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Landscaping and Lighting District

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**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
SANTA CLARITA LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING DISTRICT**

**ENGINEER'S REPORT
CERTIFICATE**

This Report describes the District including the improvements, budgets, parcels and assessments to be levied for fiscal year 2020/2021, as they existed at the time of the passage of the Resolution of Intention. Reference is hereby made to the Los Angeles County Assessor's maps for a detailed description of the lines and dimensions of parcels within the Districts. The undersigned respectfully submits the enclosed Report as directed by the City Council.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Willdan Financial Services
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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the enclosed Engineer's Report, together with Assessment Roll and Assessment Diagram thereto attached was filed with me on the _____ day of _____, 2020.

By: _____
Mary Cusick, City Clerk
City of Santa Clarita
Los Angeles County, California

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the enclosed Engineer's Report, together with Assessment Roll and Assessment Diagram thereto attached was approved and confirmed by the City Council of the City of Santa Clarita, California, on the _____ day of _____, 2020.

By: _____
Mary Cusick, City Clerk
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I. OVERVIEW

A. INTRODUCTION

The City of Santa Clarita (the “City”), under the provisions of the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972, Part 2 of Division 15 of the California Streets and Highways Code (the “1972 Act”) and the provisions of the California Constitution Article XIII D enacted by Proposition 218 (the “Constitution”), annually levies and collects special assessments for the City’s maintenance assessment districts designated as the Santa Clarita Landscaping and Lighting District (the “District”) to provide and maintain various landscaping and lighting improvements throughout the City that provide special benefits to properties within the District.

Collectively, the District incorporates and is inclusive of Street Lighting Zones A and B, and Landscaping Zones 1, 2, 3, 3A, 4, 5, 5A, 6, 7, 7A, 8, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 2008-1, T1B, T2, T2A, T3, T3B, T4, T5, T6, T7, T8, T17, T20, T23, T23-A, T23-B, T29, T31, T33, T44, T46, T47, T48, T51, T52, T62, T65, T65-A, T65-B, T67, T68, T69, T71, T77, and T1, (the “Zones”).

On April 24, 2018, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 18-14, which initiated annexation proceedings for the Plum Canyon annexation with the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). Annexation Application No. 2018-04 was submitted to LAFCO on June 27, 2018.

On July 10, 2018, the City Council adopted a joint resolution between the City of Santa Clarita (City) and County of Los Angeles, approving and accepting the negotiated exchange of property tax revenue relating to the pending annexation of areas within the unincorporated portion of Los Angeles County. Following the Council’s action, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors adopted the same joint resolution at their board meeting on September 18, 2018. LAFCO approved Annexation 2018-04 at their October 10, 2018, meeting and further held the protest hearing at their November 14, 2018, meeting.

Annexation 2018-04, including the transfer of Landscape Zone T2A (Skyline Ranch), was completed on November 15, 2018, when the annexation was recorded with the state. Subsequently, the County of Los Angeles transferred Landscape Zone T1B (Whites Canyon) on January 28, 2020.

This Engineer’s Report (the “Report”) has been prepared pursuant to Chapter 1, Article 4, Chapter 3 and Chapter 5 of the 1972 Act, and presented to the City Council for their consideration and approval of the proposed improvements and services to be provided within the District and the levy and collection of annual assessments related thereto for Fiscal Year 2020/2021 and includes all Zones previously established. This Report includes all annexations to the Streetlight and landscape Zones that have been approved by the City Council to date. As part of these previous actions the Council authorized the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 levy and collection of assessments related to these specific parcels within the District.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, portion, zone, or subzone of this Report is, for any reason, held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of the Report and each section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, portion, zone, or subzone thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more

sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, phrases, portions, zones, or subzones might subsequently be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

Funding for streetlight maintenance services is through a blend of assessment revenue and property taxes. This engineers' report relates to the levy of special assessments. There are two assessment rates for streetlights: \$12.38 (referred to as Zone A for identification purposes) and \$86.86 (referred to as Zone B for identification purposes).

The assessment for Zone A is constant, while the assessment for Zone B incorporates an escalation provision that allows it to adjust automatically each year by the change in consumer price index. As territories annex into the City in future years, annexation to Zone B of the District will be a condition of the annexation approval process.

Annually, the City establishes the assessments for each Zone based on the special benefit received by the properties in that Zone and the associated net special benefit expenses. These special benefit expenses are based on the historical and estimated costs to maintain the improvements that provide direct and special benefits to properties within each Zone of the District and include all expenditures, deficits, surpluses, revenues, and reserves. Each parcel is assessed proportionately for only those improvements provided and for which the parcel receives special benefits.

Following consideration of all public comments and written protests at a noticed public hearing and review of the Report, the City Council may order amendments to the Report or confirm the Report as submitted. Following final approval of the Report and confirmation of the assessments, the Council may order the levy and collection of assessments for Fiscal Year 2020/2021 pursuant to the 1972 Act. Once the levy is approved, the assessment information will be submitted to the County Auditor-Controller and included on the property tax roll for each benefiting parcel for Fiscal Year 2020/2021.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSITION 218

On November 5 1996, the electorate approved Proposition 218, Right to Vote on Taxes Act, which added Articles XIII C and XIII D to the California Constitution. The Article XIII D affects all assessments upon real property for a special benefit conferred on the property. Assessments imposed under the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972 encompasses these types of benefit assessments.

The provisions of Proposition 218 can be summarized in four general areas:

1. Strengthens the general and special tax provisions of Propositions 13 and 62;
2. Extends the initiative process to all local taxes, assessments, fees and charges;
3. Adds substantive and procedural requirements to assessments; and
4. Adds substantive and procedural requirements to property-related fees and charges.

Prior to Proposition 218, property owners petitioned to be annexed into one or more of the Existing Districts and were annexed to the appropriate Zones or established as new Zones in those districts. After the passage of Proposition 218, inclusion of various developments and parcels to the districts included the balloting of the property owners of record in compliance with Proposition 218. Likewise, Zones and parcels subject to a proposed new or increased assessment were balloted for those new or increased assessments in accordance with Article XIII D of the Constitution.

C. ANNUAL CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ADJUSTMENT

With the exceptions of Street Lighting Zone A, and Landscaping Zones T20, T33, T44, T48 and T62, the authorized maximum assessment rates for each Zone includes an annual cost of living adjustment based on the annual percentage change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). This annual adjustment to the maximum assessment rates authorized is defined as follows:

The maximum assessment rate may increase each fiscal year based on the annual change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI), during the preceding year, for All Urban Consumers, for the Los Angeles, Long Beach and Anaheim areas, published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (or a reasonably equivalent index should the stated index be discontinued).

For Fiscal Year 2020/2021, the applicable CPI increase during the preceding year and applied to the applicable Zone maximum assessment rates is 2.96%.

// PLANS AND SPECIFICATION

A. IMPROVEMENTS AUTHORIZED BY THE 1972 ACT

As applicable or may be applicable to this District, the 1972 Act defines improvements to mean one or any combination of the following:

- The installation or planting of landscaping.
- The installation or construction of statuary, fountains, and other ornamental structures and facilities.
- The installation or construction of public lighting facilities, including, but not limited to, traffic signals.
- The installation or construction of any facilities which are appurtenant to any of the foregoing or which are necessary or convenient for the maintenance or servicing thereof, including, but not limited to, grading, clearing, removal of debris, the installation or construction of curbs, gutters, walls, sidewalks, or paving, or water, irrigation, drainage, or electrical facilities.
- The installation of park or recreational improvements, including, but not limited to, all of the following:
 - Land preparation, such as grading, leveling, cutting and filling, sod, landscaping, irrigation systems, sidewalks, and drainage.
 - Lights, playground equipment, play courts, and public restrooms.
- The maintenance or servicing, or both, of any of the foregoing.
- The acquisition of land for park, recreational, or open-space purposes.
- The acquisition of any existing improvement otherwise authorized pursuant to this section.
- Incidental expenses associated with the improvements include, but are not limited to:
 - The cost of preparation of the report, including plans, specifications, estimates, diagram, and assessment;
 - The costs of printing, advertising, and the publishing, posting and mailing of notices;
 - Compensation payable to the County for collection of assessments;
 - Compensation of any engineer or attorney employed to render services;
 - Any other expenses incidental to the construction, installation, or maintenance and servicing of the improvements;
 - Any expenses incidental to the issuance of bonds or notes pursuant to Section 22662.5.
 - Costs associated with any elections held for the approval of a new or increased assessment.

The 1972 Act defines "maintain" or "maintenance" to mean furnishing of services and materials for the ordinary and usual maintenance, operation, and servicing of any improvement, including:

- Repair, removal, or replacement of all or any part of any improvement.
- Providing for the life, growth, health, and beauty of landscaping, including cultivation, irrigation, trimming, spraying, fertilizing, or treating for disease or injury.

- The removal of trimmings, rubbish, debris, and other solid waste.
- The cleaning, sandblasting, and painting of walls and other improvements to remove or cover graffiti.

B. DESCRIPTION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MAINTAINED AND SERVICED

Landscaping Improvements

The improvements installed, maintained and serviced within the Landscaping Zones are generally described as improvements within public rights-of-way and dedicated landscape easements within various tracts and on individual parcels located throughout the City including, but not limited to: landscaping, planting, shrubbery, trees, grass, other ornamental vegetation, irrigation systems, hardscapes and fixtures; statuary, fountains and other ornamental structures and facilities; public lighting facilities; facilities which are appurtenant to any of the foregoing or which are necessary or convenient for the maintenance or servicing thereof, including, but not limited to, clearing, removal of debris, the installation or construction of curbs, gutters, walls, sidewalks, or paving, or water, irrigation, drainage, or electrical facilities; and, park or recreational improvements, including, but not limited to, playground equipment, shade structures, play courts, public restrooms, and paseos/trails.

District funds are used for the maintenance and servicing including, but not limited to, labor, electrical energy, water, materials, contracting services, administration, reserve, and other expenses necessary for the satisfactory maintenance and servicing of these improvements.

Maintenance means the furnishing of services and materials for the ordinary and usual maintenance, operation and servicing of the ornamental structures, landscaping and appurtenant facilities, including repair, removal or replacement of all or part of any of the ornamental structures, landscaping or appurtenant facilities; providing for the life, growth, health and beauty of the landscaping, including cultivation, irrigation, trimming, spraying, fertilizing, and treating for disease or injury; the removal of trimmings, rubbish, debris, other solid waste; and pest control; the cleaning, sandblasting, and painting of walls and other improvements to remove or cover graffiti. Servicing means the furnishing of electricity for the operation of any appurtenant facilities, water for the irrigation and control of the landscaping, and the maintenance of any of the ornamental structures, landscaping and appurtenant facilities.

The plans and specifications for the improvements are voluminous and are not bound in this Report but by reference are incorporated and made a part of the Report; and are on file at the City. A brief description of what is improved and maintained within the Landscaping Zones can be found in the Appendix of this Report.

The following is a general description of the location of each Landscaping Zone:

Zone	Description
1	Golden Valley Centex
2	Soledad Entertainment (Inactive)
3	Sierra Heights
3A	Sierra Heights

Zone	Description
4	Via Princessa/Sierra Highway
5	Sunset Hills
5A	Sunset Hills
6	Canyon Crest
7	Creekside
7A	Woodlands (Inactive)
8	Ackerman Avenue
15	River Village
16	Valencia Industrial Center
17	Bouquet Canyon Road/Railroad Avenue
18	Town Center / Tourney Rd
19	Bridgeport / Bouquet
20	Golden Valley Ranch – Commercial
21	Golden Valley Ranch - Residential
22	Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital
23	Montecito (Inactive)
24	Canyon Gate
25	Valle Di Oro
26	Centre Pointe
27	Circle J Ranch
28	Newhall
29	Villa Metro
30	Penlon
31	Five Knolls
32	Vista Canyon Ranch Area
2008-1	Area-wide Beautification
T1	Seco Canyon Village/Faircliff
T1B	Plum/Whites Canyon
T2	Old Orchard
T2A	Skyline Ranch
T3	Valencia Hills
T3B	Valencia Hills
T4	Valencia Meadows
T5	Valencia Glen
T6	Valencia South Valley
T7	Valencia Central & North Valley

Zone	Description
T8	Valencia Summit
T17	Rainbow Glen
T20	El Dorado Village
T23	Mountain View
T23A	Mountain View Condos
T23B	Seco Villas
T29	American Beauty
T31	Shangri La
T33	Canyon Park
T44	Bouquet Canyon
T46	Northbridge
T47	Northpark
T48	Shadow Hills
T51	Valencia High School
T52	Stonecrest
T62	Canyon Heights
T65	Fair Oaks Ranch
T65A	Ranch at Fair Oaks
T65B	Fair Oaks Park (inactive)
T67	Miramontes
T68	West Creek
T69	West Hills
T71	Haskell Canyon Ranch
T77	West Creek Park

Street Lighting Improvements

Street Lighting Zones within the District were established to collect funds to cover the expenses for energy and maintenance of streetlights in the City. These costs are billed by the Southern California Edison Company for the operation of approximately 17,272 streetlights, and 1,390 decorative and Highway Safety Lights (HSL) streetlights. In May of 2018, the California Public Utilities Commission approved sale of the Edison-owned streetlight system to the City of Santa Clarita. As of December 2019, Edison has transferred ownership of more than 16,000 streetlight poles to the City.

The proposed new and/or existing improvements for Street Lighting Zones A and B include, but are not limited to, and may be generally described as follows:

- The installation of street lighting, traffic signals and other appurtenant facilities that are necessary for the daily operation of said lighting located within City road rights-of-way. Installation covers all work necessary for the installment or replacement of said lighting and all appurtenant work necessary to complete said installation or replacement.
- The operation, maintenance, and servicing of all existing street lighting, traffic signals, and other appurtenant facilities that are necessary for the daily operation of said

lighting located within City road rights-of-way. Operation, maintenance, and servicing means all work necessary for the daily maintenance required to maintain said lights in proper operation including providing said lights with the proper energy necessary to operate the lights.

- The payment of debt service on bonds or other obligations, including installment payments, to be issued or incurred during the fiscal year. Obligations may be incurred during the fiscal year for the acquisition, installation and conversion, including the retrofitting, of street lights within the District and may be secured by and/or payable from a portion of the assessments levied in each fiscal year until the obligation is paid. The City Council has determined that estimated cost of the acquisition, installation and conversion of street lights within the District and retrofit thereof, is greater than can be conveniently raised from a single annual assessment, and that the estimated cost, plus incidental expenses and financing costs, shall be collected over a period not to exceed thirty (30) years, commencing fiscal year 2018-19 and continuing through 2048-49. The maximum annual installment payment is estimated to be an amount not to exceed \$865,000 (assuming 30-year financing), which is to be included in the annual budget of the District.

All improvements consisting of ornamental streetlights, mast arm streetlights and appurtenant facilities do exist at the present time. The cost associated with these improvements will be the cost of operations, maintenance, and servicing during Fiscal Year 2020/2021.

