

**COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



**ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-13**

**for**

**LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE  
DISTRICT NO. 89-1-CONSOLIDATED  
ZONE 165  
(EAST HEMET)**

**PREPARED BY:**

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY  
TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT  
APRIL 12, 2012**

**AGENCY: COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA**  
**PROJECT LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT**  
**NO. 89-1-CONSOLIDATED - ZONE 165 ANNEXATION**  
**TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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**FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-13**  
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Pursuant to the provisions of Section 22565 through 22574 of the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972, said act being Part 2 of Division 15 of the Streets and Highways Code of the State of California, Section 4 of Article XIID of the California Constitution, and direction from the Board of Supervisors of Riverside County, California submitted herewith is the Report for Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District No. 89-1-Consolidated ("L&LMD No. 89-1-C") - Zone 165 Annexation consisting of five (5) parts as follows:

**PART I INTRODUCTION PAGE I - 1**

A background of the procedures for the preparation of the Engineer's Report for L&LMD No. 89-1-C.

**PART II DESCRIPTIONS PAGE II-1**

A general description and maintenance plans of the Calsense controller subscription and monitoring and dormant parkway landscaping improvements proposed to be funded.

**PART III COST ESTIMATES PAGE III-1**

An estimate of the cost of the Calsense controller subscription and monitoring and dormant parkway landscaping maintenance including incidental costs and expenses in connection therewith for fiscal year 2012-13, is as set forth on the lists thereof, attached hereto.

A diagram showing L&LMD No. 89-1-C Zone 165 annexation, the lines and dimensions of each parcel of land within said Zone 165, as the same exists on the maps of the Assessor of Riverside County for fiscal year 2012-13 is filed in the Office of the Riverside County Transportation Department. A reduced copy thereof is filed herewith and made a part hereof. Any changes in organization for said District (i.e. annexation) is discussed in this part.

A proposed assessment of the total costs and expense of the proposed improvements for fiscal year 2012-13 upon each parcel of land within said Zone 165, in proportion to the estimated benefits to be received by such parcels from said Calsense controller subscription and monitoring and dormant parkway landscaping improvements, is set forth upon the assessment roll filed herewith and made a part hereof.

## **PART I**

### **INTRODUCTION**

#### **LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT**

#### **NO. 89-1-CONSOLIDATED, ZONE 165**

#### **COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA**

Since the Passage of Proposition 218, Right to Vote on Taxes Act, which added Articles XIII C and XIII D to the California Constitution, new procedures must be followed to levy annual assessments under the Landscaping and Lighting Act.

Proposition 218 requires that all annual assessments be supported by a detailed Engineer's Report (hereinafter referred to as the "Report") prepared by a registered professional engineer. The Report includes the information required by law.

The Act provides for the annual levy of assessments for the Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District No. 89-1-Consolidated (hereinafter referred to as the District and Zones) for the express purpose of installing, maintaining, and servicing landscaping, trails, fossil filters and bio-swales; providing electricity for streetlights; the maintenance and electricity for traffic signals and bridge lights; and graffiti abatement improvements. The costs associated with the installation, maintenance, and servicing of the improvements may be assessed against those properties which are specially benefited by the installation, maintenance, and servicing. A County may levy annual assessments for an assessment district after complying with the requirements of the Act, and the provisions in Proposition 218.

The County initiates proceedings for the annual levy of assessments by passing a resolution, which proposes the annual levy under the Act. This resolution also describes the improvements, describes the location of the District, and finally orders an engineer,

who is a registered professional engineer, certified by the State of California, to prepare and file a detailed report.

The report prepared by the engineer must include maintenance plans for the improvements. The Report must also include an estimate of the costs of the improvements, a diagram, i.e., map of the District showing the boundary of the District, and an assessment of the estimated costs of the improvements against the parcels or lots which benefit from the improvements. Once the report is completed it is presented to the County Board of Supervisors for its review and approval as presented, or it may be modified and approved.

After the report is preliminarily approved, the County Board of Supervisors may adopt a Resolution of Intention, which declares its intent to levy the annual assessments against parcels within the existing District, describes the improvements, and refers to the Report for details of the District. The Resolution of Intention also sets a time and place for a hearing on the annual levy of assessments for the District.

