



INDIAN WELLS CITY COUNCIL

March 5, 2026

To: City Council
From: Finance Department
Prepared by: Kevin McCarthy, City Finance Director
Subject: **Initiating Proceedings and Preliminarily Approving the Annual Levy Report for Indian Wells Street Lighting District No. 2000-1 for Fiscal Year 2026-27**

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Council **ADOPTS** Resolution initiating proceedings for annual levy of assessments and declaring its intention to levy annual assessments for the Indian Wells Street Lighting District No. 2000-1 for Fiscal Year 2026-27, pursuant to the provisions of Part 2 of Division 15 of the California Streets and Highway Code; and

ADOPTS Resolution preliminarily approving the annual engineer's report regarding the Indian Wells Street Lighting District No. 2000-1 for Fiscal Year 2026-27; and

SCHEDULES a noticed Public Hearing on April 2, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. to hear public testimony on the proposed levy; and

FINDS the project to be exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15060.

BACKGROUND:

The City Council conducts a public hearing each year to act on costs to operate and maintain the Indian Wells Street Lighting District No. 2001-01. The public hearing will be held on Thursday, April 2, 2026, to receive public testimony and consider approval of the fiscal year 2026-27 levy. In addition, the Engineer's Report provides a total budget for the Indian Wells Street Lighting District No. 2001-01.

The City is responsible for levying the annual lighting and maintenance assessment in accordance with the Landscape and Lighting Act of 1972 and Proposition 218. The District is located at the southwest corner of Fred Waring Drive and Warner Trail and extends to Blackfoot Drive, Dakota Trail, Arapahoe Vista, and Elkhorn Trail.

Riverside County initially established County Service Area 121 (CSA 121) to provide street lighting services to a portion of the Village area. After the annexation, the City detached

CSA 121 and formed a new district called the Indian Wells Street Lighting District No. 2000-01. The City is responsible for levying the annual lighting and maintenance assessment in accordance with the Landscape and Lighting Act of 1972 and Proposition 218.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The annual levy is \$47.74 and has stayed the same from the prior fiscal year. The City anticipates collecting \$2,339 from forty-nine assessed parcels within the District. The City records the revenues into a Special Revenue fund to operate the District. Therefore, there is no fiscal impact on the General Fund as the annual levy is sufficient to operate the district.

OPTIONS:

1. Approve initiating proceedings, preliminarily approving the annual levy report, and declaring the intention to order the levy and collection of assessments for the annual levy for the Indian Wells Street Lighting District No. 2000-1 for the fiscal year 2026-27
2. Decide against initiating proceedings.
3. Provide alternative instructions to the staff.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

This action has been reviewed per the authority and criteria contained in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the State and local CEQA Guidelines, and the City's environmental regulations. The City, acting as the Lead Agency, determined that the ordinance is not subject to CEQA pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2), 15060(c)(3), and 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, because it will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change to the environment as there is no possibility that the action would result in a significant environmental impact, and because it does not constitute a "project" as defined in Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution – Initiate Proceedings
2. Resolution- Engineer Report