

Final Combined Engineer's Report

for

City of Santa Clarita Landscape Maintenance Districts

Fiscal Year 2008-09

Submitted To:

Santa Clarita, California

Prepared by:



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CITY OF SANTA CLARITA LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS

COMBINED ENGINEER'S REPORT

CERTIFICATES

The undersigned acting on behalf of Harris & Associates, respectfully submits the enclosed Engineer's Report as directed by City Council pursuant to the provisions of Section 4 of Article XIIID of the California Constitution, and provisions of the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972, Section 22500 et seq. of the California Streets and Highways Code. The undersigned certifies that she is a Professional Engineer, registered in the State of California.

Dated: June 17, 2008

BY: Joan E. Cox

R.C.E. No. 41965

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the enclosed Engineer's Report, together with Assessment Roll and Assessment Diagram thereto attached, was filed with me on the 1920 day of 1920, 2008.



Sharon L. Dawson, City Člerk City of Santa Clarita Los Angeles County, California

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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 Adday of ________, 2008.



Sharon L. Dawson, City Clerk City of Santa Clarita Los Angeles County, California

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INTRODUCTION

The City of Santa Clarita ("City") annually levies and collects special assessments in order to maintain the improvements within City initiated Landscape Maintenance District Nos. 1, T1, A2 and County initiated District T1A (ad valorem district), (collectively referred to as the "Districts"). The Districts were formed and annual assessments are established pursuant to the Landscape and Lighting Act of 1972, Part 2 of Division 15 of the California Streets and Highways Code (the "Act"). This report includes all Zones and Annexations that have been approved by the Council prior to April 30, 2008.

On March 11, 2008, City Council conducted a public hearing and collected ballots for the annexations into, detachments from, creation of new zones, dissolution of existing zones, and assessment rate adjustments in Landscape Maintenance District Numbers 1, A2 and T1 (various zones). Notices and ballots were mailed to all affected property owners, outlining the changes to the methodology and stating the assessment amount proposed for each property and that a CPI escalator was included in the District. On March 13, 2008 the ballot results were tabulated. Eighty-one percent (81%) of the returned assessment ballots approved the modifications to the Districts, the assessment rates and the escalator.

In the afore-mentioned proceedings, Zone 2008-1 replaced the bulk of the Area-Wide T1 landscape assessments that provided for the maintenance of roadway medians located throughout the City. The formation of Zone 2008-1 consolidated several T1 zones and annexations into a uniform methodology resulting in a more fair apportionment of the median costs.

The following lists all the Zones or Annexations that have been inactive or that were dissolved or detached per the Final Engineer's Report dated March 19, 2008 and will no longer be part of the budget or other tables in this report.

District 1, Zone 1 – Annexation 1E

District 1, Zone 12

District T1, Annexations:

T1A, T1B, T1C, T1D, T1E, T1F, T1G, T1H, T1I, T1J, T1K, T1L, T1N, T1O, T1P, T1R, T1T, T1X, T1Y, T1Z, T1-27, T1-28, T1-29, T1-30, T1-32, T1-33 and T1-34

District T1, Zone T9 (including Annexations A-G)

District T1, Zone T10 (including Annexations A-G)

District A2, Annexations 1, 6 and 8

District 1, Zone 1 – Annexation A (1A – TR 48117 - Montecito) and Zone 7 (TR 44374 – Woodlands) are currently inactive but could be reactivated at any time.

All other Zones or Annexations within Districts 1, T1 and A2 provide for the maintenance of landscaping located within district developments.

District T1A is an ad valorem district that was formed by the County under the Improvement Act of 1911, prior to the transfer of jurisdiction to the City. This district collects revenue directly from property taxes and is separate from the 1972 Act landscape districts. District T1A requires no Council action at this time, but is hereby referenced in this report as a part of the landscape

maintenance program within the City.

In addition to the City initiated Districts, the responsibility for several County maintained Landscape Maintenance Zones was transferred to the City's jurisdiction beginning in 1997. The County, through the Department of Parks and Recreation, had previously administered these Zones which had provided for the maintenance and servicing of the landscape improvements located in medians and common areas throughout the City. Pursuant to the Act, the City Council is the legislative body for the Districts and Zones and may levy annual assessments acting as the governing body for the operations and administration of the Districts.