In accordance with Proposition 218, property owners of the assessed parcels must approve any new or increased assessments.

## **PART II**

### **DESCRIPTION OF IMPROVEMENTS AND MAINTENANCE PLANS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-13 LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 89-1-CONSOLIDATED, ZONE 165 COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA**

#### **Description of Improvements**

Improvements to be funded by Zone 165 of Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District No. 89-1-Consolidated generally include the subscription and monitoring of a Calsense controller, and ensuring the maintenance and servicing of dormant parkway landscaping within the public right-of-way:

- Columbia St
- SH-74/Florida Ave

#### **Maintenance Plans**

Plans for the improvements of Zone 165 are not bound in this report but by this reference are incorporated and made a part of this report. The landscape plans for Conditional Use Permit No. 03622 shall be, upon final approval, on file in the office of the Riverside County Transportation Department, 4080 Lemon St 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Riverside, CA 92501, where they are available for public inspection. A reduced map of the maintained improvements is filed in Part IV of this Report; see Assessment Diagram.

**PART III**

**ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE OF COSTS AND EXPENSES  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-13  
LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT  
NO. 89-1-CONSOLIDATED, ZONE 165  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA**

The cost estimate contains each of the items specified in Section 22569 of the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972.

**Cost Estimate for Zone 165**

**Costs for Maintenance of Improvements**

Servicing <sup>1</sup> of the Calsense Controller Subscription and Monitoring	\$250
Administrative Costs <sup>2</sup>	<u>123</u>
<b>Total Amount to be Assessed for FY 2012-13</b>	<b>\$373</b>

<sup>1</sup>Servicing means communication associated with central irrigation control.

<sup>2</sup>Administrative Costs include County administration, preparation of Engineer's Report, and County Auditor-Controller fees.

**LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 89-1-CONSOLIDATED**  
**ZONE 165**  
**SUMMARY**  
**ANNUAL BUDGET**  
**FISCAL YEAR 2012-13**

MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS AND CALSENSE CONTROLLER SUBSCRIPTION AND MONITORING	
FUNCTION	ZONE 165
Calsense Controller Subscription	\$ 175
Field Inspection/Management	\$ 75
	<b>\$ 250</b>

ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	
FUNCTION	ZONE 165
Assessment Engineer	\$ 3
County Counsel	\$ 2
Auditor-Controller/Treasurer	\$ 114
Transportation Administration/Miscellaneous Expense	\$ 4
	<b>\$ 123</b>

<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 373</b>
<b>FISCAL YEAR 2012-13 ASSESSMENT</b>	<b>\$ 556.62/acre</b>

0.67 acre(s)

**PART III**

**ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE OF COSTS AND EXPENSES  
FOR DORMANT PARKWAY LANDSCAPING  
LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT  
NO. 89-1-CONSOLIDATED, ZONE 165  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA**

The cost estimate contains each of the items specified in Section 22569 of the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972.

**Cost Estimate for Zone 165**

**Costs for Maintenance of Improvements**

Maintenance <sup>1</sup> & Servicing <sup>2</sup> of the Dormant Parkway Landscaping	\$1,851
Administrative Costs <sup>3</sup>	<u>96</u>
<b>Total Additional Amount to be Assessed in Fiscal Year in which Dormant Improvements Become Active</b>	<b>\$1,947</b>

<sup>1</sup>Maintenance means the furnishing of services and materials for the ordinary and usual maintenance, operation, and servicing of the landscaping and appurtenances including repair, removal, replacement, providing for the life growth, health, beauty of landscaping, removal of trimmings, rubbish, debris and other solid wastes.

<sup>2</sup>Servicing means furnishing of energy and water to the landscaping improvements.

<sup>3</sup>Administrative Costs include County administration, preparation of Engineer's Report, and County Auditor-Controller fees.

**LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 89-1-CONSOLIDATED**  
**ZONE 165**  
**SUMMARY**  
**ANNUAL BUDGET**  
**DORMANT PARKWAY LANDSCAPING ON SH-74**

MAINTENANCE OF DORMANT PARKWAY LANDSCAPING	
FUNCTION	ZONE 165
Landscaping	\$ 755
Water	264
Backflow Certification	\$ 50
Electricity	\$ 264
Tree Trimming	\$ 50
Field Inspection/Management	\$ 108
Repair/Replacement	\$ 360
	<b>\$ 1,851</b>

ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	
FUNCTION	ZONE 165
Assessment Engineer	\$ 29
County Counsel	\$ 19
Transportation Administration/Miscellaneous Expense	\$ 48
	<b>\$ 96</b>

<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 1,947</b>
<b>DORMANT ANNUAL ASSESSMENT</b>	<b>\$ 2,906.56/acre</b>

0.67 acre(s)

**PART IV**

**ASSESSMENT DIAGRAM AND CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-13  
LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT  
NO. 89-1-CONSOLIDATED, ZONE 165  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA**

**Assessment Diagram**

The boundary map/Assessment Diagram for Zone 165 by this reference is incorporated and made a part of this Report. Only the parcels identified within the Assessment Diagram are within said boundary.

If any parcel submitted for collection is identified by the County Auditor-Controller to be an invalid parcel number for the current fiscal year, a corrected parcel number and/or new parcel number will be identified and resubmitted to the County Auditor/Controller. The assessment amount to be levied and collected for the resubmitted parcel or parcels shall be based on the method of apportionment and assessment rate approved in this Report. Therefore, if a single parcel has changed to multiple parcels, the assessment amount applied to each of the new parcels shall be recalculated and applied according to the approved method of apportionment and assessment rate rather than a proportionate share of the original assessment.

Information identified on this map was received from several sources including the owner/developer, Transportation Department, and the Riverside County Assessor.

## **Changes in Organization**

Zone 165

Annexation of Zone 165 as described and shown in Exhibit "A" is filed herewith and made a part hereof changes the organization for this District for Fiscal Year 2012-13.

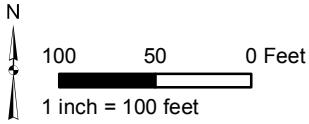
# ZONE 165

PORTION OF SECTION 12, T.5S., R.W.  
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 03622