Plans and Specifications for the improvements within the Street Lighting Zones are voluminous and are not bound in this report but by this reference are incorporated and made a part of this report. These plans and specification as well as the location of the streetlights included on lighting inventory maps are on file at the City where they are available for public inspection.

C. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

The following is a brief discussion of the new Capital Improvement Projects for Fiscal Year 2020/2021 in the Landscaping Zones.

Various Zones

Irrigation Master Valve Installation (R0026) – This project will install irrigation master valves and flow sensors on select irrigation systems throughout the Landscape Zones.

2020-21 Paseo Bridge Maintenance and Painting Program – This project will complete prioritize maintenance of multiple paseo bridges located throughout the City.

2020-21 LMD Paseo Concrete Rehab Program (M0139) – This project will remove and reinstall displaced sections of walkways in various locations along the Paseo system.

/// ESTIMATE OF COSTS

The estimated costs for the operation, acquisition, installation, maintenance and servicing of the facilities for Fiscal Year 2020/2021 are shown below. The 1972 Act provides that the total cost of the maintenance, services and annual assessment installments, together with incidental expenses, may be financed from the assessment proceeds. The incidental expenses may include financing costs, engineering fees, legal fees, printing, mailing, postage, publishing, and all other related costs identified with the district proceedings.

The estimated costs of the improvements for the District are voluminous and are not bound in this report but by this reference are incorporated and made a part of this report. The estimated costs are on file at the City where they are available for public inspection. The annual budgets for each of the Landscaping Zones within the District, as well as the overall Street Lighting Budget for the District, are shown on the following pages:

Landscaping Budgets:

Zone	Description	Projected Beginning Fund Balance as of 7/1/2020	Projected Revenue FY 20-21	Projected Interest Revenue FY 20-21	Projected Ad Valorem Revenue FY 20-21	Projected Total Revenues FY 20-21	Projected Operation & Maintenance Expenses FY 20-21	Projected Capital Expenses FY 20-21	Projected Total Expenses FY 20-21	Projected Reserve FY 20-21
1	Golden Valley Centex	\$38,203	\$13,065	\$737		\$13,801	\$3,385	\$0	\$3,385	\$48,619
3	Sierra Heights	358,727	59,475	6,916		66,391	45,100	0	45,100	380,018
4	Via Princessa/Sierra Hwy	332,441	121,175	6,409		127,585	25,382	0	25,382	434,644
5	Sunset Hills	546,780	91,840	10,542		102,382	115,653	0	115,653	533,508
6	Canyon Crest	621,330	70,000	11,979		81,979	64,995	0	64,995	638,314
7	Creekside	378,386	185,039	7,295		192,335	171,170	0	171,170	399,551
8	Friendly/Sierra	34,603	8,066	667		8,733	8,908	0	8,908	34,428
15	River Village	849,169	425,448	16,372		441,820	283,314	0	283,314	1,007,675
16	Valencia Industrial Center	386,825	275,524	7,458		282,981	191,737	0	191,737	478,070
17	Bouquet/Railroad Ave	93,894	111,634	1,810		113,445	48,031	0	48,031	159,308
18	Town Center/Tourney Road	820,072	646,164	15,811		661,974	435,534	15,836	451,370	1,030,676
19	Bridgeport/Bouquet	(23,891)	105,983	(461)		105,523	100,457	0	100,457	(18,825)
20	Golden Valley Ranch-Commercial	515,598	101,196	9,940		111,136	96,189	0	96,189	530,545
21	Golden Valley Ranch-Residential	261,110	312,287	5,034		317,321	198,384	0	198,384	380,047
22	HMNMH	141,335	17,862	2,725		20,587	17,753	0	17,753	144,168
24	Canyon Gate	256,120	67,511	4,938		72,449	39,368	0	39,368	289,201
25	Valle Di Oro	36,365	10,090	701		10,791	3,734	0	3,734	43,422
26	Center Point-Commercial	947,056	190,023	18,259		208,282	127,090	0	127,090	1,028,248
27	Circle J	445,088	422,279	8,581		430,860	466,570	0	466,570	409,378
28	Newhall	150,061	455,012	2,893		457,905	396,344	0	396,344	211,622
29	Villa Metro	265,667	64,493	5,122		69,615	47,879	0	47,879	287,403
30	Penlon	70,822	31,240	1,365		32,605	23,843	0	23,843	79,584
31	Five Knolls	292,548	365,838	5,640		371,478	162,112	0	162,112	501,914
32	Vista Canyon	122,931	62,971	2,370		65,341	0	0	0	188,272
T1	Faircliff	135,660	25,000	2,615		27,615	32,264	0	32,264	131,011
T1B	Plum/Whites Canyon	124,000	45,971	1,434		47,405	0	0	0	171,405
T2	Old Orchard	181,168	233,946	3,493	95,170	332,609	242,153	24,866	267,019	246,758
T2A	Skyline	95,683	96,064	1,845		97,908	0	0	0	193,591
T3	Valencia Hills	358,558	129,105	6,913	67,063	203,081	191,593	14,308	205,901	355,738
T4	Valencia Meadows	292,734	167,368	5,644	32,061	205,073	156,844	16,419	173,263	324,544

Zone	Description	Projected Beginning Fund Balance as of 7/1/2020	Projected Revenue FY 20-21	Projected Interest Revenue FY 20-21	Projected Ad Valorem Revenue FY 20-21	Projected Total Revenues FY 20-21	Projected Operation & Maintenance Expenses FY 20-21	Projected Capital Expenses FY 20-21	Projected Total Expenses FY 20-21	Projected Reserve FY 20-21
T5	Valencia Glen	384,261	166,725	7,408	59,763	233,896	201,971	21,698	223,669	394,489
T6	Valencia South Valley	217,094	149,050	4,185		153,235	89,436	19,586	109,022	261,307
T7	Valencia Central & North Valley	654,186	453,566	12,612		466,178	393,555	56,538	450,093	670,272
T8	Valencia Summit	59,042	1,267,121	1,138		1,268,259	1,185,205	45,980	1,231,185	96,116
T17	Rainbow Glen	106,607	42,187	2,055		44,243	45,076	0	45,076	105,774
T20	El Dorado Village	438,648	189,000	8,457		197,457	171,171	0	171,171	464,934
T23	Mountain View Slopes	(284,090)	969,532	(5,477)		964,055	778,078	0	778,078	(98,114)
T23A	Mountain View Condos	456,332	342,950	8,798		351,748	300,014	175,000	475,014	333,066
T23B	Seco Villas	(27,150)	117,902	(523)		117,378	85,009	0	85,009	5,219
T29	American Beauty	560,001	66,300	10,797		77,097	57,895	0	57,895	579,202
T31	Shangri-la	640,980	399,449	12,358		411,807	404,079	0	404,079	648,709
T33	Canyon Park	681,802	100,200	13,145		113,345	93,419	0	93,419	701,728
T44	Bouquet Cyn	(158,859)	90,600	(3,063)		87,537	85,197	0	85,197	(156,519)
T46	Northbridge	757,948	1,701,129	14,613		1,715,742	1,625,375	270,019	1,895,394	578,296
T47	Northpark	152,884	862,417	2,948		865,365	650,863	3,750	654,613	363,636
T48	Shadow Hills	(273,538)	47,775	(5,274)		42,501	58,637	0	58,637	(289,674)
T51	Valencia High School	865,349	507,369	16,684		524,053	517,058	0	517,058	872,344
T52	Stonecrest Lower	(278,090)	473,390	(5,361)		468,029	401,004	0	401,004	(211,065)
T62	Canyon Heights	106,975	129,000	2,062		131,062	120,132	0	120,132	117,906
T65	Fair Oaks Ph 1	1,596,398	0	30,778		30,778	179,617	0	179,617	1,447,558
T65A	Fair Oaks Ph 2 & 3	1,753,514	0	33,807		33,807	244,332	0	244,332	1,542,988
T67	Miramontes	472,219	273,000	9,104		282,104	238,053	0	238,053	516,270
T68	West Creek Village	379,143	132,771	7,310		140,081	155,428	0	155,428	363,796
T69	West Hills	1,165,202	0	22,465		22,465	540,301	0	540,301	647,365
T71	Haskell Cyn Ranch	254,741	140,998	4,911		145,910	107,726	0	107,726	292,924
T77	West Creek Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Areawide	2,210,381	17,886,409	0	836,437	18,722,846	16,696,634	1,101,858	17,798,492	3,134,735
TOTAL		\$22,021,023	\$31,420,509	\$380,984	\$1,090,494	\$32,891,986	\$29,121,051	\$1,765,858	\$30,886,909	\$24,026,100

The following table summarizes the MWD Repair and Replacement funds for West Creek/West Hill area:

Zone	Description	Total Capital Improvements Funds Required as of 7/1/2020	Capital Improvement Funds Collected to Date	Pending Funds to be Collected	Funds to be Collected Annually	Net Assessment FY 20-21	Maximum Rate/Parcel FY 20-21	Applied Rates FY 20-21	No. Parcels FY 20-21	Benefit Units FY 20-21
T69-Res	West Hills Residential	\$352,008	\$259,284	\$92,724	\$52,991	\$51,931	487.35	60.700	720	873.00
T69-Com	West Hills Commercial	3,745	2,619	1,126	564	553	546.70	75.780	4	7.44
T77	West Creek Park	1,026,938	865,575	161,363	161,363	161,363	171.753	83.792	1,675	1,934.42
	TOTAL	\$1,382,691	\$1,127,478	\$255,213	\$214,918	\$213,847			2,399.00	2,814.86

Metropolitan Water District (MWD) Repair and Replacement funds were created to finance the repair and replacement costs for the landscaping located within MWD’s property due to either future installation of a new MWD pipeline or future repairs to the existing MWD pipeline within the West Creek/West Hills area (T69 and T77). Assessments levied for this purpose are kept separately from the normal operations and maintenance assessments for Zone T69 and Zone T77.

Street Lighting Budget:

Description	Assessment Fund 359
<u>REVENUES</u>	
Assessment - Levy A	\$459,966
Assessment - Levy B	2,660,413
Interest Income	63,999
Miscellaneous Revenues	560,000
Total Revenues	\$3,744,378
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Personnel	
Department	\$237,724
Other Administrative	192,363
Operations & Maintenance	
Electric Utilities - Streetlights	\$1,411,924
Contractual Services	717,800
Streetlight Prem/Deductions	498,000
General Administration	84,068
Subtotal Operations & Maintenance	\$3,141,879
Capital	
Street Lights Purchase	\$1,791,177
Transfers	
Transfers Out/(Transfers In)	(\$427,720)
Transfers Out to Debt Service Fund	863,906
Total Expenditures	\$5,369,242
<u>SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</u>	(\$1,624,863)
Fund Analysis	
Estimated Beginning Fund Balance (7/01/20)	\$3,726,107
Estimated Revenues	3,744,378
Estimated Expenditures	(5,369,242)
Estimated Ending Fund Balance (6/30/21)	2,101,243
Operating Reserves	(1,570,940)
Unreserved Fund Balance (6/30/21)	\$530,303

Note: Budgeted Assessment amounts shown above for Zone A and Zone B may be slightly different from the Assessment Roll due to rounding of assessment to the nearest penny.

IV. METHOD OF APPORTIONMENT OF ASSESSMENT

A. GENERAL

Part 2 of Division 15 of the Streets and Highways Code, the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972, permits the establishment of Assessment Districts by cities for the purpose of providing certain public improvements which include the acquisition, construction, maintenance and servicing of streetlights, traffic signals and landscaping facilities.

Section 22573, Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972 requires that assessments be levied according to benefit rather than according to assessed value. This section states:

"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 1972 Act permits the designation of zones of benefit within any individual Assessment District if "by reason of variations in the nature, location, and extent of the improvements, the various areas will receive different degrees of benefit from the improvements." (Sec. 22574). Thus, the 1972 Act requires the levy of a true "assessment" rather than a "special tax."

In addition, Proposition 218 requires that a parcel's assessment may not exceed the reasonable cost of the proportional special benefit conferred on that parcel. Proposition 218 provides that only special benefits are assessable and the City must separate the general benefits from the special benefits.

B. REASON FOR THE ASSESSMENT

The assessment is proposed to be levied to defray the costs of the acquisition, installation, maintenance and servicing of landscaping and lighting improvements, as previously defined herein in Part A of this Report.

C. SPECIAL BENEFIT ANALYSIS

In determining the proportionate special benefit derived by each identified parcel, the proximity of the parcel to the public improvements detailed in Part A above, and the capital, maintenance and operating costs of said public improvements, was considered and analyzed. Due to the close proximity of the parcels to the improvements detailed in Part A above, it has been demonstrated and determined the parcels are uniquely benefited by, and receive a direct advantage from, and are conferred a particular and distinct special benefit over and above general benefits by, said public improvements in a way that is particular and distinct from its effect on other parcels and that real property in general and the public at large do not share.

Landscaping Benefits

Street Landscaping

Trees, landscaping, hardscaping, ornamental structures and appurtenant facilities, if well maintained, confer a particular and distinct special benefit upon real property within each Zone of Benefit by providing beautification, shade and positive enhancement of the community character, attractiveness and desirability of the surroundings. In addition, all of the aforementioned contributes to a specific increase in property desirability and a specific enhancement of the property value of each parcel within each Zone of Benefit which

confers a particular and distinct special benefit upon the real property within each Zone of Benefit.

In *Parkways and Land Values*, written by John Nolan and Henry V. Hubbard in 1937, it is stated:

“... there is no lack of opinion, based on general principals and experience and common sense, that parkways do in fact add value to property, even though the amount cannot be determined exactly.... Indeed, in most cases where public money has been spent for parkways the assumption has been definitely made that the proposed parkway will show a provable financial profit to the City. It has been believed that the establishment of parkways causes a rise in real estate values throughout the City, or in parts of the City...”

In *The Economic Value of Trees in Urban Areas*, written by Phillip Killicoat, Eva Puzio and Randy Stringer in 2002, it is stated:

“Increased property values, increased tax revenues, increased income levels, faster real estate sales turn-over rates, shorter unoccupied periods...have all been linked to tree and landscape presence.”

It should be noted that the definition of “parkways” above may include the roadway as well as the landscaping alongside the roadway including City-owned and maintained trees within the public right-of-way.

Area-wide Beautification

Area-wide Beautification within the landscaped medians and tree-lined parkways along the major thoroughfares confer a particular and distinct special benefit upon real property within the City by providing beautification, and positive enhancement of the community character, attractiveness, and desirability of the City. In addition, all of the aforementioned contributes to a specific increase in property desirability and a specific enhancement of the property value of each parcel within the City which confers a particular and distinct special benefit upon the real property within the City. These major thoroughfares are the entryways into the City and as such provide beautification to the entire City; therefore, all parcels within the City are conferred a special benefit from the landscaped medians and tree-lined parkways in the major thoroughfares. Landscaping in the medians and parkways along the major thoroughfares provides only incidental benefits to motorists traveling to, from or through the City.

