

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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February 12, 2008

FROM: BRAD MITZELFELT, First District Supervisor
Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT: STUDY FOR POTENTIAL REORGANIZATION OF COUNTY SERVICE AREA 17
(APPLE VALLEY) STREETLIGHT DISTRICT

RECOMMENDATION: Direct the County Administrative Office and Special Districts Department staff to initiate a study for the potential reorganization of County Service Area 17 (CSA 17, Apple Valley – Streetlighting).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: County Service Area 17 (CSA 17) was formed on January 29, 1964, for the purpose of providing streetlight services to the unincorporated area adjacent to the Town of Apple Valley. Due to the incorporation of the Town of Apple Valley in November 1988, the number of streetlights in the district decreased from 516 streetlights to the current number of 47. With the increase in property values in this area, property tax revenue that supports streetlight services in CSA 17 has increased to an amount higher than necessary, thus resulting in the district accumulating a current operating budget reserve/surplus of approximately \$1,072,000.

The study will include, but not be limited to: possible dissolution of CSA 17 and entering into an out-of-area service agreement with the Town of Apple Valley for maintaining streetlights within the former CSA 17 service area, reorganization of CSA 17 and the redistribution of ad valorem property taxes that have been attributable to CSA 17, and alternative uses for the CSA 17 operating budget surplus. In connection with this study, it is anticipated that there would be meetings involving representatives from the Town of Apple Valley, CAO, Special Districts, and other agencies and County Departments to develop potential reorganization alternatives for future presentation to the Board of Supervisors.

Approval of this action would direct the County Administrative Office and Special Districts Department staff to initiate a study for the potential reorganization of County Service Area 17 (CSA 17, Apple Valley – Streetlighting).

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Dawn M. Messer, Deputy, 387-8900) on February 5, 2008; the Special Districts Department (Jeff Rigney, Deputy Director, 387-5941) on February 5, 2008; and by County Administrative Office (Wayne Thies, Administrative Analyst, 387-5409) on February 5, 2008.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The cost associated with initiating a study is minimal and will be paid by CSA 17 (SFV-185).

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): First

PRESENTER: Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt, First District, 387-4830

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