This Combined Engineer's Report ("Report") describes the Districts, any annexation zones or changes to the Districts and the proposed assessments for Fiscal Year 2008-09. The proposed assessments are based on the historical and estimated costs to maintain the improvements that provide direct and special benefits to properties within the Districts. The costs of the improvements and the annual levy 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 2008-09 pursuant to the 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 2008-09.

Effects of Proposition 218

On November 5 1996, the electorate approved Proposition 218, Right to Vote on Taxes Act, which added Articles XIIIC and XIIID to the California Constitution. The Proposition affects all assessments upon real property for a special benefit conferred on the property. Assessments imposed under the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972 are 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 Zones that were added to the Districts. Subsequent to Proposition 218, all property owners were balloted for inclusion into the Districts in order to be in compliance with Proposition 218. This Report does not propose to increase the assessments for the Districts, including any Zones or Annexations, above the approved annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) for all Urban Consumers, Los Angeles – Orange – Riverside Counties, CA. Increases, if any, above this amount were addressed in separate reports approved at prior Council meetings. Subsequent increases, if any, will be subject to the procedures and approval process of Section 4 of Article XIIID.



FISCAL YEAR 2008-09
ENGINEER'S REPORT PREPARED PURSUANT
TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE
LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT OF 1972
SECTION 22500 THROUGH 22679
OF THE CALIFORNIA STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE
AND ARTICLE XIIID OF THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION

Pursuant to Part 2 of Division 15 of the Streets and Highways Code of the State of California, Article XIIID of the California Constitution (Proposition 218), the Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act and in accordance with the Resolution of Initiation, adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Clarita, State of California, in connection with the proceedings for:

CITY OF SANTA CLARITA LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS

hereinafter referred to as the "Maintenance Districts" or "Districts", I, Joan E. Cox, P.E., the authorized representative of Harris & Associates, the duly appointed ASSESSMENT ENGINEER, submit herewith the "Report" consisting of five (5) parts as follows:

PART A - PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS

Contains a description of the improvements that are to be maintained or serviced by the Districts.

PART B – ESTIMATE OF COST

Identifies the estimated cost of the services or maintenance to be provided by the Districts, including incidental costs and expenses in connection therewith.

PART C - METHOD OF APPORTIONMENT

Describes the basis on which the costs have been apportioned to each parcel of land within the Maintenance Districts, in proportion to the estimated benefits to be received by such lots and parcels.

PART D – ASSESSMENT ROLL

Identifies the maximum assessment to be levied on each benefited lot or parcel of land within the Maintenance Districts.

PART E – ASSESSMENT DIAGRAM

Contains a Diagram of the Maintenance Districts Boundaries showing the exterior boundaries of the Maintenance Districts, the boundaries of any zones within the Maintenance Districts and the lines and dimensions of each lot or parcel of land within the Maintenance Districts.



PART A PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS

DESCRIPTION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MAINTAINED AND SERVICED

The improvements proposed to be installed, maintained and serviced 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, 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, play courts, public restrooms, and paseos/trails.

The District will fund costs in connection with the maintenance and servicing including, but not limited to, labor, electrical energy, water, materials, contracting services, administration, and other expenses necessary for the satisfactory maintenance and servicing of these improvements.

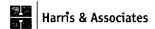
Maintenance means the furnishing of services and materials for the ordinary and usual maintenance, operation and servicing of the ornamental structures, landscaping and appurtenant facilities, including repair, removal or replacement of all or part of any of the ornamental structures, landscaping or 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 this reference are incorporated and made part of the Report; and are on file at the City. A summary of the plans and specifications are on file in the office of the City Clerk.