Recreational Trails and Greenbelts

Landscaping along recreational trails and greenbelts, if well maintained, confer a particular and distinct special benefit upon real property within each Zone of Benefit by providing beautification and positive enhancement of the community character, attractiveness and desirability of the surroundings. In addition, all of the aforementioned contributes to a specific increase in property desirability and a specific enhancement of the property value of each parcel of each parcel within each Zone of Benefit which confers a particular and distinct special benefit upon the real property within each Zone of Benefit.

In “Greenways for America” by Charles E. Little, it is stated:

“... [real estate] agents routinely advertise properties as being on or near the trail.... property near but not immediately adjacent to the Burke-Gilman Trail is significantly easier to sell and, according to real estate agents, sells for an average of 6 percent more as a result of its proximity to the trail. Property immediately adjacent to the trail, however, is only slightly easier to sell.... trails are an amenity that helps sell homes, increase property values and improve the quality of life.”

Additionally, the National Recreation and Park Association, in June 1985, stated:

“The recreation value is realized as a rise in the value of land and other property in or near the recreation area, and is of public interest to the taxpayers, who have a stake in a maximum of total assessed values.”

Operation and maintenance of the trails and greenways within the City confers a particular and distinct special benefit to those properties within the community immediately surrounding the improvements.

Street Lighting Improvement Benefits

Most of the street lighting improvements were conditions of approval for the creation or development of the parcels. In order to create or develop the parcels, the City required the original developer to install, and guarantee the maintenance of, street lighting and appurtenant facilities to serve the parcels. Therefore, these parcels within the District could not have been developed in the absence of the installation and promised maintenance of these facilities.

The proper maintenance of the street lighting and appurtenant facilities specially benefit parcels within the District. The proper maintenance of the street lighting and appurtenant facilities reduces property-related crimes (especially vandalism) against properties in the District. The street lighting located in the District helps to visually join the various segments of the community, which enhance property. In addition, all of the above mentioned improvements contribute to a specific enhancement of the property value of each of the parcels within the District.

The benefit provided by street lighting consists of safety for pedestrians, motorists living, and owning property in the District during the nighttime hours. This is a particular and distinct special benefit to all developed parcels in the District.

Streetlights can be determined to be an integral part of streets as a permanent public improvement. One of the principle purposes of fixed roadway lighting is to create a nighttime environment conducive to quick, accurate, and comfortable seeing for the user of the facility. These factors, if attained, combine to improve traffic safety and achieve efficient traffic movement. Fixed lighting can enable the motorist to see detail more distinctly and to react safely toward roadway and traffic conditions present on or near the roadway facility.

Streets are constructed for the safe and convenient travel by vehicles and pedestrians. They also provide an area for underground and overhead utilities.

Streetlights are considered an integral part of the entire street, the same as curb, gutters, pavement, signage and striping. They are the elements that provide a safe route for motorists and pedestrians. Streetlights are installed to make streets safer. Assessments for the acquisition, maintenance and servicing of streets may include streetlights.

Streetlights are installed to provide better visibility for drivers. One hundred (100) percent of the illumination from the lights is directed to the street, ninety (90) percent on the street side of the curb and ten (10) percent behind the curb. The spacing of the lights is based on the speed of the vehicles and the natural ability of the motorists' eyes to adjust to light and dark areas.

The systems of streets within the District are established to provide access to each parcel in the District. Streetlights provide a safer street environment for owners of the parcels served. If the parcels were not subdivided to individual parcels within the District, there

would be no need for providing a system of streets with safety lighting for the owners of the individual parcels.

The City has determined that streetlights are also an integral part of the quality of life within the City. This quality of life is a special benefit to some degree to all parcels, except government owned parcels, including easements, and flood channel parcels. Therefore, the acquisition, installation, operation and maintenance of streetlights are for the express, special benefit of the parcels within the District.

D. GENERAL BENEFITS

General Benefit within Landscaping Zones

The general benefits associated with trees, landscaping improvements, hardscaping, ornamental structures and appurtenant facilities located near the parcels within the Districts are considered incidental, negligible and non-quantifiable to the public at large. Landscaping in the medians along the major thoroughfares provides only incidental, negligible and non-quantifiable benefits to motorists traveling to, from or through the City. Operation and maintenance of the trails and greenways within the City provides only incidental, negligible and non-quantifiable benefits to pedestrians and cyclists traveling through the trails and greenbelts. The improvements detailed in Part A herein confer special benefits that affect the assessed property in a way that is particular and distinct from the effects on other parcels and that real property in general and the public at large do not share.

General Benefit within Lighting Zones

In addition to the special benefits received by the parcels within the Street Lighting Zones, there are incidental general benefits conferred by the improvements.

It is estimated that the general benefit portion of the benefit received from the lighting improvements is less than one (1) percent of the total benefit. Nonetheless, the City has agreed to ensure that no property is assessed in excess of the reasonable cost of the proportional special benefit conferred on that property.

The total benefits for lighting are thus a combination of the special benefits to the parcels within the District and the general benefits to the public at large. The portion of the total street lighting maintenance costs that are associated with general benefits will not be assessed to the parcels in the district, but will be paid from other City Funds. These general benefits are more than adequately offset by the substantial contribution from the ad valorem street lighting revenues.

E. APPORTIONMENT METHODOLOGY

Landscaping Methodology

The following table lists the various Zones within the District, their land use and assessment type, and the number of assessable parcels, units, acreage or EBU's.

Equivalent Benefit Units (EBU's)

In order to allocate benefit fairly between the parcels, an Equivalent Benefit Unit (EBU) methodology is proposed which equates different types of land uses to a single-family residential parcel, thereby allowing a uniform method of assessment.

The EBU method uses the single-family home as the basic unit of apportionment. A single family home equals one Equivalent Benefit Unit (EBU). Every other land use is converted to EBU's as described below. All properties in the District will be assigned benefit units and land use classifications per the County Assessor's roll. (Inaccuracies in the County data will be reviewed on a case by case basis as they are brought to the City's attention.)

A methodology has been developed to calculate the EBU's for other residential land uses and for non-residential parcels. Every land use is converted to EBU's: parcels containing apartments are converted to EBU's based on the number of benefit units on each parcel of land; non-residential parcels are converted based on the lot size of each parcel of land.

There are various apportionment methodologies used in the District. A "Method Code" in the table below identifies the specific methodology used for each Zone. These "Method Codes" are explained after the table.

Zone	Land Use	Asmt. Type	Pcls / Units Acreage / EBU's	Method Code (descriptions follow this table)
1	Res	EBU	261.290	3
2	Comm	Parcel	1	1
3	Res	Parcel	76	1
3A	Res	Parcel	177	1
4	Comm	EBU	526.118	4
5	Res	Parcel	161	1
5A	Res	Parcel	14	1
6	Res	EBU	280.000	4
7	Res	EBU	1,027.997	4
7A	Res	EBU	319.000	1
8	Res/Comm	EBU	33.510	4
15	Res/Comm	EBU	709.080	4
16	Comm/Vac	EBU	7,634.347	4
17	Multiple	EBU	1,272.913	4
18	Res/Comm	EBU	4,038.523	4
19	Res/Comm	EBU	1,203.795	4
20	Res/Comm	EBU	337.320	4
21	Res	EBU	486.580	4
22	Comm	EBU	178.620	4
24	Res/Other	EBU	150.025	4
25	Res/Other	EBU	80.717	4
26	Comm	EBU	2,533.644	4
27	Res/Comm	EBU	844.558	4
28	Res/Comm	EBU	5,443.383	4

Zone	Land Use	Asmt. Type	Pcls / Units	Method Code (descriptions follow this table)
			Acreage / EBU's	
29	Res/Comm	EBU	322.466	5
30	Res	EBU	142.000	2
31	Res	EBU	522.126	4
32	Res/Comm	EBU	885.535	7
2008-1	Res/Comm	EBU	93,874.414	4
T1	Comm	EBU	5.000	2
T1B	Res	EBU	1,585.200	8
T2	Res/Comm	EBU	1,128.701	4
T2A	Res	EBU	1148.811	8
T3	Res/Comm	EBU	462.000	4
T3B	Res/Comm	EBU	206.459	4
T4	Res/Comm	EBU	956.387	4
T5	Res/Comm	Parcel	741	1
T6	Res/Comm	Parcel	603	1
T7	Res/Comm	EBU	1,972.025	4
T8	Res/Comm	Parcel	2,140	1
T17	Res	Parcel	74	1
T20	Res/Comm	Parcel	630	1
T23	Res/Comm	Parcel	1,493	1
T23A	Res	Parcel	383	1
T23B	Res	Parcel	156	1
T29	Res	Parcel	221	1
T31	Res/Comm	Parcel	450	1
T33	Res	Parcel	501	1
T44	Res	Parcel	302	1
T46	Res/Comm	EBU	2,314.622	4
T47	Res/Comm	EBU	1,929.172	4
T48	Res	Parcel	105	1
T51	Res/Comm	Parcel	802	1
T52	Res	Parcel	501.140	1
T62	Res	Parcel	215	1
T65	Res	Parcel	394	1
T65A	Res	EBU	1075.000	2
T65B	Res	EBU	710.000	2
T67	Res	Parcel	420	1
T68	Res/Comm	EBU	1,079.819	6

Zone	Land Use	Asmt. Type	Pcls / Units Acreage / EBU's	Method Code (descriptions follow this table)
T69	Res/Comm	EBU	880.440	6
T71	Res	Parcel	223	1
T77	Res	EBU	1,934.419	6

The number of parcels, units, acres and EBU's shown in the table above reflect the current information for the District. These numbers will be updated prior to submitting the final Assessment Roll to the County Auditor-Controller for placement on the property tax bills. Fluctuations in the number of parcels and other information may occur from year to year as parcels subdivide, combine and/or change uses.

Method code definition:

Method 1 – The assessment is apportioned to the benefiting properties on a per-parcel basis.

Method 2 –The assessment is apportioned to the benefiting properties based on Equivalent Benefit Units (EBU's) such that a Single Family Detached Residence (SFR) is equal to 1 EBU and all other properties are converted to EBU's based on their relative benefit as compared to an SFR as follows:

Land Use	Assessed Unit	EBU
Single Family Residential	1 single family dwelling unit	1 EBU
Multi-Family Residential Condos	1 single family dwelling unit	1 EBU
Multi-Family Residential Apartments	1 apartment unit	1 EBU
Commercial Industrial	1 commercial/industrial parcel	5 EBU

Method 3 –The assessment is apportioned to the benefiting properties based on Equivalent Benefit Units (EBU's) such that a Single Family Detached Residence (SFR) is equal to 1 EBU and all other properties are converted to EBU's based on their relative benefit as compared to an SFR as follows:

Land Use	Assessed Unit		EBU Factor	=	EBU Rate
Residential					
Single Family home	1 dwelling	x	1	=	1.00 EBU / dwelling
Single Family vacant (subdivided)	1 parcel	x	0.25	=	0.25 EBU / parcel
Multi-Family (incl. Condo)	1 dwelling	x	0.8	=	0.80 EBU / dwelling
Mobile Home Parks	1 space	x	0.5	=	0.50 EBU / space
Developed Non-Residential					
	1 acre	x	6	=	6.00 EBU / acre
Vacant / Park / School					
	1 acre	x	1.5	=	1.50 EBU / acre

Method 4 –The assessment is apportioned to the benefiting properties based on Equivalent Benefit Units (EBU’s) such that a Single Family Detached Residence (SFR) is equal to 1 EBU and all other properties are converted to EBU’s based on their relative benefit as compared to an SFR as follows:

Land Use	Assessed Unit	x	EBU Factor	=	EBU Rate
Residential					
Single Family home	1 dwelling	x	1	=	1.00 EBU / dwelling
Single Family vacant (subdivided)	1 parcel	x	0.25	=	0.25 EBU / parcel
Multi-Family (incl. Condo)	1 dwelling	x	0.75	=	0.75 EBU / dwelling
Mobile Home Parks	1 space	x	0.5	=	0.50 EBU / space
Developed Non-Residential	1 acre	x	6	=	6.00 EBU / acre
Vacant / Park / School	1 acre	x	1.5	=	1.50 EBU / acre
Special Cases			Varied	=	Varied EBU

Method 5 –The assessment is apportioned to the benefiting properties based on Equivalent Benefit Units (EBU’s) such that a Single Family Detached Residence (SFR) is equal to 1 EBU and all other properties are converted to EBU’s based on their relative benefit as compared to an SFR as follows:

Land Use	Assessed Unit	x	EBU Factor	=	EBU Rate
Residential					
Single Family home	1 dwelling	x	1	=	1.00 EBU / dwelling
Commercial	1 acre	x	9.72	=	9.72 EBU / acre
Live-work ⁽¹⁾	1 unit	x	1.15	=	1.15 EBU / unit
Vacant / Park / School	1 acre	x	9.81	=	9.81 EBU / acre

⁽¹⁾ Live-work units are for both residential and non-residential use. Each live-work unit will be assessed 1 EBU for the residential unit plus 9.72 EBUs per acre of non-residential use (including one parking space). The typical live-work unit is 2,400 Square Feet (“SF”) with 20% of the area assigned to non-residential use, which equals 480 SF. The typical parking space is 180 SF. Therefore, the non-residential use of a live-work unit will be defined as 660 SF. An additional 0.15 EBU (660 SF / 43560 SF per acre x 9.72 EBUs per acre) will be assigned to a live-work unit for the non-residential use, for a total of 1.15 EBUs per live-work unit.

