



# REPORT TO COUNCIL

## City of Sacramento

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**CONSENT**  
**APRIL 18, 2006**

Honorable Mayor and  
 Members of the City Council

**Subject:** Citywide Lighting & Landscaping District Appropriation Adjustment for Fiscal  
 Year 2005/2006

**Location/Council District:** Citywide

**Recommendation:**

Adopt a resolution to appropriate \$746,632 from the Citywide Lighting and Landscaping  
 District undesignated fund balance in the 2005/2006 Fiscal Year.

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 Improvement Financing Manager, (916) 808-8788

**Presenters:** Not Applicable

**Department:** Development Services Department

**Division:** Public Improvement Financing

**Organization No:** 4815

**Summary:**

This report recommends City Council authorize the appropriation of \$746,632 from the  
 undesignated fund balance of the Citywide Lighting and Landscaping (L&L) District.  
 Approval of the recommendation will supplement the L&L budgets of the Department of  
 Transportation (DOT) and the Department of Parks and Recreation for authorized uses  
 under the L&L Act of 1972. The sum can be appropriated while leaving a remaining  
 fund balance that is necessary to pay debt service and for cash flow purposes. This  
 action will keep the fund balance of the L&L District as low as possible so that  
 assessments collected are used for services as quickly as possible.

**Committee/Commission Action:** None required.



**Background Information:**

The Citywide L&L District was established in June of 1989. The district contributes funding for the maintenance and rehabilitation of City parks and other publicly landscaped areas, and street tree maintenance, including the energy and maintenance cost of streetlights throughout the City. The Engineer’s Report for the District is adopted annually and specifies the methodology required to allocate the tax revenue for the authorized improvements. Property owners are assessed in accordance with a series of benefit formulas adopted by City Council in 1989. Annual assessments are paid by property owners along with their regular County property taxes.

In fiscal year 2004/2005, the street lighting and median maintenance budget in DOT was not reimbursed \$446,000 even though eligible expenditures occurred. To reimburse the DOT for these expenditures the DOT budget should be appropriated \$446,000.

Each year the citywide L&L budget should be adjusted to reflect actual expenditures and tax revenue. Currently, Department budgets do not match actual L&L related expenditures. To adjust budgets to match actual expenditures the DOT, Department of Parks and Recreation and the General Services Department budgets should be adjusted by \$300,632. This adjustment in funding is to reflect actual expenditures not to increase current service levels.

These funds are used for repairing elements of our streetscapes that have reached the end of their useful life. These elements include booster pumps, irrigation systems and controllers, ground cover, and renovation of plants and other facilities. DOT, Department of General Services and the Development Services Department will coordinate to insure that the funds are used for eligible purposes.

As adopted by City Council in the Engineer’s Report Department budgets will be adjusted as follows:

<b>Proposed FY 05/06 Budget Appropriation Adjustment</b>		
<b>Department</b>		<b>Amount</b>
<b>Dept. of Transportation</b>	Reimbursement	\$446,000
	Median Maintenance (Includes Reimbursement)	\$488,363
	Neighborhood Street Lighting Maintenance	\$82,359
<b>Parks and Recreation</b>	Street Tree Maintenance	\$102,841
	Park Maintenance	\$59,038
	Park Maintenance – Youth Program	\$10,418
<b>General Services Department</b>	Graffiti Abatement	\$3,613
	<b>Total Appropriation</b>	<b>\$746,632</b>

**Financial Considerations:**

There is no impact to the General Fund. The appropriation of \$746,632 is from the L&L contingency and is to reimburse the Department of Transportation for work performed in the prior fiscal year and correct budgeted expenditure levels to reflect actual expenditures. There is adequate funding in the L&L contingency to fund this adjustment.

**Environmental Considerations:**

The Environmental Services Manager has determined that the proposed action of the appropriation of \$746,632 from the undesignated fund balance of the Citywide Lighting and Landscaping District (L&L) is exempt from CEQA under Statutory Section 15273(a)(3) and (4) of the CEQA Guidelines. Section 15273(a)(3) and (4) of the CEQA Guidelines applies to activities that involve the establishment, modification, structuring, restructuring, or approval of rates, tolls, fares, or other charges by public agencies which the public agency finds are for the purpose of meeting financial reserve needs and requirements; and obtaining funds for capital projects, necessary to maintain service within existing service areas.

**Policy Considerations:**

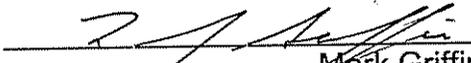
This action is consistent with the requirements of the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972 as set forth in the California Streets and Highway's Code. The budget appropriation is also consistent with the City's Strategic Plan to safeguard and manage the public's resources with integrity, prudence, and efficiency, to ensure the City maintains its ability to provide needed services through a balanced and sustainable budget.

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):**

City Council adoption of the attached resolution is not affected by City policy related to the ESBD Program.

Citywide Lighting & Landscaping District Appropriation Adjustment  
for Fiscal Year 2005/2006

April 18, 2006

Respectfully Submitted by:   
Mark Griffin  
Public Improvement Financing Manager

Approved by:   
Carol Shearly  
Planning Director

Recommendation Approved:

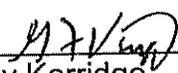
  
for  Ray Kerridge  
City Manager

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**RESOLUTION NO.**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

April 18, 2006

**CITYWIDE LIGHTING AND LANDSCAPING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT FOR  
FISCAL YEAR 2005/06**

**BACKGROUND**

- A. On August 1, 1989, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 89-600 approving Assessment District No. 2 Citywide Landscaping and Lighting (L&L) District for all developed properties within the City of Sacramento. On June 28, 2005 the City Council approved and adopted the fiscal year 2005/2006 L&L budget by Resolution No. 2005-542.
- B. Tax revenue collected under the L&L District are for the sole and exclusive payment of expenditures specified by the State of California Lighting and Landscaping Act of 1972 in accordance with the methodology described in the Engineer's Report.
- C. The Fund Balance of the L&L District fund can be reduced by \$746,632 without adversely affecting the prudent financial management of the fund.

**BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL  
RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The City Manager is hereby authorized to transfer from the Contingency account of the Citywide Lighting and Landscaping District, \$746,632 as follows:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
340-3497-4390	Median Maintenance	488,363
340-3496-4390	Neighborhood Street Lighting Maintenance	82,359
450-4713-4390	Street Tree Maintenance	102,841
450-4728-4390	Park Maintenance	59,038
450-4723-4390	Park Maintenance – Youth Program	10,418
310-3276-4390	Graffiti Abatement	3,613
Total:		<u>\$746,632</u>