1 PARCEL

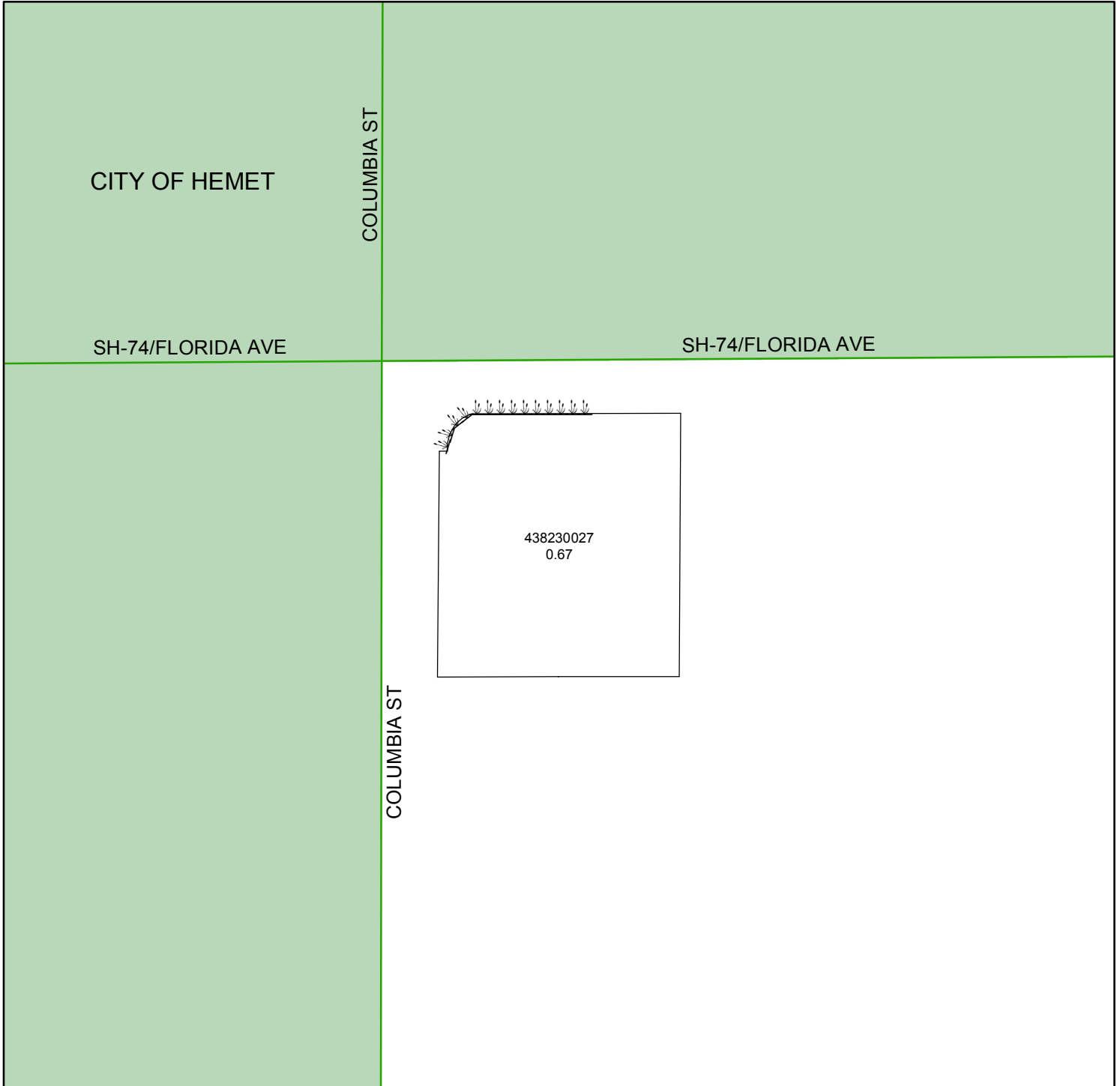


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## ASSESSMENT DIAGRAM

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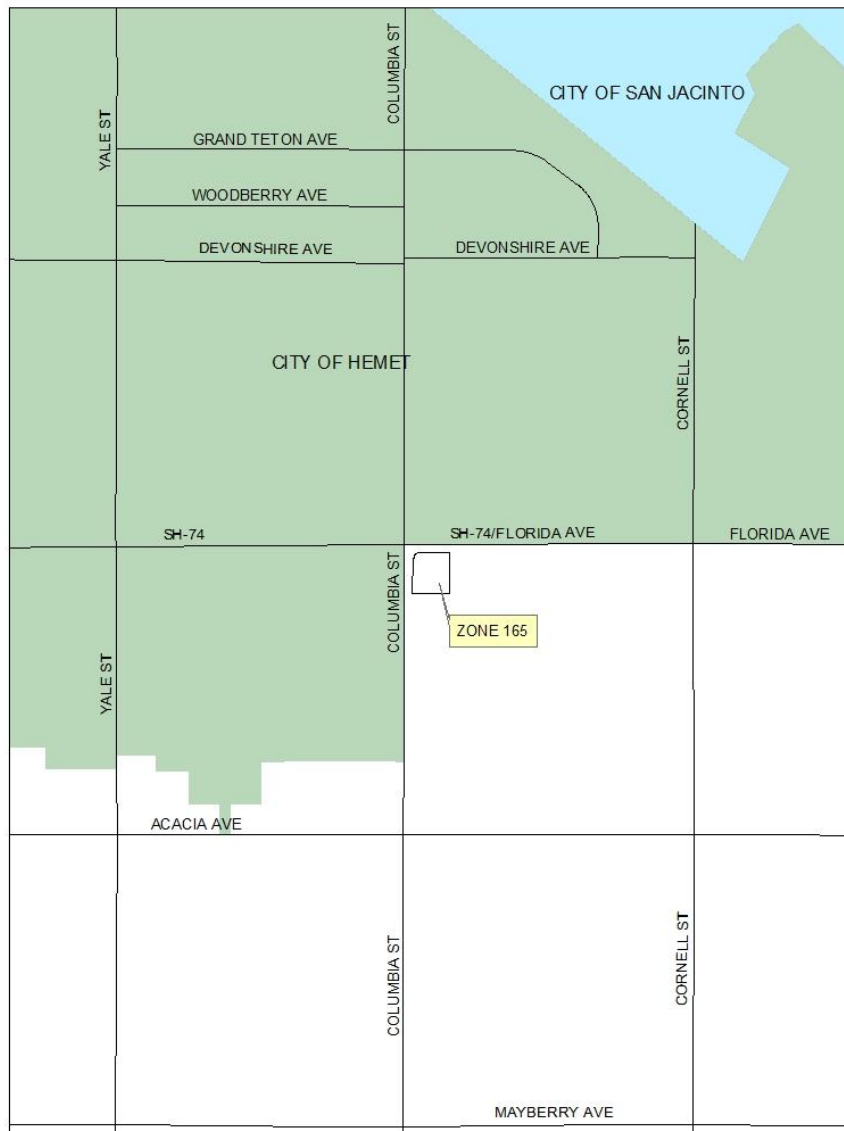
DENOTES DORMANT LANDSCAPED AND MAINTAINED PARKWAY