Method 6 –The assessment is apportioned to the benefiting properties based on Equivalent Benefit Units (EBU’s) such that a Single Family Detached Residence (SFR) is equal to 1 EBU and all other properties are converted to EBU’s based on their relative benefit as compared to an SFR as follows:

Land Use	Assessed Unit	EBU
Single Family Residential	1 single family dwelling unit	1.00 EBU
Multi-Family Residential Condos	1 dwelling unit	0.80 EBU
Multi-Family Residential Apartments	1 apartment unit	0.70 EBU
Commercial	1 acre	1.00 EBU

Method 7 –The assessment is apportioned to the benefiting properties based on Equivalent Benefit Units (EBU’s) such that a Single Family Detached Residence (SFR) is equal to 1 EBU and all other properties are converted to EBU’s based on their relative benefit as compared to an SFR as follows:

Land Use	Assessed Unit	EBU
Single Family Residential	1 single family dwelling unit	1.00 EBU
Multi-Family Residential	1 dwelling unit	0.75 EBU
Non-Residential	1 acre	18.00 EBU
Vacant	1 acre	4.50 EBU

Method 8–The assessment is apportioned to the benefiting properties based on Equivalent Benefit Units (EBU’s) such that a Single Family Detached Residence (SFR) is equal to 1 EBU and all other properties are converted to EBU’s based on their relative benefit as compared to an SFR as follows:

Land Use	Assessed Unit	EBU
Residential Properties		
Residential Single-Family	1 single family dwelling unit	1.00 EBU
Residential Multi-Family	1 dwelling unit	0.75 EBU
Residential Condominium	1 dwelling unit	0.80 EBU
Planned Single-Family Residential	1 dwelling unit	1.00 EBU
Planned Condominium Residential	1 dwelling unit	0.80 EBU
Non-Residential Properties		
Non-Residential Developed	1 acre	6.00 EBU
Planned Non-Residential	1 acre	6.00 EBU
Public Facility	1 acre	0.00 EBU
Public School Property	1 acre	0.00 EBU
Park	1 acre	0.00 EBU
Open Space	1 acre	0.00 EBU
Other Properties		
Vacant Subdivided Residential Lot	1 parcel	1.00 EBU
Vacant Undeveloped Property	1 acre	1.50 EBU
Exempt	1 acre	0.00 EBU
Special Case Property	1 parcel	Varied EBU

Street Lighting Methodology

Residential Parcels

The following information can be used to determine the EBU count per parcel. Based on land use information provided by the County Assessor, it has been determined that in the existing district, approximately 96 percent of the parcels are in a residential category. Approximately 95 percent are single-family homes or condominiums, and the remainders are duplexes, triplexes, or apartments. In view of this and the benefits derived by the family unit, both at and in the proximity of their property, a value of 1.00 has been assigned to the basic family unit or Equivalent Benefit Unit (EBU), i.e. the single-family home or condominium. The existing district includes some properties that may not actually have streetlights in their block but which do receive a neighborhood benefit from the lights in the area. These properties were also included in the District. Therefore a weighted value of 0.50 was given to "People Use" while "Intensity" and "Security Benefit" were each rated at 0.25 to form the basic unit (1.00 EBU). Parcels in other land use categories were assigned weighted values by comparison with this basic EBU.

In the remainder of the residential category, which is comprised of multiple rental type properties, the value for Intensity would remain at 0.25, but the other two items would increase in proportion to the number of family dwelling units on the parcel. For example, a duplex was assigned 0.25 for Intensity, 1.00 for People Use and 0.50 for Security Benefit for a total of 1.75 EBU's. The owner of such property would therefore pay 1.75 times as much for lighting as the owner of a single-family unit. In consideration of the distance some units would be from the lighted roadway, Security Benefits in the residential category would not be increased beyond a value of 1.00. Thus, a 5-unit apartment would be assigned 0.25 for Intensity, 2.50 for People Use and 1.00 for Security Benefits for a total of 3.75 EBU's. As the number of apartments on a parcel increases, the service charge units assigned for people would follow a declining scale.

Table 1 summarizes the Residential EBU Calculation:

Table 1 - EBU Calculations for Residential Parcels:

RESIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATIONS		People Use	Security	Intensity	Total EBUs
SFR/Condo	SFR and Condos	0.50	+ 0.25	+ 0.25	= 1.00 per parcel
APT2	Apartments (2-4 units)	1/2 x units	+ 0.25 x units	+ 0.25	
	2	1.00	+ 0.50	+ 0.25	= 1.75 per parcel
	3	1.50	+ 0.75	+ 0.25	= 2.50 per parcel
	4	2.00	+ 1.00	+ 0.25	= 3.25 per parcel
APT5	Apartments (5-20 units)	1/2 x units	+ 1.00	+ 0.25	
	5	2.50	+ 1.00	+ 0.25	= 3.75 per parcel
	20	10.00	+ 1.00	+ 0.25	= 11.25 per parcel
APT21	Apartments (21-50 units)	1/3 x (units-20)	+ the total EBU for a 20-unit apartment		
	50	10.00	+ 11.25		= 21.25 per parcel
APT51	Apartments (51-100 units)	1/4 x (units-50)	+ the total EBU for a 50-unit apartment		
	100	12.50	+ 21.25		= 33.75 per parcel
APT101	Apartments (100+ units)	1/5 x (units-100)	+ the total EBU for a 100-unit apartment		
	101	0.20	+ 33.75		= 33.95 per parcel
	175	15.00	+ 33.75		= 48.75 per parcel
	200	20.00	+ 33.75		= 53.75 per parcel

Non-Residential Parcels

The non-residential lots or parcels are separated into 38 land use categories as determined by the County Assessor. Equivalent Benefit Units (EBU's) are assigned on the basis of average benefits for different groups of land uses, Groups A-K. Properties within the 10 land use categories in Group K varied widely from the norm and therefore these lots or parcels were considered on an individual basis. Each of the parcels or lots in these land use categories was identified on the official lighting district maps and each streetlight or portion thereof in the immediate proximity of the lots or parcels benefiting the lots or parcels was assigned a number of units as identified below. The total number of EBU's so determined for that category would be distributed among the lots or parcels in that category in proportion to the lot or parcel area as shown in the table below. A minimum of 3.00 EBU's would be assessed to each lot or parcel to be compatible with group D which contains many of the smaller business categories. Several large lots or parcels in outlying areas within the existing lighting district have no lights in the immediate proximity and therefore those lots or parcels would be assessed the minimum amount.

Since benefits have been related to property use and property users, no charge would be assessed on vacant parcels within the district.

Table 2 summarizes the Non-Residential EBU calculation:

Table 2 - EBU Calculations for Non-Residential Parcels:						
NON-RESIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATIONS			People Use	Security	Intensity	Total EBUs
GRP-A	Group A	Irrigated Farms, Dry Farms, Cemeteries, Dump Sites	1 EBU minimum charge per parcel			1.00 per parcel
GRP-B	Group B	Animal Kennels, Nurseries and greenhouses, Industrial parking lots, Churches, Private Schools, Petroleum and Gas, Utility	1.00	+	0.50	= 2.00 per parcel
GRP-C	Group C	Commercial Parking Lots	1.00	+	0.50	= 2.50 per parcel
GRP-D	Group D	Office & Professional building, Bank, Savings & Loan, Service Shop, Lumber Yard, Golf Course, Race track/stable, Camp, Home for the Aged	1.00	+	1.00	= 3.00 per parcel
GRP-E	Group E	Store, Store w/ office or residence, Service Station, Club & Lodge Hall	2.00	+	1.00	= 4.00 per parcel
GRP-F	Group F	Rooming House (same as 6 unit apartment)	3.00	+	1.00	= 4.25 per parcel
GRP-G	Group G	Restaurant, Theater	3.00	+	1.00	= 5.00 per parcel
GRP-H	Group H	Light Manufacturing, Food Processing Plant, Warehousing, Storage Facilities	2.00	+	2.00	= 5.00 per parcel
GRP-I	Group I	Auto, Recreational Equipment Sales & Service	2.00	+	2.00	= 6.00 per parcel
GRP-J	Group J	Market, Bowling Alley, Skating Rink, Department Store, Hotel/Motel, Mobile Home Park	4.00	+	2.00	= 8.00 per parcel
	Group K	All parcels in Group K are assessed a minimum of 3 EBU's				
	Group K-1		3.00	+	1.00	= 5.25
GRP-K1A		Open Storage				0.004973 per 100 SqFt of lot
GRP-K1B		Mineral Processing				0.005615 per 100 SqFt of lot
	Group K-2		4.00	+	1.00	= 6.25
GRP-K2A		Private College/University				0.001736 per 100 SqFt of lot
GRP-K2B		Wholesale, Manufacturing Outlets				0.059858 per 100 SqFt of lot
GRP-K2C		Athletic and Amusement Facilities				0.027431 per 100 SqFt of lot
GRP-K2D		Heavy Manufacturing				0.006382 per 100 SqFt of lot
GRP-KE		Hospitals				0.012886 per 100 SqFt of lot
	Group K-3		4.00	+	1.00	= 6.50
GRP-K3A		Motion Picture, Radio, T.V.				0.010938 per 100 SqFt of lot
GRP-K3B		Business Center, Neighborhood Shopping Center				0.014449 per 100 SqFt of lot
GRP-K3C		Regional Shopping Center				0.021812 per 100 SqFt of lot
	Vacant		0.00	+	0.00	= 0.00 per parcel

Exempt Parcels

The following properties generally do not benefit from the improvements and services being provided and may be exempt from the assessment: areas of public streets, avenues, lanes, roads, drives, courts, alleys, public easements or rights-of-way, and District improvement areas, many of which are not assigned Assessor's Parcel Numbers. Also exempt are parcels identified as railroad rights-of way, utility easements and rights-of-way used exclusively for utility transmission, shared common areas (such as in condominium complexes), land dedicated as public open space or parks, small parcels vacated by the City, parcels with notable development restrictions (the City or Assessment Engineers has determined that the parcel cannot be developed or developed independently from any contiguous parcel with the same ownership).

F. ASSESSMENT RATES AND ANNUAL LEVY

Landscaping Zones

The Assessment Rates and Annual Assessment Amounts for each Landscaping Zone for Fiscal Year 2020/2021 is provided in the following tables:

Zone	Annex	Description	Asmt Type	Pcls/Unit/ Acreage/ EBUs	FY 19-20 Max Asmt. Rate	FY 20-21 Max Asmt. Rate	FY 20-21 Applied Asmt. Rate	FY 20-21 Total Annual Levy Amount
1	1G	Golden Valley Parkway	EBU	261.735	\$73.997	\$76.187	\$50.00	\$13,086.75
2	2F	Cinema Parkway	Parcel	1	\$3,204.016	\$3,298.855	\$0.00	\$0.00
3	--	Sierra Heights	Parcel	76	\$736.142	\$757.931	\$375.00	\$28,500.00
	3A		Parcel	177	\$287.020	\$295.516	\$175.00	\$30,975.00
								\$59,475.00
4		Via Princessa/Sierra Hwy	EBU	526.118	\$230.324	\$237.142	\$230.32	\$121,175.59
5	--	Sunset Hills	Parcel	161	\$1,348.590	\$1,388.508	\$540.00	\$86,940.00
	5A		Parcel	14	\$908.969	\$935.875	\$350.00	\$4,900.00
								\$91,840.00
6		Canyon Crest	EBU	280.000	\$608.604	\$626.618	\$250.00	\$70,000.00
7		Creekside	EBU	1,027.997	\$286.570	\$295.052	\$180.00	\$185,039.46
8		Friendly/Sierra	EBU	33.510	\$240.691	\$247.815	\$240.69	\$8,065.52
15		River Village	EBU	709.080	\$1,079.798	\$1,111.760	\$600.00	\$425,448.00
16		Valencia Industrial Center	EBU	7,634.347	\$36.091	\$37.159	\$36.09	\$275,523.58
17		Bouquet/Rail Road Ave	EBU	1,272.913	\$90.545	\$93.225	\$87.70	\$111,634.47
18		Town Center / Tourney Road	EBU	4,038.523	\$215.281	\$221.653	\$160.00	\$646,163.68
19		Bridgeport / Bouquet	EBU	1,203.795	\$85.519	\$88.050	\$88.04	\$105,982.11
20		Golden Valley Ranch - Commercial	EBU	337.320	\$3,354.189	\$3,453.473	\$300.00	\$101,196.00
21		Golden Valley Ranch - Residential	EBU	486.580	\$641.802	\$660.799	\$641.80	\$312,287.04
22		HMMNH	EBU	178.620	\$298.607	\$307.445	\$100.00	\$17,862.00
24		Canyon Gate	EBU	150.025	\$735.418	\$757.187	\$450.00	\$67,511.25
25		Valle Di Oro	EBU	80.717	\$178.210	\$183.485	\$125.00	\$10,089.58
26		Centre Pointe	EBU	2,533.644	\$98.323	\$101.233	\$75.00	\$190,023.30
27		Circle J	EBU	844.558	\$809.894	\$833.866	\$500.00	\$422,278.75
28		Newhall	EBU	5,443.383	\$83.594	\$86.068	\$83.59	\$455,012.38
29		Villa Metro	EBU	322.466	\$256.024	\$263.602	\$200.00	\$64,493.16
30		Penlon	EBU	142.000	\$237.270	\$244.293	\$220.00	\$31,240.00
31		Five Knolls	EBU	522.126	\$723.375	\$744.787	\$700.67	\$365,837.67
32		Vista Canyon	EBU	885.535	\$71.116	\$73.221	\$71.11	\$62,970.39

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2008-1		Major Thoroughfare Medians	EBU	93,874.414	\$69.956	\$72.027	\$72.02	\$6,760,835.30
T1		Faircliff	EBU	5.000	\$9,070.984	\$9,339.485	\$5,000.00	\$25,000.00
T1B		Plum/Whites Canyon	EBU	1,585.200	\$29.000	\$29.940	\$29.00	\$45,970.80
T2		Old Orchard	EBU	1,128.701	\$207.274	\$213.409	\$207.27	\$233,945.86
T2A		Skyline Ranch	EBU	1,148.811	\$83.624	\$86.100	\$83.62	\$96,063.58
T3		Valencia Hills	EBU	462.000	\$430.409	\$443.149	\$265.00	\$122,430.00
T3B		Valencia Hills Res./Golf Course	EBU	206.459	\$40.647	\$41.850	\$32.33	\$6,674.80
T4		Valencia Meadows	EBU	956.387	\$236.614	\$243.618	\$175.00	\$167,367.73
T5		Valencia Glen	Parcel	741.000	\$238.242	\$245.294	\$225.00	\$166,725.00
T6		Valencia South Valley	Parcel	603	\$265.824	\$273.693	\$247.18	\$149,049.54
T7		Valencia Central & North Valley	EBU	1,972.025	\$279.741	\$288.021	\$230.00	\$453,565.75
T8		Valencia Summit	Parcel	2,140	\$575.095	\$592.118	\$592.11	\$1,267,115.40
T17		Rainbow Glen	Parcel	74	\$570.109	\$586.984	\$570.10	\$42,187.40
T20		El Dorado Village	Parcel	630	\$300.000	\$300.000	\$300.00	\$189,000.00
T23 ⁽¹⁾		Mountain View Slopes	Parcel	954	\$765.649	\$788.312	\$765.64	\$730,420.56
T23-1			Parcel	383	\$443.629	\$456.761	\$443.62	\$169,906.46
T23-2			Parcel	156	\$443.629	\$456.761	\$443.62	\$69,204.72
				1,493	\$0.000	\$0.000		\$969,531.74
T23A		Mountain View Condos	Parcel	383	\$895.439	\$921.944	\$895.43	\$342,949.69
T23B		Seco Villas	Parcel	156	\$755.785	\$778.156	\$755.78	\$117,901.68
T29		American Beauty	Parcel	221	\$407.465	\$419.526	\$300.00	\$66,300.00
T31 ⁽²⁾		Shangri-La	Parcel	(see T31-1, -2)				
T31-1			Parcel	182	\$1,289.121	\$1,327.279	\$1,289.12	\$234,619.84
T31-1A			Parcel	267	\$587.219	\$604.601	\$587.21	\$156,785.07
T31-2			Parcel	1	\$8,044.586	\$8,282.705	\$8,044.58	\$8,044.58
				450				\$399,449.49
T33		Canyon Park	Parcel	501	\$300.000	\$300.000	\$200.00	\$100,200.00
T44		Bouquet Canyon	Parcel	302	\$300.000	\$300.000	\$300.00	\$90,600.00
T46		Northbridge	EBU	2,314.622	\$909.711	\$936.639	\$735.00	\$1,701,247.17

