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VICE CHAIRMAN
SUPERVISOR, FIFTH DISTRICT
SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM

DATE: April 19, 2005
TO: Board of Supervisors
SUBJECT: LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING ACT POLICY (DISTRICT: ALL)
SUMMARY:

Overview

The Landscape and Lighting Act of 1972 authorizes counties, cities, and special districts to form districts for purposes including maintenance of landscaping, streetlights, parks, and open space. While the County currently uses the Act for organization of the Countywide Street Lighting District, it does not have a clear policy for the use of such districts for other state-authorized purposes.

This action directs the Chief Administrative Officer to return to the Board in 60 days with recommendations for implementing policies to enable the County to more fully utilize the provisions of the Landscape and Lighting Act.

Recommendation(s)

VICE CHAIRMAN HORN:

1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to review all County policies relating to the Landscape and Lighting Act and return to the Board within 90 days with recommended changes and revisions.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact related to this request.

Business Impact Statement

N/A

Advisory Board Statement

N/A

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BACKGROUND:

The Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972 provides the county the ability to form and maintain districts for purposes including street lighting, landscaping, parks, and open space. These districts, which can also be known as Maintenance Assessment Districts, allow for voter approved special assessments to be collected and expended on the capital and ongoing costs of community benefit projects.

The County of San Diego currently uses the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972 for the authority to enact and maintain the Countywide Street Lighting District. The Act also permits the establishment of districts for the installation, construction, and maintenance of sidewalks, irrigation systems, traffic signals, public restrooms, parks, community centers, and landscaped medians. The county does not have a clear policy defining the types of projects eligible for maintenance assessment district creation or guidelines for the process of district formation.

The County has recently received more requests for assistance with assessment district creation. Development of this policy would create a new tool for the building and long-term care of previously unaffordable public improvements. By including communities in the decision making and financial process of community development, partnerships with the county on public improvements can better address issues of safety and beautification in many areas of San Diego County.

Respectfully submitted,

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

DEPARTMENT: [Click here and type]

PROGRAM: [Click here and type]

PROPOSAL: [Click here and type]

**FUTURE YEARS ESTIMATED
BUDGET OF PROPOSAL
IF ADOPTED**

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
Budgeted Amount For Proposal	Proposed Change in Budgeted Amount	Proposed Revised Current Year Budget (a+b)	1st Subsequent Year	2nd Subsequent Year

Direct Cost

Revenue/Other Offset

**NET GENERAL
FUND COST**

Staff Years

Sources of Revenue/Other Offset for Proposed Change and Subsequent Years:

Space-Related Impacts: Will this proposal result in any additional space requirements? Yes N/A

Support/Other Departmental Impacts: Yes N/A

Remarks: Yes N/A