The following is a general description and location of each Zone or Annexation:

District	Zone	Annex.	Description
1	1	1B	Commercial, Centre Pointe, south of Soledad Canyon Road
		1C	Tract 44892, Residential, Canyon Gate, Golden Valley Road and Sierra Highway
		1D	Tract 52414, Residential, Golden Valley Road, Pardee
		1F	Tract 53419, Residential, Valle Di Oro
		1G	Centex Development



District	Zone	Annex.	Description
1	2A		Parcel Map 24147, Commercial, Via Princessa and Sierra Highway (Costco)
		2B	Commercial, Via Princessa and Sierra Highway (Sierra Storage) [was District 1, Zone 10]
		2C	Tract 50151, Commercial, Via Princessa and Sierra Highway across from Costco
		2D	Tract 50484, Commercial, Via Princessa and Highway 14 (Jack-in-the-Box)
		2 E	Parcel Map 25916, Commercial, Sierra Highway north of Via Princessa (Flying Tiger)
		2F	Commercial (Soledad Entertainment) [was District 1, Zone 10]
		2G	Commercial, Riverview Shopping Center
1	3		Tracts 45416-01 & 02, Residential, northeast of Sierra Highway and Sand Canyon Road (Sierra Heights)
		3A	Tract 45416, Residential, Sierra Highway west of Sand Canyon [was District 1, Zone 13]
1	4		Albertson's Shopping Center, Commercial, Via Princessa and Sierra Highway (Albertson's Street Trees)
1	5		Residential, May Way and Via Princessa, west of Whites Canyon Rd (Sunset Hills)
		5A	Tract 52276, Residential, Koji Court, Via Princessa and May Way [was District 1, Zone 9]
1	6		Tracts 46626, 50536 and 47863, Residential, Whites Canyon Road and Canyon Crest Road (Canyon Crest)
1	7		Residential, McBean and Newhall Ranch (Creekside)
1	8		Tract 52354, Residential, Friendly Valley Parkway and Sierra Highway
1	15		River Village
1	16		Valencia Industrial Center
1	17		Bouquet Canyon Road/Railroad Avenue
1	18		Town Center / Tourney Rd
1	19		Bridgeport / Bouquet

District	Zone	Annex.	Description
1	20		Golden Valley Ranch - Commercial
1	2008-1		Citywide Major Thoroughfare Medians
T1	T2		Residential / Commercial, Lyons, Orchard Village Road and Wiley Canyon (Old Orchard)
T1	Т3		Residential, NW of Wiley Canyon and Orchard Village Road (Valencia Hills)
T1	T4		Residential / Commercial, McBean Parkway, Orchard Vıllage Road and Tournament Road (Valencia Meadows)
T1	T5		Residential, SE of Orchard Village Road and McBean Parkway (La Questa)
T1	Т6		Residential / Commercial, McBean Parkway and Avenida Navarre (South Valley)
T1	Т7		Residential, McBean Parkway and Del Monte Dr (North Valley)
T1	Т8		Residential / Commercial, McBean Parkway and Del Monte Dr (Summit)
T1	T17		Residential, Rainbow Glen Drive and Sierra Highway (Rainbow Glen)
T1	T23		Residential / Commercial, Seco Canyon Road and Copper Hill Road (Mountain View)
T1	T23A		Residential, Seco Canyon Road and Copper Hill (Mountain View Condos)
T1	T23B		Residential, Seco Canyon Road and Copper Hill Road (Seco Villas)
T1	T29		Residential, Rainbow Glen Drive and Soledad Canyon (American Beauty)
T1	T31		Residential, Shangri-La Drive and Soledad Canyon Road (Shangri-La), plus Commercial, Soledad Canyon Branch Library [was District 1, Zone 14]
Т1	T42A		Residential, San Fernando Road and Circle J Ranch Road (Circle J Ranch)
Т1	T42B		Residential, San Fernando Road and Circle J Ranch Road (Circle J Ranch)

T1	T42C		Residential, San Fernando Road and Via Princessa (Circle J Ranch)
Т1	T46		Residential / Commercial, McBean Parkway and Newhall Ranch Road (Northbridge)
T1	T47		Residential - Northpark
T1	T52		Residential - Stonecrest
T1			Area Wide Medians, various locations throughout the City, not currently annexed into zone 2008-1:
		T1M	PM 25649, Parcel 2, Commercial, Rye Canyon Road and Newhall Ranch Road (Home Depot)
		T1Q	Commercial, NE corner of McBean Parkway & Magic Mountain Parkway [was District T1, Zone T30]
		TIS	Parcel Map 8374, Lot 3, Commercial, NW corner of Valencia Boulevard and Creekside Road
		T1U	Arbor Lane, Residential, SE corner of Wiley Canyon and Via Macarena
	,	T1V	Tract 51931-04, Commercial, NW corner of Magic Mountain Parkway and McBean Parkway
		T1W	Tract 53756, Residential, on Apple Street, south of Lyons Avenue
		T1-31	Commercial, Seco Canyon Village
A2		2	Commercial, APN 2833-032-043, Carl Court
A2		3	Residential, 27740 Bouquet, WK Sonrissa
A2		4	Commercial, Blessed Kateri Church
A2		5	Commercial, Parcel Map 26684 Lots 1-4
A2		7	Residential, Thompson Ranch/Stetson Ranch Project
T1A			Designation for Ad Valorem Zones T1, T2, T3, T4 and T5