Zone	Annex	Description	Asmt Type	Pcls/Unit/ Acreage/ EBU	FY 19-20 Max Asmt. Rate	FY 20-21 Max Asmt. Rate	FY 20-21 Applied Asmt. Rate	FY 20-21 Total Annual Levy Amount
T47		Northpark	EBU	1,929.172	\$447.042	\$460.274	\$447.04	\$862,417.05
T48		Shadow Hills	Parcel	105	\$469.742	\$483.646	\$455.00	\$47,775.00
T51		Valencia High	Parcel	802	\$632.636	\$651.362	\$632.63	\$507,369.26
T52		Stonecrest (Lower)	EBU	501.140	\$917.470	\$944.627	\$944.62	\$473,386.87
T62		Canyon Heights	Parcel	215	\$600.000	\$600.000	\$600.00	\$129,000.00
T65		Fair Oaks	Parcel	394	\$1,063.980	\$1,095.474	\$0.00	\$0.00
T65A		Fair Oaks Ranch	EBU	1,075.000	\$635.512	\$654.323	\$0.00	\$0.00
T65B		Fair Oaks Park	EBU	710.000	\$231.395	\$238.244	\$0.00	\$0.00
T67		Miramontes	Parcel	420	\$944.641	\$972.603	\$650.00	\$273,000.00
T68		West Creek						\$0.00
	RES		EBU	1,071.200	\$122.821	\$126.457	\$122.82	\$131,564.78
	COM		EBU	8.619	\$139.955	\$144.097	\$139.95	\$1,206.23
				1,079.819				\$132,771.01
T69		West Hills						\$0.00
	RES		EBU	873.000	\$677.874	\$697.939	\$0.00	\$0.00
	COM		EBU	7.440	\$660.627	\$680.182	\$0.00	\$0.00
				880.440				\$0.00
T69 MWD		West Hills						\$0.00
	RES		EBU	873.000	\$473.336	\$487.347	\$60.70	\$52,991.10
	COM		EBU	7.440	\$530.984	\$546.701	\$75.78	\$563.80
				880.440				\$53,554.90
T71		Haskell Canyon Ranch	Parcel	223	\$652.765	\$672.087	\$632.28	\$140,998.44
T77		West Creek Park	EBU	1,934.419	\$79.820	\$82.183	\$0.00	\$0.00
T77 MWD		West Creek Park MWD	EBU	1,934.419	\$166.815	\$171.753	\$83.79	\$162,084.97
Total								\$20,510,704.13

(1) Zone T23 - Consists of 1,490 residential parcels and 3 non-residential parcels: Zone T23 has 951 SF units and 3 non-res; Zone T23-1 has 382 condo units; Zone T23-2 has 156 condo units.

(2) Zone T31 - Consists of 450 residential parcels and one commercial parcel.

Street Lighting Zones

The Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972 indicates that lighting assessments may be apportioned by any formula or method which fairly distributes costs among all lots or parcels within the District in proportion to the estimated benefits received. The primary benefits of streetlights are for the convenience, safety, and protection of people and to a lesser extent the security or protection of property, property improvements, and goods. The intensity or degree of illumination provided can have a bearing on both.

For Fiscal Year 2020-21 the proposed assessment rate and maximum assessment rate for parcels in Street Lighting Zone A is \$12.38 per Equivalent Benefit Unit (EBU), which is the maximum rate previously established by Los Angeles County at the time the original district parcels (Zone A parcels) were transferred to the City's jurisdiction. The maximum assessment rate for Zone A does not have a Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment.

Subsequent annexations to the City and new developments within the City that receive special benefit from street lighting have been assigned to Street Lighting Zone B with a higher assessment rate that includes the previously described Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment. For Fiscal Year 2020-21, the proposed assessment for parcels located in Zone B will not increase by the change in CPI and will be \$73.54 per EBU.

The proposed Fiscal Year 2020/2021 assessment rates for the Street Lighting Zones are summarized in the table below.

	FY 2019-20 Maximum Assessment	CPI Increase per EBU	FY 2020-21 Maximum Assessment	FY 2020-21 Actual Assessment
Street Lighting Zone A	\$12.38 / EBU	-	\$12.38 / EBU	\$12.38 / EBU
Street Lighting Zone B	\$84.36 / EBU	\$2.50 / EBU	\$86.86 / EBU	\$73.54 / EBU

CPI Increase: 2.96%

The following tables provide a summary of the EBU's for each land use shown above for both Street Lighting Zone A and B.

EBU Summary by Land Use

**Street Lighting Zone A
Assessments per EBU: \$12.38**

Land Use	Parcels	Units	Lot Sq Ft	EBU's	Estimated Assessment Revenue
SFR	23,477	23,477	0	23,477.00	\$290,645.26
CNDO	9,265	9,265	0	9,265.00	114,700.70
APT2	200	494	0	420.50	5,204.92
APT5	62	623	0	389.00	4,815.51
APT21	29	941	0	446.58	5,528.55
APT51	12	884	0	326.00	4,035.83
APT101	12	2,171	0	599.20	7,418.05
GRP-A	3	0	0	3.00	37.14
GRP-B	42	0	0	84.00	1,039.92
GRP-C	21	1	0	52.50	649.95
GRP-D	82	0	0	243.00	3,008.34
GRP-E	120	0	0	480.00	5,942.40
GRP-G	23	0	0	115.00	1,423.70
GRP-H	20	0	0	100.00	1,238.00
GRP-I	30	0	0	180.00	2,228.40
GRP-J	17	0	0	136.00	1,683.68
GRP-K1	2	0	83,120.00	6.00	74.28
GRP-K2	16	0	3,124,469.00	291.71	3,611.26
GRP-K3	34	0	3,698,579.00	539.45	6,678.23
EXE	83	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
VAC	77	2	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotals	33,627	37,858	6,906,168.00	37,153.94	\$459,964.12

EBU Summary by Land Use (Continued)

Street Lighting Zone B Assessments per EBU: \$73.54

Land Use	Parcels	Units	Lot Sq Ft	EBU's	Estimated Assessment Revenue
SFR	15,414	15,414	0	15,413.82	\$1,133,532.07
CNDO	8,216	8,392	0	8,403.00	617,956.62
APT2	10	26	0	22.00	1,617.84
APT5	21	324	0	188.25	13,843.80
APT21	29	941	0	443.73	32,631.65
APT51	8	599	0	219.75	16,160.38
APT101	24	4,282	0	1,186.40	87,247.73
GRP-A	1	0	0	1.00	73.54
GRP-B	44	0	0	88.00	6,471.52
GRP-C	44	0	0	110.50	8,126.17
GRP-D	218	0	0	652.50	47,984.85
GRP-E	84	0	0	336.00	24,709.44
GRP-G	26	0	0	127.50	9,376.35
GRP-G&C	1	0	0	7.50	551.55
GRP-H	666	0	0	3,324.50	244,483.68
GRP-I	50	0	0	300.00	22,062.00
GRP-I-SPC	1	0	0	4.90	360.34
GRP-J	19	0	0	152.00	11,178.08
GRP-J&E	1	0	0	12.00	882.48
GRP-K1	2	0	264,433.00	17.70	1,301.65
GRP-K2	9	0	5,942,454.20	336.17	24,721.84
GRP-K2D	17	0	8,196,905.49	524.00	38,534.90
GRP-K3	105	0	13,169,326.23	2,376.17	174,743.08
GRP-K1A	8	0	1,565,071.00	77.83	5,723.58
GRP-K1B	1	0	179,598.00	10.08	741.28
GRP-K3B	55	0	10,973,882.33	1,672.12	122,967.22
GRP-K3C	1	0	689,990.40	150.50	11,067.77
GRP-MULTI	1	0	0	18.50	1,360.49
EXE	1682	0	0	0.00	0.00
SFV	1099	0	0	0.00	0.00
VAC	375	0	0	0.00	0.00
Subtotal Zone B	28,232	29,978	40,981,660.65	36,176.41	\$2,660,411.90
Total Street Lighting Zones	61,859	67,836	47,887,828.65	73,330.35	\$3,120,376.02

V. ASSESSMENT ROLL

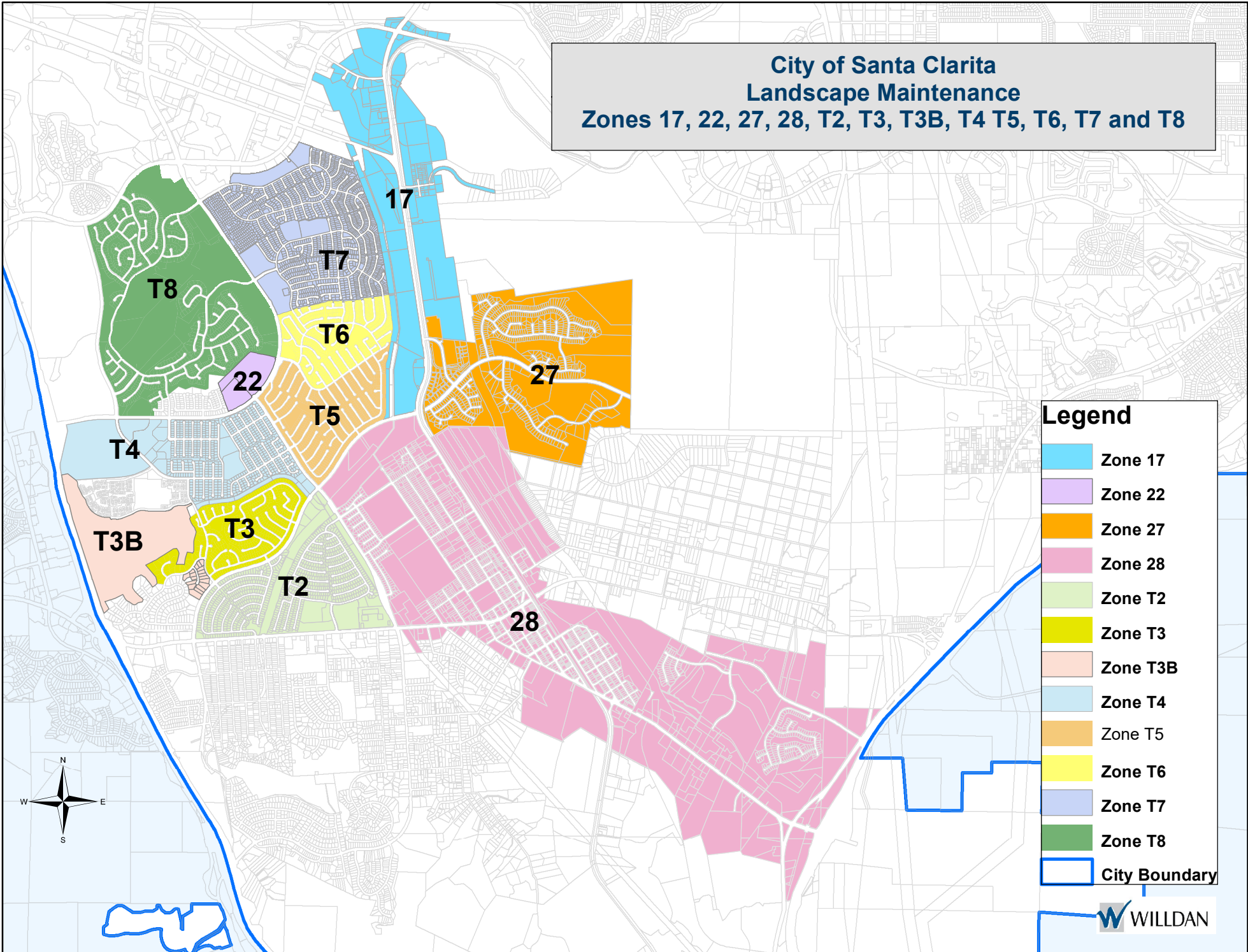
The total proposed assessment for Fiscal Year 2020/2021 and the amount of the total proposed assessment apportioned to each lot or parcel within the District, as shown on the latest assessment roll at the Los Angeles County Assessor's Office, are contained in the Assessment Roll on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Santa Clarita, which is incorporated herein by reference.

The description of each lot or parcel is part of the records of the Assessor of the County of Los Angeles and these records are, by reference, made part of this Report.

VI. ASSESSMENT DIAGRAM

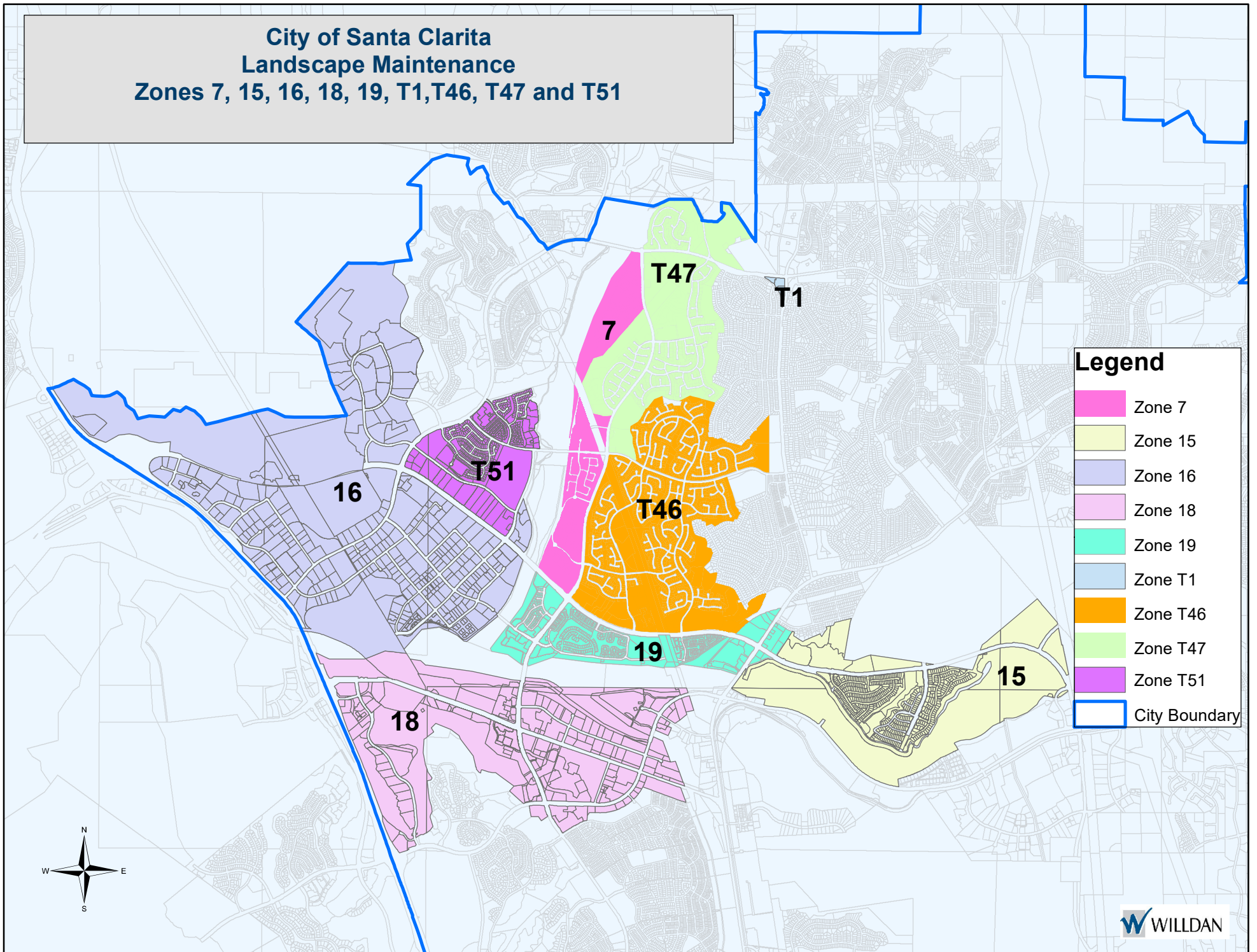
The following pages show an overview of the Landscaping and Street Lighting Zones within the Landscape and Lighting District. Detailed District boundary diagrams will be available for inspection at the office of the City Clerk during normal business hours and, by reference, are made part of this report.