# EXHIBIT "A"

## Description of Boundaries

The boundaries of Zone 165 to be annexed into Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District No. 89-1-Consolidated, of the County of Riverside, are coterminous with the boundaries of APN 438-230-027 as shown on Assessment Roll in the County of Riverside, State of California in Fiscal Year 2012-13.

### Vicinity Map (East Hemet Area)



**PART V**

**ASSESSMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-13  
LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT  
NO. 89-1-CONSOLIDATED, ZONE 165  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA**

**“LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT OF 1972”, DIVISION 16 OF THE  
STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2012 the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside, State of California, did, pursuant to the provisions of the “Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972”, being Division 15 of the Streets and Highways Code of the State of California, adopt Resolution No. 2012-086 ordering the preparation of the engineer’s report for a special assessment district known and designated as:

Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District No. 89-1-Consolidated, Zone 165 (herein referred to as “District”); and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, did direct the appointed Engineer to make and file a “Report”, in accordance with Article 4 (commencing with Section 22565) of Chapter 1 of Part 2 of Division 15 of the Streets and Highways Code, being an article of the aforementioned Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972.

WHEREAS, Section 22567 of said Article 4 states the “Report” shall consist of the following;

- a. Maintenance plans for the dormant parkway landscaping improvements
- b. An estimate of the costs of servicing Calsense controller subscription and monitoring and dormant parkway landscaping improvements
- c. A diagram for the assessment district

d. An assessment of the estimated costs of maintenance of the improvements

NOW, THEREFORE, I, the appointed ENGINEER, pursuant to the 'Landscaping Act of 1972", do hereby submit the following:

1. Pursuant to the provisions of law the costs and expenses of the District have been assessed upon the parcels of land in the District benefited thereby in direct proportion and relation to the estimated benefits to be received by each of said parcels. For particulars as to the identification of said parcel, reference is made to the Assessment Diagram, a reduced copy of which is included herein.
2. As required by law, a Diagram is filed herewith, showing the District, as well as the boundaries and dimensions of the respective parcels and subdivisions of land within said District as the same exist, each of which subdivisions of land or parcels or lots, respectively, have been given a separate number upon said Diagram and in the Assessment Roll contained herein.
3. The separate numbers given the subdivisions and parcels of land, as shown on said Assessment Diagram and Assessment Roll, correspond with the numbers assigned to each parcel by the Riverside County Assessor. Reference is made to the County Assessment Roll for a description of the lots or parcels.
4. There are no parcels or lots within Zone 165 that are owned by a federal, state or other local governmental agency that will benefit from the services to be provided by the assessments to be collected.

#### **Method of Assessment Apportionment**

The 1972 Act permits the establishment of assessment districts by agencies for the purpose of providing certain public improvements, which include the construction, maintenance, and servicing of public lights, landscaping, dedicated easements for

landscape use, and appurtenant facilities. The 1972 Act further provides that assessments may be apportioned upon all assessable lot(s) or parcel(s) of land within an assessment district in proportion to the estimated benefits to be received by each lot or parcel from the improvements rather than assessed value.

*“The net amount to be assessed upon lands within an assessment district may be apportioned by any formula or method which fairly distributes the net amount among all assessable lots or parcels in proportion to the estimated benefits to be received by each such lot or parcel from the improvements.”*

The formula used for calculating assessments reflects the composition of the parcels and the improvements and services provided by the District to fairly apportion the costs based on the estimated benefit to each parcel.

