

# CITY OF PALM DESERT STAFF REPORT

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MEETING DATE: May 9, 2024

PREPARED BY: Chris Gerry, Project Manager

REQUEST: APPROVE THE START OF PROCEEDINGS TO LEVY AND COLLECT ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS AND GRANT PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF THE 2024-25 ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR CONSOLIDATED PALM DESERT LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO.1

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Adopt a Resolution entitled "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM DESERT, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO INITIATE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR CONSOLIDATED PALM DESERT LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25.
2. Adopt a Resolution entitled "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM DESERT, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT THE ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR CONSOLIDATED PALM DESERT LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 AND PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF THE ENGINEER'S REPORT."
3. Set a public hearing to be held at the City Council meeting of June 27, 2024, at 4 p.m.

## **BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:**

The City of Palm Desert (City) administers 35 landscaping and lighting maintenance districts (LLDs) that comprise of Consolidated Palm Desert Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1. These LLDs pay for the maintenance of perimeter landscaping and streetlight benefits for residential subdivisions. The City created these LLDs pursuant to the provisions of the Landscaping & Lighting Act of 1972, Part 2 of Division 15 of the California Streets and Highways Code. District boundaries can be found in the Vicinity Map (Attachment 4).

LLDs are intended to recover all costs that the City incurs in their administration and maintenance. In some cases, however, there is a "finding of general benefit". A general benefit would be any improvement that benefits either properties outside LLD No. 1 or the public at large. Examples of general benefits include the landscaped median on Haystack Road (Zone #2, Canyon Cove) and perimeter streetlights that directly illuminates parcels outside the Sonata development (Zone #6, Sonata 1).

The City General Fund will pay approximately \$157,878.41 in general benefits that are listed preliminarily in the 2024-25 Engineer's Report (Report). Approximately 83% of this balance will be allocated to maintaining the Canyon Cove District (Haystack Greenbelt). The remainder will be allocated to LLDs with a benefit, such as street landscaping or lighting that fronts a major arterial street and that benefits the community at large.

**Legal Review:**

This report has been reviewed by the City Attorney's office.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The assessment and collection of the levy amount will finance both ongoing maintenance of LLDs and associated administrative costs. The general benefit costs have been included in the Proposed FY 2024-25 Budget.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Resolution (Initiate Proceedings)
2. Resolution (Intent to Levy)
3. 2024-25 Engineer's Report
4. Vicinity Map