

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

DATE ISSUED: **July 16, 2008** REPORT NO: **08-108**
ATTENTION: Council President and City Council, Docket of **July 22, 2008**
SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2009 Park and Recreation Maintenance Assessment
Districts Annual Levy Approvals
REFERENCE:

REQUESTED ACTION:

This City Council action is to establish the Fiscal Year 2009 assessments for the City's Maintenance Assessment Districts (commonly referred to as MADs) that are managed by the Park and Recreation Department.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council authorize the levy and collection of assessments within previously established districts for Fiscal Year 2009; approve the annual update to the voter-approved Assessment Engineer's Report for each district; and authorize the appropriation and expenditure of district funds for Fiscal Year 2009.

SUMMARY:

Maintenance Assessment Districts are authorized by law to assess benefiting property owners for maintenance and other service activities. These activities must provide a special benefit above the standard level of service provided by the City. Maintenance areas may include but are not limited to landscaped and paved medians, landscaped right-of-ways and slopes, open space, parks, ponds, flood control channels, monuments, decorative street lighting, decorative gates, community signage, and banners. Maintenance Assessment Districts may also provide for cleaning of curbs and gutters, sweeping sidewalks, and security services.

State law requires that the City Council annually approve each district assessment levy and Assessment Engineer's Report. The action being taken today will allow the levy to be placed on the San Diego County Property Tax roll, and will meet the legal requirements necessary for each MAD to provide the maintenance and other services as described in the Assessment Engineer's Reports. There are currently 48 active districts. The following table lists the assessment district levies for the 48 active districts included in the Fiscal Year 2009 Budget, as supported by the Fiscal Year 2009 Annual Update to the Assessment Engineer's Reports. Assessment Engineer's Reports are available for review at: www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/general-info/engreports.shtml.

1.	Bay Terraces – Honey Drive	\$10,142	25.	Mira Mesa	\$644,383
2.	Bay Terraces – Parkside	\$34,311	26.	Miramar Ranch North	\$1,063,150
3.	Bird Rock	\$145,092	27.	Mission Boulevard	\$45,124
4.	Black Mountain Ranch North	\$191,492	28.	North Park	\$333,734
5.	Black Mountain Ranch South ¹	\$0	29.	Ocean View Hills	\$532,098
6.	Calle Cristobal	\$190,914	30.	Otay International Center	\$227,179
7.	Camino Santa Fe	\$237,835	31.	Pacific Highlands Ranch	\$124,616
8.	Campus Point	\$24,769	32.	Park Village	\$245,223
9.	Carmel Mountain Ranch	\$287,643	33.	Peñasquitos East	\$213,698
10.	Carmel Valley	\$1,774,950	34.	Rancho Bernardo	\$364,421
11.	Carmel Valley Neighborhood 10	\$179,956	35.	Rancho Encantada ¹	\$0
12.	Coral Gate	\$101,833	36.	Remington Hills ¹	\$0
13.	Coronado View	\$18,757	37.	Robinhood Ridge	\$86,174
14.	Del Mar Terrace	\$65,427	38.	Sabre Springs	\$98,069
15.	Eastgate Technology Park	\$136,875	39.	Scripps – Miramar Ranch	\$870,880
16.	El Cajon Boulevard	\$292,558	40.	Stonecrest	\$473,102
17.	First San Diego River Improvement Project	\$207,375	41.	Streetlight District Number One	\$334,394
18.	Gateway Center East	\$173,603	42.	Talmadge	\$142,316
19.	Genesee/North Torrey Pines Road	\$423,523	43.	Tierrasanta	\$637,044
20.	Hillcrest	\$15,118	44.	Torrey Highlands	\$368,976
21.	Kings Row	\$5,984	45.	Torrey Hills	\$1,028,936
22.	La Jolla Village Drive	\$33,199	46.	University Heights	\$37,399
23.	Liberty Station	\$66,205	47.	Washington Street	\$39,325
24.	Linda Vista Community	\$150,080	48.	Webster/Federal Boulevard ¹	\$0

¹ Black Mountain Ranch South, Rancho Encantada, Remington Hills and Webster/Federal Boulevard maintenance assessment districts have sufficient fund balance such that additional assessments are not needed for Fiscal Year 2009.

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The Fiscal Year 2009 MAD budget was approved by City Council on June 9, 2008 per Council Resolution no. R-303797. The estimated annual MAD assessment for City owned property for Fiscal Year 2009 is \$201,701.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL and/or COMMITTEE ACTION:

Each year, the City Council authorizes staff to levy assessments. The Fiscal Year 2008 approval was obtained on August 1, 2007 per City Council Resolutions R-302854, R-302855 and R-302856. The Proposed Fiscal Year 2009 budget, which is the foundation for determining the assessment amounts contained within the annual update, was approved by the City Council on June 9, 2008 per Council Resolution no. R-303797.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH EFFORTS:

For those districts with a community advisory committee, staff presented the budget and annual assessment rates for approval during December, January and February of this year. These rates have been included in the annual update to the Assessment Engineer's Reports as well as property and land use changes that may impact the calculation of the assessment rate.

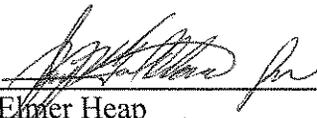
KEY STAKEHOLDERS AND PROJECTED IMPACTS:

Key stakeholders in this process are the property owners that are assessed as part of the Maintenance Assessment Districts program. Citizen advisory committees, which are typically subcommittees of officially recognized planning committees, town councils, or other community based organizations, are also stakeholders in this process. As required in Municipal Code Section 65.0210(a), staff has presented the budget and proposed assessment rate to those districts that have advisory committees.

If the annual update to the Assessment Engineer's Reports is not approved and the levy of assessments not authorized, existing districts will need to rely on their reserves to fund maintenance of improvements. Reserve levels vary in each district. Once reserves are depleted, maintenance activities would cease.



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