



COUNTY OF YOLO

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Dear Clarksburg Property Owners,

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This letter is to inform you that your property is within the Clarksburg Lighting Assessment District (LAD), also known as a County Service Area. The basic premise of a County Service Area is for communities to fund a service by charging a direct assessment on the property. The Clarksburg Lighting Assessment District was formed in 1982 by the Yolo County Board of Supervisors, who govern the district to provide streetlighting to the community.

Yolo County plans to take steps to ensure adequate funding for the Clarksburg Lighting Assessment District. There are 24 streetlights in operation, and not enough funds to keep all of the lights in operation.

Included with this letter is a 5-year financial summary of revenues and expenses in relation to the Clarksburg street lights, showing expenditures are in excess of revenues. The present lighting assessment of \$22 per parcel has been in effect since 1994 and has not increased since. Absent an increase in the assessment, the County will either need to reduce or no longer provide these services. The amount of revenue necessary to continue street lighting services in the LAD is recommended by an engineering study that indicates the need for an annual per parcel assessment for street lighting service of \$35 per year, compared to the present assessment of \$22 per year.

The Board of Supervisors is tentatively scheduled to initiate the Proposition 218 process and to set a future public hearing to consider an increase in the assessment on Tuesday, August 31, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. As part of the Prop. 218 process, property owners in the LAD will be provided additional information about the increase and given an opportunity to support or oppose a revised street lighting assessment.

Shortly after the Board initiates the Prop. 218 process, a mailing will go to all property owners outlining the proposed assessment charge and providing the process and timeline for property owners to submit ballots to support or oppose the new charges. The mailings will include a notice of the public hearing on the matter which we anticipate being held sometime in October. If there is no majority protest and the Prop. 218 proceedings for the increased assessment are successful (i.e. the votes in opposition of the new charge do not exceed those in favor), the lighting services will continue. If a majority protest exists and the assessment cannot be implemented, those services will no longer be provided, starting in fiscal year 2022-23, as the County cannot provide services for which the LAD does not have the means to fund.

If you need to report a street light outage or suggest an additional site for a streetlight, please email YoloCSA@yolocounty.org. For additional information on the lighting district, please visit <https://www.yolocounty.org/government/general-government-departments/county-administrator/county-service-areas-csa/clarksburg-lighting-assessment-district>

Best regards,

Yolo County Service Areas Administration Team