACKGROUND

Last years' Landscape and Lighting Assessment District (LLAD) budget was adopted for a two-year period for planning purposes. However, pursuant to state law, for actual assessment purposes, the attached resolutions apply only to the upcoming fiscal year.

Lighting Assessment District (No. 1988-1)

In 1988 the City Council established a Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District (No. 1988-1). By state law, on an annual basis the Council must pass a Resolution of Intention to order improvements and levy assessments in the assessment district. At this meeting, staff recommends that the City Council approve the Resolution of Intention.

The proposed FY 2011/12 and 2012/13 assessment for a detached single-family residential parcel is \$75.54. This amount is the same as was levied last year.

Assessments for other parcels of land are based on benefit as determined by the Assessment District engineer.

Although the majority of the funds will go toward maintaining Albany's existing lighting and landscaping infrastructure, some of these funds will be used toward improving the City's medians, Ohlone Greenway, and urban forestry. In 2010/11 funds were appropriated for Catherine's Walk, which has been rebuilt.

No hearings were held this year with the Park and Recreation Commission on District No. 1988-1 because no excess funding will be available this year for discretionary use. However, there will be discretionary funds available when the bonds are paid off in August 2012.

Lighting and Landscaping District No. 1996-1

In 1996 the City Council established Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District No. 1996-1, which provides funds for open space, ballfields and creek restoration. By state law on an annual basis, the Council must pass a Resolution of Intention to order improvements and levy annual assessments in this assessment district. In recent years Measure R has provided supplemental funding for Codornices Creek restoration and park improvement projects. Refer to the attached memorandum from Randy Leptien regarding proposed projects.

The proposed 2011/12 - 2012/13 FY assessment for a detached single-family residential parcel is \$69. This amount is the same as was levied last year. Assessments for other parcels of land are based on benefit as determined by the Assessment District engineer.

Public Hearing for Districts No. 1988-1 and 1996-1

On February 7, 2011, the Council approved Resolutions #2011-6 and #2011-7 directing Leptien, Cronin, Cooper, Morris & Poore, Inc., Engineer of Record, to prepare and file the annual report for each of these respective districts. These annual reports, including the diagram of the district and the assessment roll, are on file with the City Clerk. Approval of Resolution #2011-25 and #2011-26 sets June 20, 2010 as the date when the City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed assessment.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

Attachments

- Resolution #2011-25 and Resolution #2011-26
- 1988-1 Part A Engineer's Report
- 1988-1 Part B Cost Estimates
- 1996-1 A Engineer's Report
- 1996-1 B Cost Estimates
- 1996-1 C Summary of Rates by Land Use