In addition, Article XIII D of the California Constitution (the “Article”) requires that a parcel's assessment may not exceed the reasonable cost of the proportional special benefit conferred on that parcel. The Article provides that only special benefits are assessable, and the County must separate the general benefits from the special benefits conferred on a parcel. A special benefit is a particular and distinct benefit over and above general benefits conferred on the public at large, including real property within the district. The general enhancement of property value does not constitute a special benefit.

### **Special Benefit**

The Calsense controller subscription and monitoring, and parkway landscaping improvements within Zone 174 in Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District No. 89-1-Consolidated (DISTRICT) provide direct and special benefit to the lots or parcels within the DISTRICT. Therefore, the maintenance of these improvements also provides

direct and special benefit by maintaining the functionality of the improvements and allowing the improvements to operate in a proper manner.

Each and every lot or parcel within the DISTRICT, receives a particular and distinct benefit from the improvements over and above general benefits conferred by the improvements. First, the improvements were conditions of approval for the creation or development of the parcels. In order to create or develop the parcels, the County required the original developer to install a Calsense controller and parkway landscaping and to guarantee the maintenance of the parkway landscaping and appurtenant facilities serving the lots or parcels. Therefore, each and every lot or parcel within the proposed DISTRICT could not have been developed in the absence of the installation and expected maintenance of these facilities.

In addition, the improvements continue to confer a particular and distinct special benefit upon parcels within the DISTRICT because of the nature of the improvements. The proper maintenance of parkway landscaping and appurtenant facilities specially benefit parcels within the DISTRICT by moderating temperatures, providing oxygenation, attenuating noise from adjacent streets and controlling dust for those properties in close proximity to the landscaping; improved erosion and water quality control, dust abatement, increased public safety (e.g., control sight distance restrictions and fire hazards), improved neighborhood aesthetics (improves the attractiveness of the properties within the DISTRICT and provides a positive visual experience each and every time a trip is made to or from the property), allowing traffic into and out of the development, and increasing traffic safety by improving visibility. The spraying and treating of landscaping for disease reduces the likelihood of insect infestation and other diseases spreading to landscaping located throughout the properties within the DISTRICT.

The proper maintenance of the landscaping, ornamental structures, and appurtenant facilities reduces property-related crimes (especially vandalism) against properties in

the DISTRICT and the screening of properties within the DISTRICT from arterial streets.

Finally, the proper maintenance of parkway landscaping, and appurtenant structures provides an enhanced quality of life and sense of well being for properties within the DISTRICT.

Because all benefiting properties consist of a uniform land use (non-residential), it is determined that all non-residential parcels within the DISTRICT benefit equally from the improvements. The costs and expenses for the Calsense controller subscription and monitoring and dormant parkway landscaping maintenance and services are apportioned on a per acre basis.

Based on the benefits described above, streetlights and traffic signals are an integral part of the quality of life of the DISTRICT. This quality of life is a special benefit to those parcels with a non-residential land use within the DISTRICT and do not include government owned easements, easements, and flood channel parcels. Government-owned easement, utility easement and flood channel parcels do not benefit from the improvements due to their use and lack of habitation on such parcels. Parcels of this nature are usually vacant narrow strips of land or flood control channels and therefore do not generate or experience pedestrian or vehicular traffic. Nor do these types of parcels support dwelling units or other structures that would promote frequent use of the parcels by the traveling public. As a result of this lack of activity on such parcels they do not receive any benefit from streetlights and traffic signals and are not assessed.

### **General Benefit**

The total benefit from the works of improvement is a combination of the special benefits to the parcels within the DISTRICT and the general benefits to the public at large and to

adjacent property owners. The portion of the total Calsense controller subscription and monitoring and parkway landscaping maintenance costs associated with general benefits will not be assessed to the parcels in the DISTRICT, but will be paid from other Transportation Department Funds. Because the Calsense controller subscription and monitoring and parkway landscaping improvements are located immediately adjacent to properties within the DISTRICT and are maintained solely for the benefit of the properties within the DISTRICT, any benefit received by properties outside of the DISTRICT is nominal. Therefore, the general benefit portion of the benefit received from the improvements for the DISTRICT is zero. As a result, no property is assessed in excess of the reasonable cost of the proportional special benefit conferred on that property.