**City of Santa Clarita
Landscape Maintenance
Zones 17, 22, 27, 28, T2, T3, T3B, T4 T5, T6, T7 and T8**



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Zones 7, 15, 16, 18, 19, T1, T46, T47 and T51**

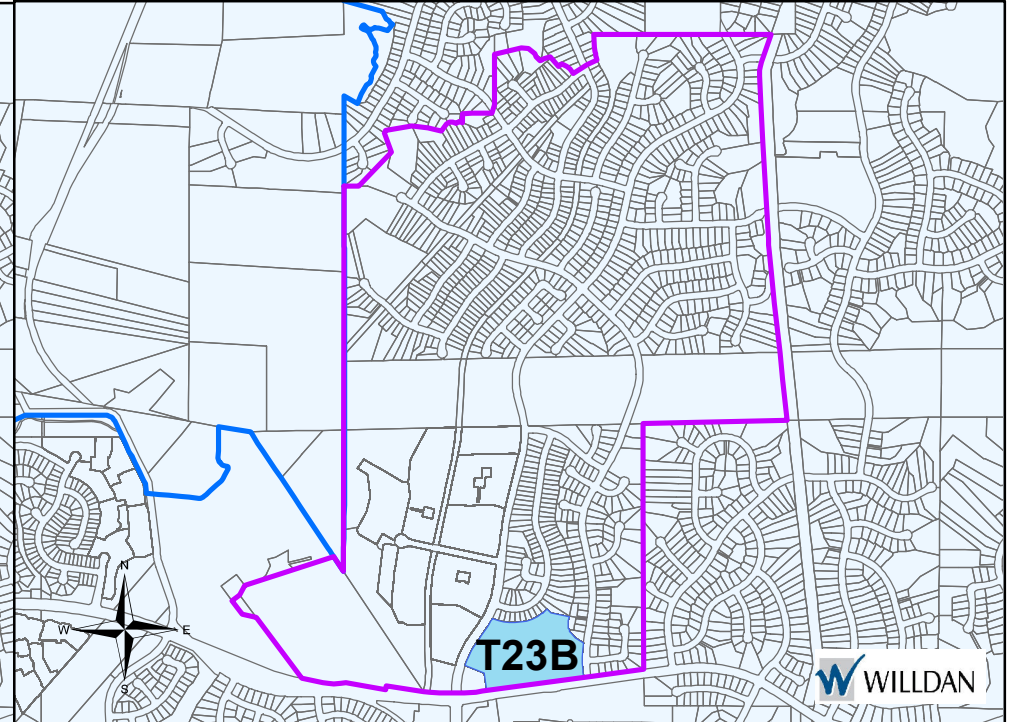
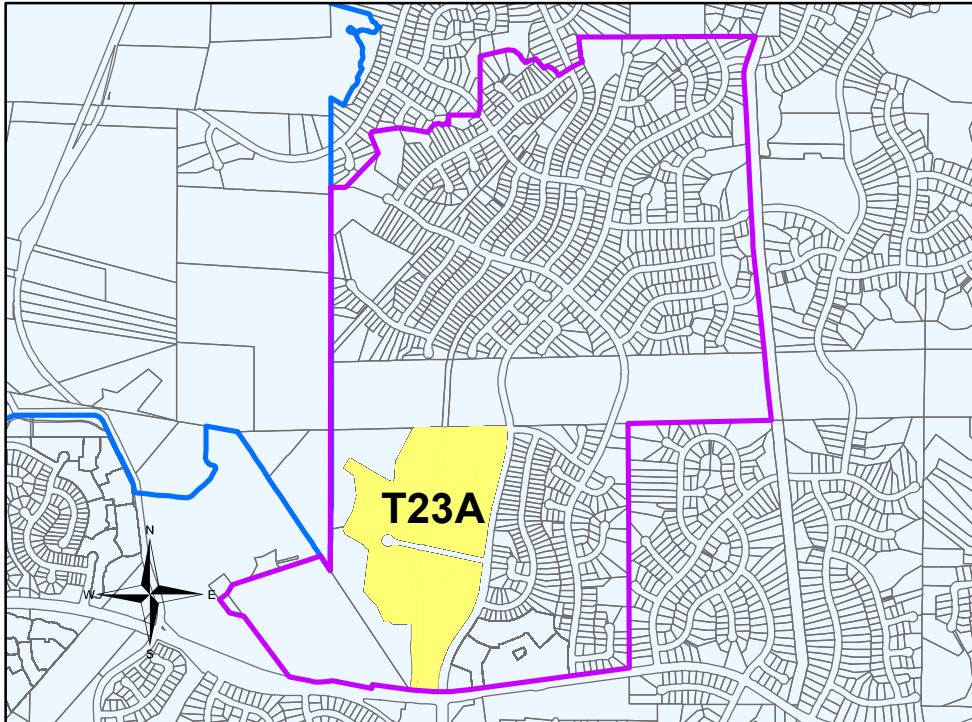
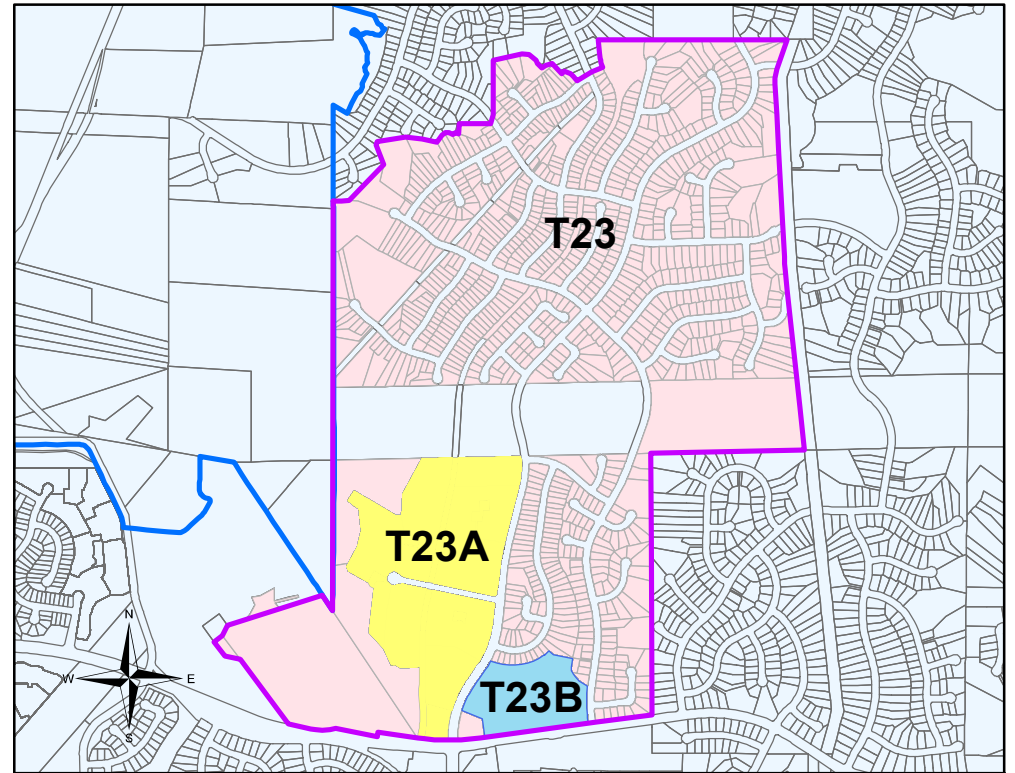


**City of Santa Clarita
Landscape Maintenance
Zones T23, T23A and T23B**

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Zone T23A and Zone T23B are parts of Zone T23

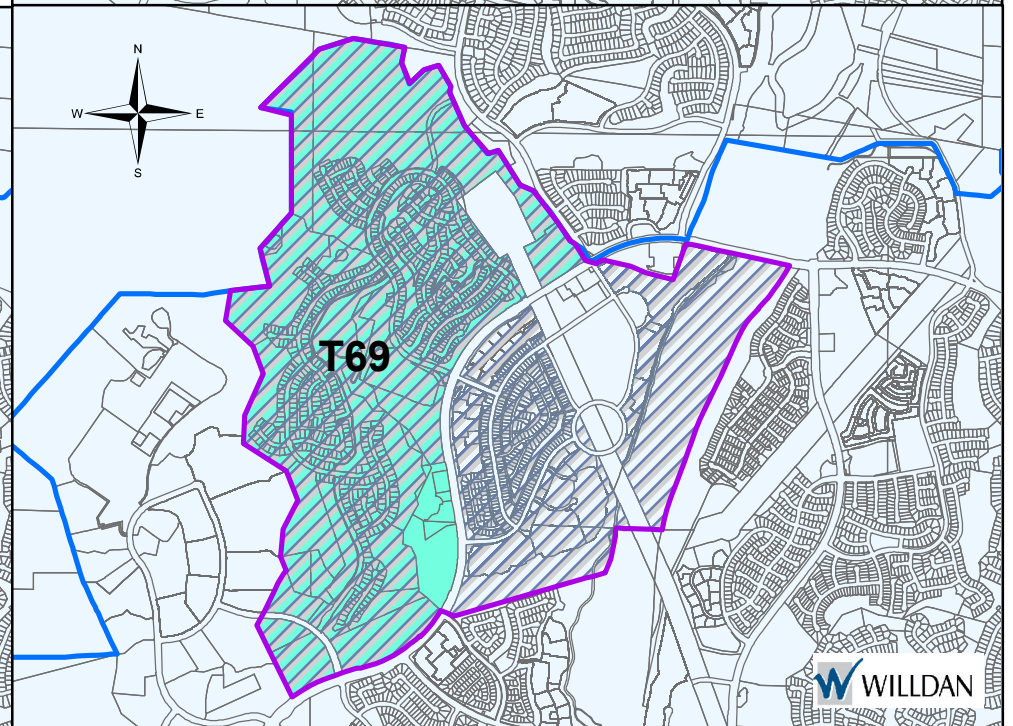
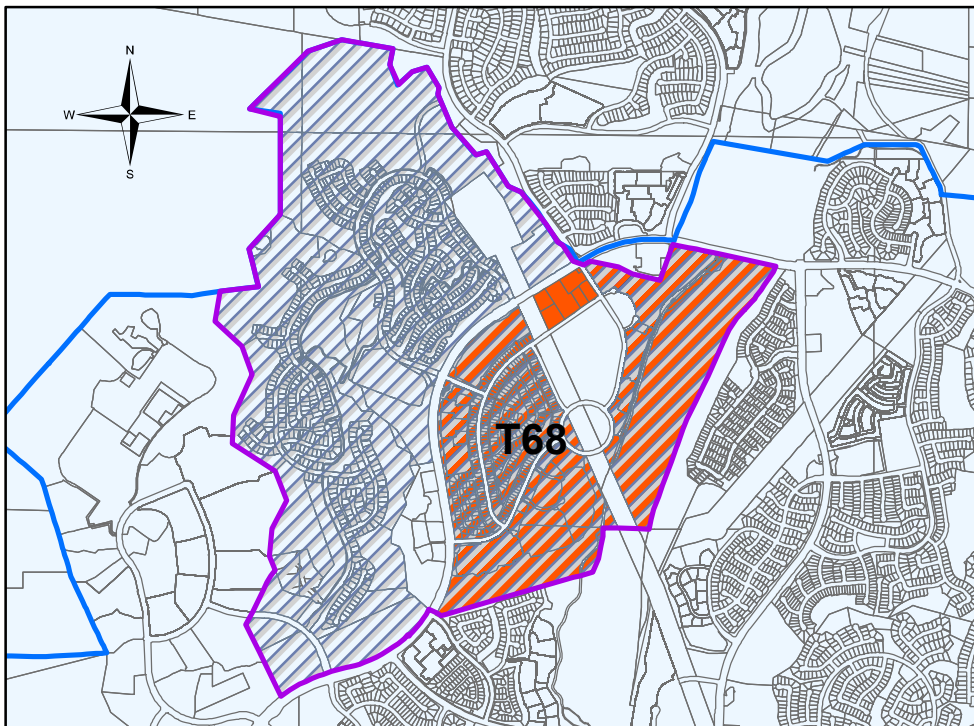
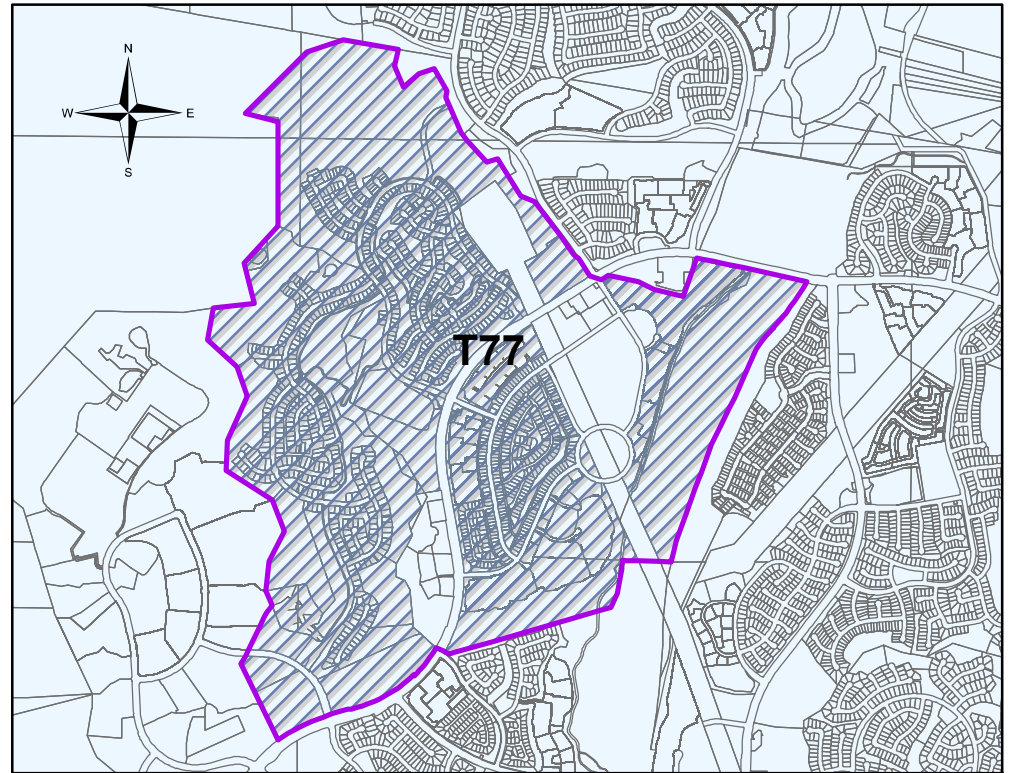


