# CITY OF NAPA CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

CONSENT HEARING AGENDA ITEM 6.B. Date: May 21, 2013

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council

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Subject: Citywide Landscape Maintenance Assessment District, FY 2013-2014

#### **ISSUE STATEMENT:**

Conduct public hearing and adopt a resolution approving Engineer's Report and ordering annual levy of assessment for the Citywide Landscape Maintenance District, FY 2013-2014.

### **DISCUSSION:**

In 1987, the City Council authorized the establishment of a Citywide Landscape Maintenance District to provide a means for maintaining "back-on" landscaping improvements along arterial and major collector streets in new subdivisions and landscaping in street medians. Each year, the City Council is required to take the necessary actions to receive the Engineer's Report, hold the protest hearing and levy the assessments. The Engineer's Report, which has been prepared by staff, is attached.

The areas included in the maintenance district for FY 2013-2014 include Oak Ridge Subdivision, Hillview Park Subdivision, Sunrise Meadows Subdivision, Foxridge Subdivision, the Trancas Street Median Landscaping in front of Bel Aire Plaza Shopping Center, Oxford Gardens Subdivision, Glencar Estates Subdivision, Dry Creek Village Subdivision, Rancho Las Flores Subdivision, Woodside Gardens Subdivision, Hyde Park II Subdivision, Walnut Grove Subdivision Unit 1, Vineyard Vista Estates Subdivision, Orchard Estates Subdivision, Chaudhary Estates Subdivision, and Mills Subdivision. The City proposes to continue the levy of assessments at the same amounts (no increase) and in the same manner as last year. Since City Manager Mike Parness owns real property within the district, he has not participated in the preparation of the staff recommendation set forth in this report.

Notice of the hearing was processed pursuant to provisions of Section 22626(a) of the Streets and Highways Code. The notice was published once in the local paper at least ten (10) days before the date of the hearing.

It is recommended that the City Council receive testimony from the public as required and adopt a resolution approving the Engineer's Report, confirming diagram and assessment, and ordering levy of assessment for the Citywide Landscape Maintenance District, FY 2013-2014.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACTS:**

There is no financial impact to the City General Fund. The City proposes to continue the levy of assessments at the same amounts (no increase) and in the same manner as last year. All costs will be borne by the assessment district property owners.

Since there is no proposed increase in these assessments, this action does not conflict with the provisions of Proposition 218, as codified in Article XIIID of the California Constitution.

# CEQA:

By Resolution R2013-18, dated April 16, 2013, the City Council determined that the adoption of a maintenance assessment is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(h) which exempts maintenance of existing landscaping and lighting.

# **DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:**

1. Attachment 1: Resolution approving the Engineer's Report, confirming diagram and assessment, and ordering levy of assessment for the Citywide Landscape Maintenance Assessment District, FY 2013-2014 with Exhibit A.

#### NOTIFICATION:

Legal notice of public hearing published in the Napa Valley Register on May 10, 2013.

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Staff recommends that the City Council move, second and approve each of the actions set forth below, in the form of the following motion. Move to:

Adopt a resolution approving the Engineer's Report, confirming diagram and assessment, and ordering levy of assessment for the Citywide Landscape Maintenance Assessment District for Fiscal Year 2013-2014.