The dollar per acre value for Fiscal Year 2012-13 for Zone 165 is as follows:

<u>Total Budget</u> =	<u>\$373</u>		
Total No. Acres	.067	=	\$556.62/acre

The assessment for Fiscal Year 2012-13 for Zone 165 that is to be annexed into L&LMD No. 89-1-C will be \$556.62 per acre.

Per Caltrans requirements, parkway landscaping improvements located in Caltrans right-of-way shall be maintained in perpetuity. The maintenance and servicing of parkway landscaping on SH-74/Florida Ave will be the responsibility of the property owners within Zone 165, per their signed maintenance agreement with the County of Riverside Transportation Department (Agreement for Maintenance of Parkways (ICI), dated 07/20/11). Should the property owners default on this agreement, the maintenance and servicing of the parkway landscaping will transfer to L&LMD No. 89-1-C, and the dormant annual assessment for such services will become active.

Calsense Irrigation Controllers and associated Calsense Communications subscriptions enable County staff to remotely monitor the irrigation activity of a proposed dormant

L&LMD No. 89-1-C zone. Along with monitoring irrigation activity, the subscription enables County staff to check for power issues, irrigation breaks, water off conditions, and many other reports and saves time by not requiring frequent field inspections.

Beginning in the fiscal year in which the dormant maintenance and servicing of the dormant parkway landscaping on SH-74/Florida Ave becomes active the annual assessment may be increased by \$2,906.56 per acre which, when added to the assessment for the Calsense controller subscription and monitoring, will result in an aggregate assessment of \$3,463.18 per acre, adjusted for inflation. Subsequent annual assessments may be increased, without regard to the \$3,463.18 per acre ceiling.

Each succeeding fiscal year the special assessment may be subject to an annual adjustment that is the greater of two percent (2%) or the cumulative percentage increase, if any, in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers ("CPI-U") for the Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County California Standard Metropolitan Statistical area ("Index") published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor. The annual CPI-U adjustment will be based on the cumulative increase, if any, in the "Index" as it stands on March of each year over the base Index for March of 2012. Any increase larger than the greater of 2% or the CPI-U annual adjustment requires a majority approval of all the property owners in Zone 165.

#### **Waiver and Consent Regarding Date of Assessment Ballot Election**

There is only one individual/entity which owns all of the property within the proposed boundaries of Zone 165 and said property owner has executed a "Waiver and Consent Regarding Date of Assessment Ballot Election" allowing for the election and public hearing to be held on June 19, 2012; a copy of said waiver is filed herewith and made a part hereof.

In conclusion, it is my opinion that the assessments for Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District No. 89-1-Consolidated, Zone 165 have been spread in direct accordance with the benefits that each parcel receives from the items being financed.

Dated April 12, 2012

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Juan C. Perez', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

Juan C. Perez, Director of Transportation

L&LMD No. 89-1-C, Zone 165, County of Riverside, California

APN	ACRES	ASSESSMENT
438-230-027	0.67	372.94

**LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE  
DISTRICT NO. 89-1-CONSOLIDATED  
OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA**

**WAIVER AND CONSENT REGARDING DATE OF  
ASSESSMENT BALLOT ELECTION**

The undersigned, an authorized representative of R & B Investments Inc (the "Owner") owns property within the unincorporated area of the County of Riverside (the "County") represented by the following Assessor's Parcel Numbers for fiscal year 2012-13 (the "Property"): APN(s) 438-230-027.

The Owner has made application that the Property be annexed as Zone 165 to Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District No. 89-1-Consolidated of the County ("L&LMD No. 89-1-C") and certifies the following:

1. The Owner waives the requirements of Section 4000 of the Elections Code of the State of California (the "Elections Code") that the mailed ballot election required for annexation and the levy of an annual assessment must be held on an established mailed ballot election date pursuant to Section 1500 of the Election Code; and
2. The Owner consents to the mailed assessment ballot election with respect ~~to the levy of an annual assessment on the Property being held on~~ June 19, 2012

**OWNER: R & B Investments Inc**  
**(Name of Company  
as Stated in Initial Paragraph)**

By:   
Signature

Name: Jeff Robinson  
Print

Title: President