City of Santa Clarita Landscape Maintenance Zones T68, T69 and T77

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



















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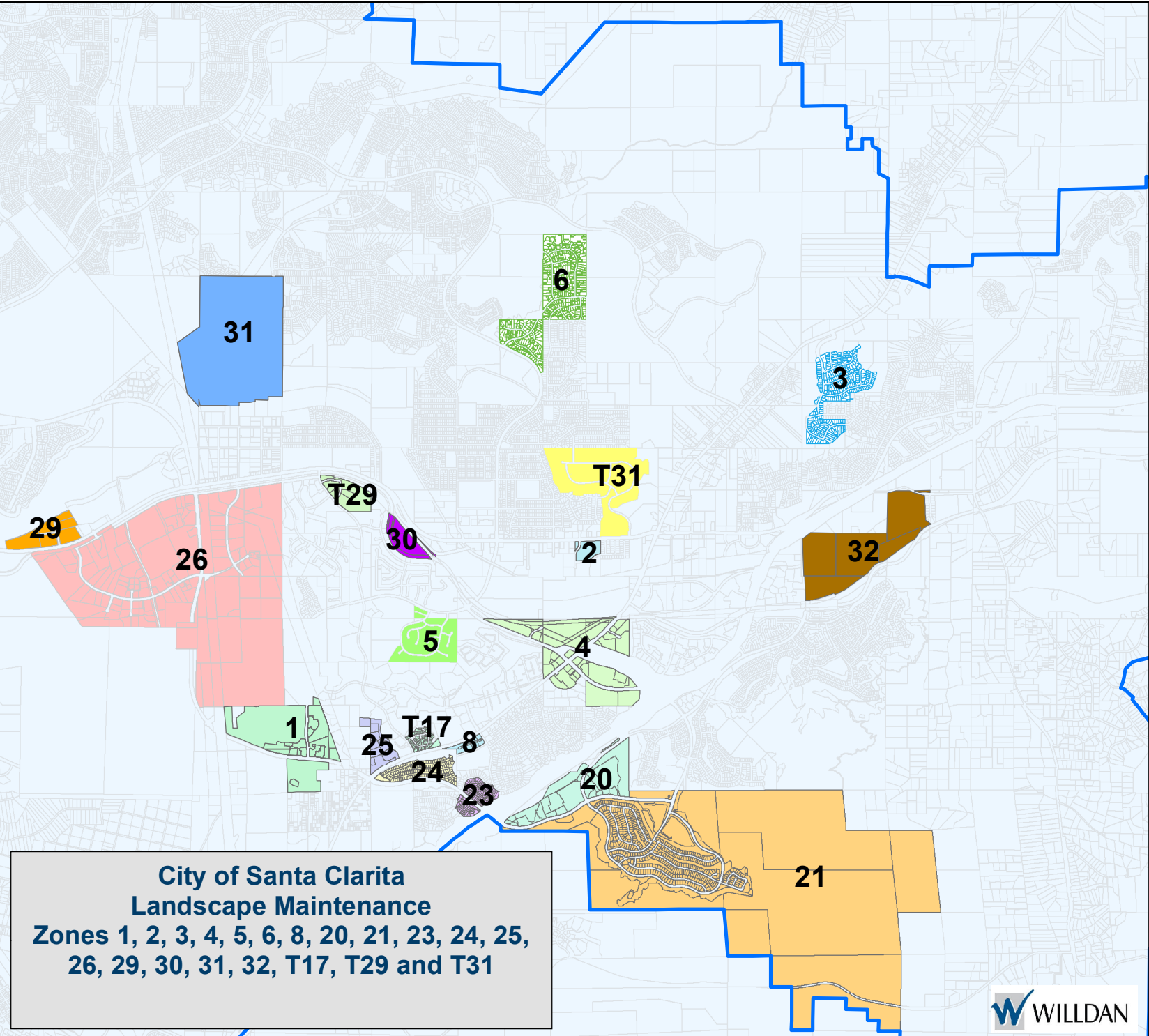
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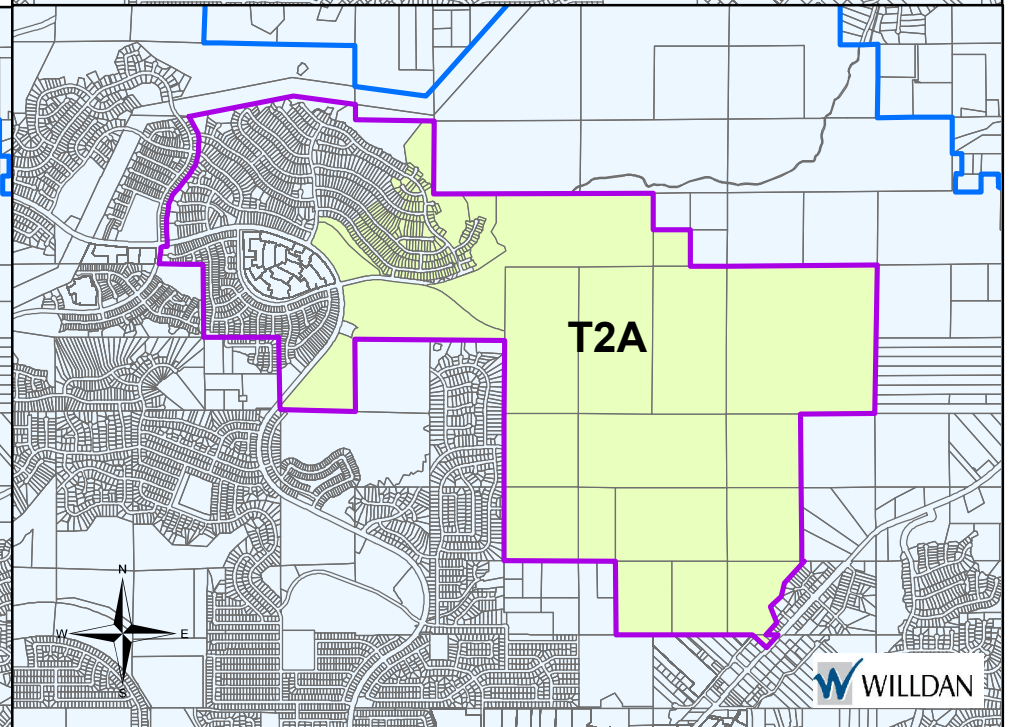
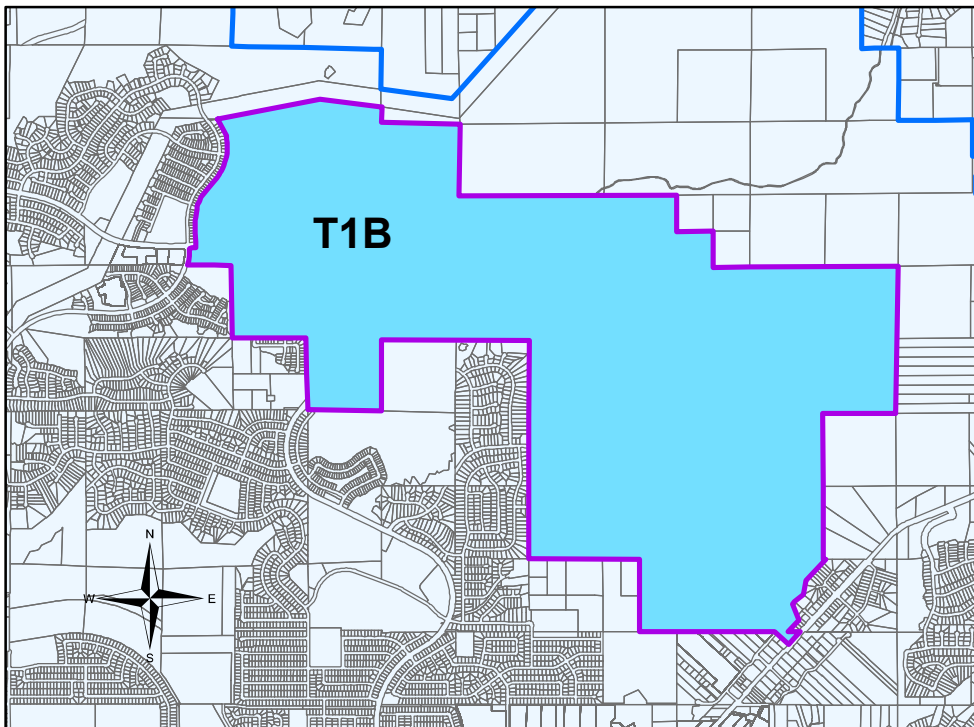
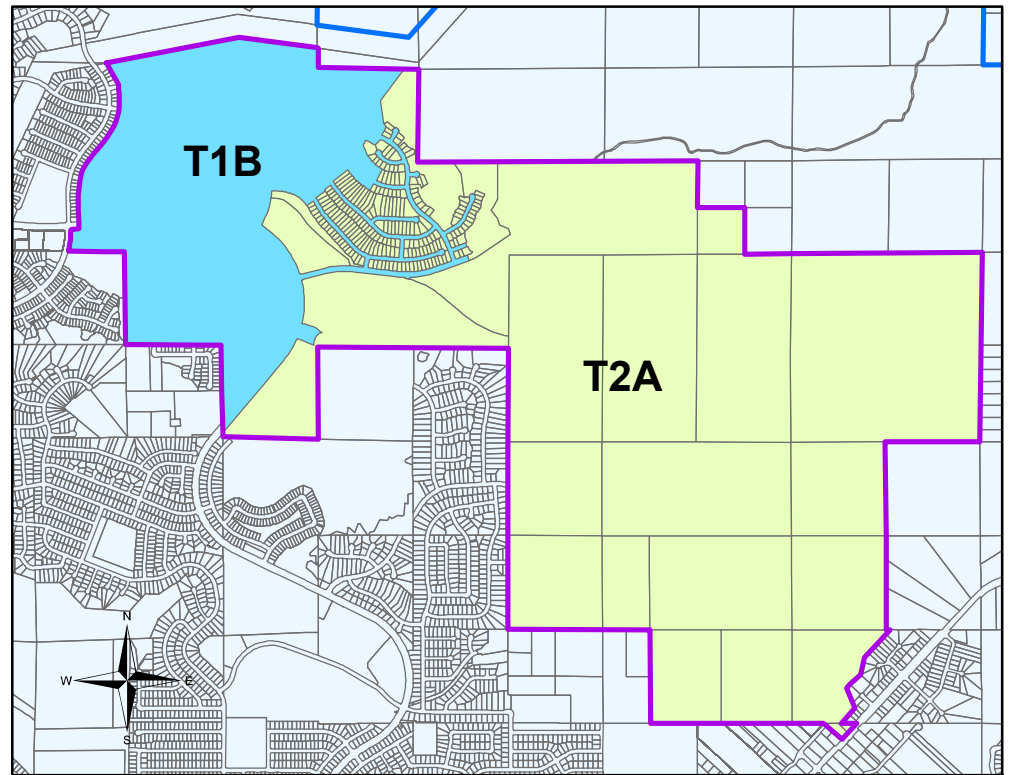
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City of Santa Clarita Landscape Maintenance Zones T1B and T2A

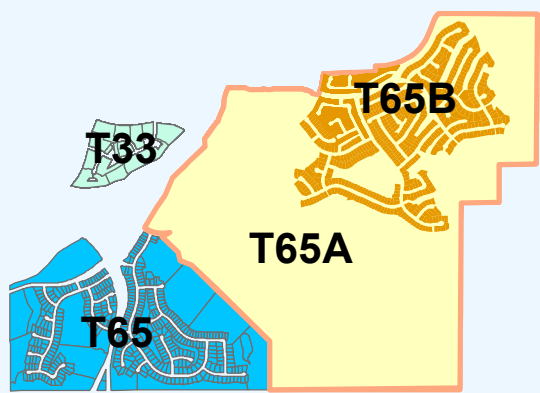
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





- T1B
- Zone T2A
- City Boundary

Zone T2A is a part of Zone T1B



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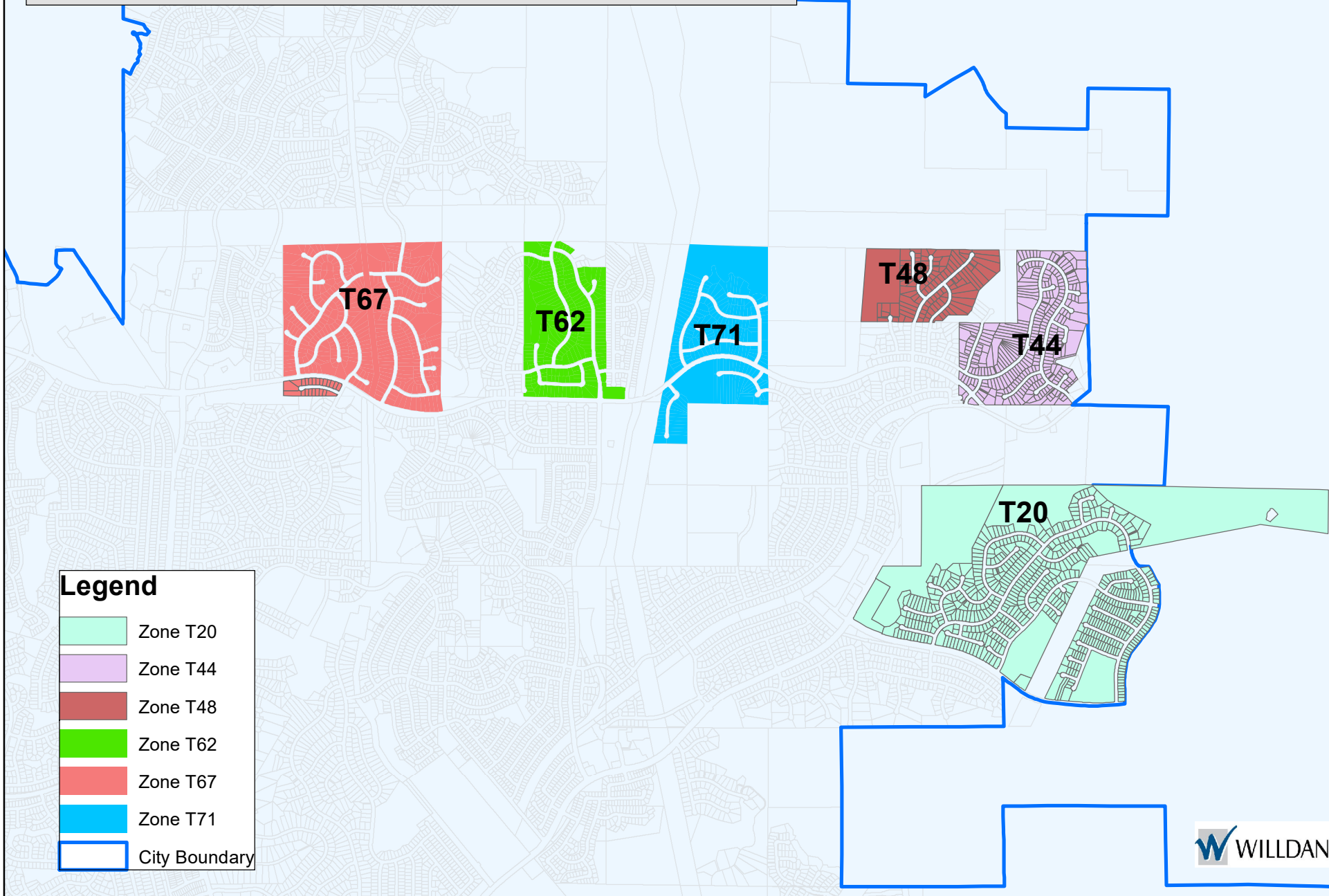
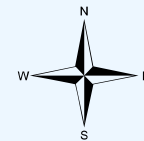




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Note: Zone T65A includes parcels in Zone T65B

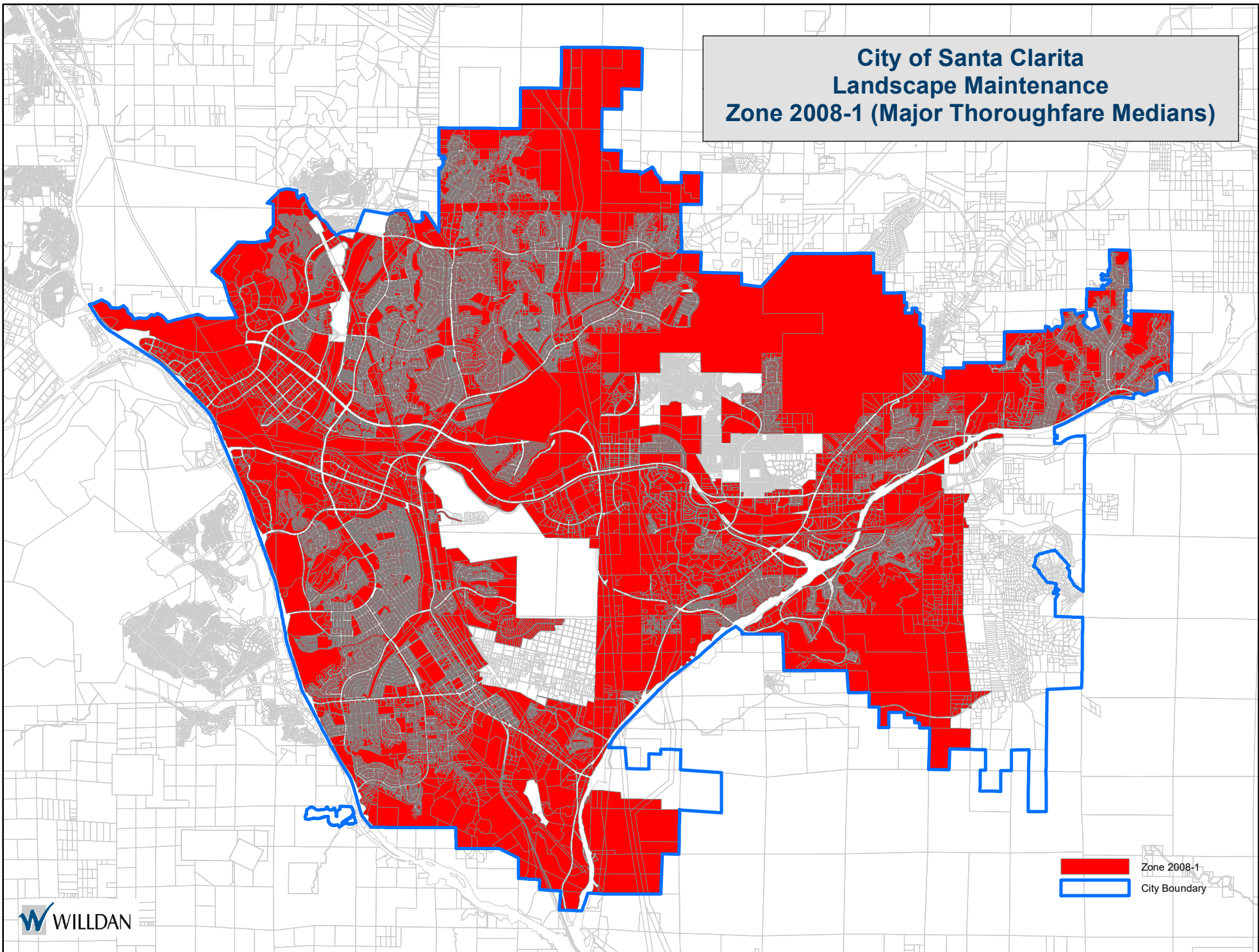


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Zones T20, T44, T48, T62, T67 and T71**



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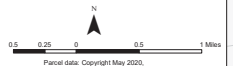
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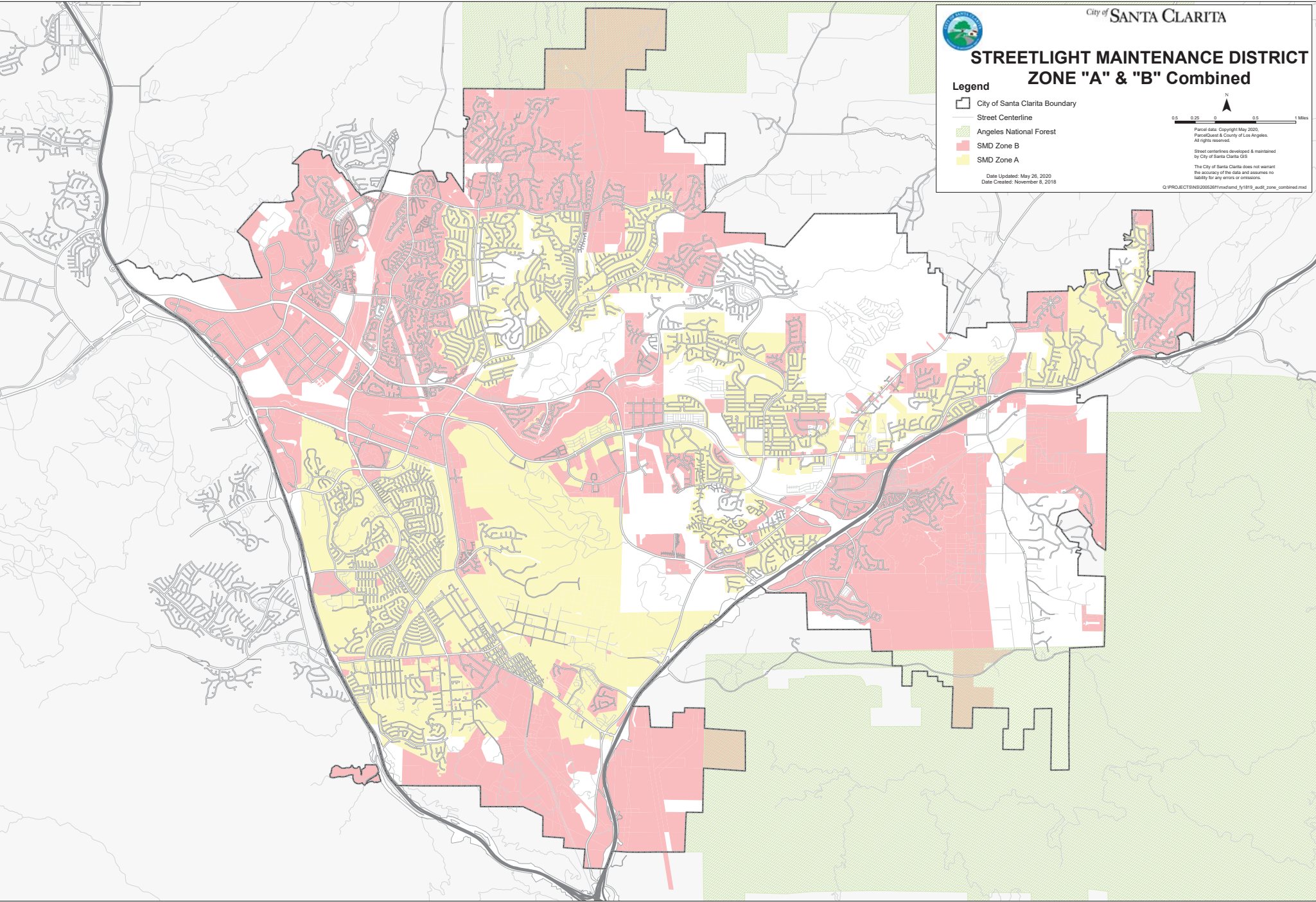
STREETLIGHT MAINTENANCE DISTRICT ZONE "A" & "B" Combined

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-  City of Santa Clarita Boundary
-  Street Centerline
-  Angeles National Forest
-  SMD Zone B
-  SMD Zone A



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APPENDIX

There are over 2,100 acres of maintained landscaping benefiting properties located in 55 active Landscaping Zones within the District. Detailed plans and specifications for these improvements are on file in the City of Santa Clarita Special District's office. However, general descriptions written below characterize landscaping improvements that benefit the properties in each Landscaping Zone.

The LMD zones listed below are categorized by the type and character of their improvements and benefits. The name of the Zone(s) is followed by a description of the associated improvements.

Zone 2008-1 (Area-wide):

Properties in this zone receive a benefit from maintenance and improvement to area-wide medians and street trees along the City's major thoroughfares and the thirty-five park facilities located throughout Santa Clarita. Typical maintenance and improvement activities include: care of Landscaping, including parkway trees along major thoroughfares; hardscape, irrigation systems; ornamental structures; signage; lighting; playground equipment, shade structures, play courts, public restrooms, and plant material consisting of: turf, ground cover, shrubs, trees and flowers. Landscaping activities performed within the boundary of this zone are on easements or public rights of way.

Zones 7 Creekside, 19 Bridgeport / Bouquet, T-2 Old Orchard, T2-A Skyline Ranch, T-3 and T-3B Valencia Hills, T-4 Valencia Meadows, T-5 Valencia Glen, T-6 South Valley, T-7 Central & North Valley, T-8 Valencia Glen, T-46 Northbridge, T-47 North Park, and T-51 Valencia High School:

These zones are best characterized as primarily benefiting owners of residential property through an interconnecting system of landscaped paseos. Typical maintenance and improvement activities include care for: slopes, parks, parkways and side panels, local medians, tunnels, paseos, paseo bridges, fences, walls, swales, hardscape, irrigation systems, ornamental structures, signage, lighting, playground equipment, play courts and drinking fountains. Plant material consists of: turf, ground cover, shrubs, trees and flowers. Landscaping activities performed in these zones are on easements or public rights of way.

Zones 3 Sierra Heights, 5 Sunset Hills, 6 Canyon Crest, 15 River Village, 21 Golden Valley Ranch Residential, 27 Circle J Ranch, 29 Villa Metro, 30 Penlon, 31 Five Knolls, 32 Vista Canyon, T-1B (Whites Canyon), T-17, Rainbow Glen, T-20 El Dorado Village, T-23 Mountain View, T-23A Mountain View Condos, T-23B Seco Villa Condos, T-29 American Beauty, T-31 Shangri-La, T-33 Canyon Park, T-44 Bouquet Canyon, T-48 Shadow Hills T-52 Stone Crest, T-62 Canyon Heights, T-65 Fair Oaks, T-65A Fair Oaks Ranch, T-65B Fair Oaks Ranch Park, T-67 Miramontes, T-68 West Creek, T-69 West Hills, T-71 Haskell Canyon Ranch and T-77 West Creek Park:

These zones are best characterized by primarily benefiting owners of residential property through maintaining irrigated and non-irrigated slopes and beautifying entry corridors. Typical maintenance and improvement activities include care for: slopes, parks, parkways, side panels, local medians, fences, swales, hardscape, irrigation systems, ornamental structures, signage, lighting, and playground equipment. Plant material consists of: turf, ground cover, shrubs, trees and flowers. Landscaping activities performed in these zones are on easements or public rights of way.

Zones 8 Ackerman Avenue, 24 Canyon Gate, 25 Valle Di Oro:

These zones are best characterized primarily benefiting owners of residential property through maintaining smaller Landscaping areas consisting of parkways and side panels buffering the benefiting properties from City streets. The Landscaping materials consist of: turf, ground cover, shrubs, trees and flowers which is maintained by irrigation systems. The LMD maintains a slope benefiting Canyon Gate property owners. Landscaping activities performed in these zones are on easements or public rights of way.

Zones 1 Golden Valley Centex, 2 Edwards Cinema, 4 Via Princessa/Sierra Highway, 16 Valencia Industrial Center, 17 Bouquet/Railroad Avenue, 18 Town Center / Tourney Road, 20 Golden Valley Ranch Commercial, 22 HMNMH (Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital), 26 Centre Pointe, 28 Newhall, and T-1 Faircliff:

These zones are best characterized as primarily benefiting commercial and retail properties. Typical maintenance and improvement activities include care for: slopes, parkways and side panels, local fences, walls, swales, hardscape, irrigation systems, ornamental structures, signage, lighting and monument signs. Plant material consists of: turf, ground cover, shrubs, trees and flowers. Landscaping activities performed in these zones are on easements or public rights of way.