PART B ESTIMATE OF COST

The estimated costs for the operation, maintenance and servicing of the facilities are shown below Fiscal Year 2008-09. The 1972 Act provides that the total cost of the maintenance and services, together with incidental expenses, may be financed from the assessment proceeds. The incidental expenses may include 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 Districts 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 Zone 2008-1 budget is provided below.

District No. 1, Zone 2008-1 (Major Thoroughfare Medians)

Major Thoroughfare Median Maintenance (Citywide)		\$4,118,244
Less allowance for parcels and improvements not yet included		(\$2,306,378)
Net Operation and Maintenance Expenses	·-	\$1,811,866
Capital Expenses		\$543,891
Landscaped parkways, side panels and other landscape and ornament improvements previously funded by T1 Areawide (now funded through T1A Ad Valorem revenues)	al	\$400,000
Less Ad Valorem T1A Revenues		(\$400,000)
Administration Costs		\$12,000
	Subtotal:	\$2,367,757
Operating Reserve		\$1,183,879
Replacement Reserve		\$860,831
Interest Revenues (positive)		(\$76,662)
Prior Year (surplus) or deficit		(\$1,837,103)
	Subtotal:	\$130,945

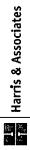
Total to Assessment: \$2,498,702

The annual budgets for the Districts and Zones are shown on the following page:



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10		Fund	Estimated		Ad		Oper. &				Capital
inte		Balance	Asmt	Interest	Valorem	Total	Maint.	Capital	Total	Operating	Replacement
ΙŒ	Zone Description	(2/01/08)	Revenue	Revenue	Revenue	Revenues	Expenses	Expenses	Expenses	Reserve	Reserve
-			\$344,140	\$7,377	0\$	\$351,518	\$223,276	0\$	\$223,276	\$111,638	\$634,156
-	2 Price Costco	\$179,735	\$71,487	\$2,443	0\$	\$73,930	\$58,012	\$17,125	\$75,137	\$37,568	\$140,960
-		\$289,855	\$87,078	\$2,975	0\$	\$90,054	\$93,245	\$12,233	\$105,478	\$52,739	\$221,691
-	4 Albertsons	\$23,981	\$4,538	\$155	0\$	\$4,693	\$4,674	\$0	\$4,674	\$2,337	\$21,662
-	5 Sunset Hills	\$368,102	\$187,494	\$6,406	0\$	\$193,900	\$173,580	\$8,016	\$181,596	\$90,798	\$289,608
-	6 Canyon Crest	\$161,981	\$167,133	\$5,711	0\$	\$172,844	\$147,130	\$8,709	\$155,839	\$77,920	\$101,066
-	7 Creekside	\$147,912	\$248,901	\$8,561	0\$	\$257,462	\$224,266	\$0	\$224,266	\$112,133	\$68,974
1	8 Friendly/Sierra	\$17,584	\$10,766	Ш	0\$	\$11,134	\$11,738	\$5,840	\$17,578	\$8,789	\$2,352
7	15 River Village	\$285,104	\$348,359	\$10,270	\$0	\$358,629	\$241,184	\$0	\$241,184	\$120,592	\$281,958
-			\$212,101	\$3,193	\$0	\$215,295	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$200,000	\$100,000	\$374,569
-		d Ave \$179,959	\$106,966		\$0	\$110,417	\$63,830	\$0	\$63,830	\$31,915	\$194,631
-			\$670,285	σ,	\$0	\$682,349	\$365,276	\$15,250	\$380,526	\$190,263	\$144,537
-	-	\$80,0	\$81,353	\$2,719	\$0	\$84,072	\$66,237	\$0	\$66,237	\$33,119	\$64,717
		ercial	\$106,001		\$0	\$109,240	\$74,714	\$0	\$74,714	\$34,526	\$0
- 1	ᅱ	€	\$2,498,702	₩.	\$0	\$2,575,364	\$1,823,866	\$543,891	\$2,367,757	\$1,183,879	\$860,831
F		\$360,440	\$189,028		\$70,824	\$266,254	\$196,722	\$71,626	\$268,348	\$134,174	\$224,172
F	- 1	\$149,707	\$167,189		\$49,174	\$222,076	\$188,755	\$50,000	\$238,755	\$119,378	\$13,649
F		\$359,976	\$130,093		\$25,714	\$160,231	\$135,879	\$30,000	\$165,879	\$82,940	\$271,389
F		\$557,940	\$144,005	\$4,920	\$44,275	\$193,200	\$155,455	\$35,000	\$190,455	\$95,228	\$465,458
F	T6 Valencia South Valley		\$130,753	\$4,460	\$0	\$135,213	\$159,604	\$25,000	\$184,604	\$92,302	\$229,698
F	- 1		\$457,906	\$15,645	\$0	\$473,551	\$385,690	\$285,000	\$670,690	\$335,345	\$130,747
F	- 1	\$975,838	\$1,004,378	\$34,349	0\$	\$1,038,727	\$924,979	\$215,000	\$1,139,979	8269,989	\$304,596
1		\$113,281	\$34,414	\$1,176	\$0	\$35,590	\$30,864	\$2,000	\$32,864	\$16,432	\$99,574
F	- 1	\$96,401	\$790,886	\$26,958	\$0	\$817,844	\$760,459	\$20,000	\$780,459	\$133,786	\$0
-		\$401,117	\$279,760	\$9,559	\$0	\$289,319	\$251,778	\$9,500	\$261,278	\$130,639	\$298,518
11		\$97,546	\$96,176	\$3,286	\$0	\$99,462	\$87,420	\$7,500	\$94,920	\$47,460	\$54,628
- -		\$348,248	\$73,456	\$2,510	\$0	\$75,965	\$75,763	\$19,000	\$94,763	\$47,382	\$282,068
- i		\$374,998	\$193,098	\$6,598	\$0	\$199,696	\$200,347	\$43,621	\$243,968	\$121,984	\$208,742
	- 1	\$363,354	\$455,760	\$15,572	\$0	\$471,332	\$471,088	\$28,686	\$499,774	\$249,887	\$85,024
=	Circle J Ranch	\$106,375	\$80,427	\$2,748	\$0	\$83,175	\$88,144	\$12,559	\$100,703	\$50,351	\$38,496
F		\$149,691	\$64,544	\$2,205	\$ 0	\$66,750	\$70,189	\$6,614	\$76,803	\$38,401	\$101,237
F		\$976,035	\$1,741,123	\$59,205	\$0	\$1,800,329	\$1,710,232	\$110,000	\$1,820,232	\$910,116	\$46,016
F		\$354,249	\$557,190	\$19,824	\$0	\$577,014	\$617,054	\$72,361	\$689,415	\$241,849	\$0
F	T52 Stonecrest (Lower)	\$161,706	\$344,268	\$12,018	\$0	\$356,286	\$347,082	\$30,000	\$377,082	\$140,910	\$0
Ξ	District T1	\$36,000	\$37,505	\$1,181	\$0	\$38,686	\$26,474	\$0	\$26,474	\$13,237	\$34,975
A2	- 1	\$29,149	\$15,084	\$653	\$0	\$15,736	\$814	0\$	\$814	\$407	\$43,664
T1-A	T-1A Ad Valorem	\$618,829	\$0	Qş œ	_	\$585,515	\$400,000	\$0	\$400,000	\$200,000	\$604,344
	Total	\$12,346,621	\$12,132,348	\$385,000	\$775,502	\$13,292,849	\$10,955,820	\$1,784,531	\$12,740,351	\$5,960,412	\$6,938,708



PART C

METHOD OF APPORTIONMENT OF ASSESSMENT

GENERAL

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

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

"The net amount to be assessed upon lands within a Maintenance 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 Act permits the designation of zones of benefit within any individual Maintenance 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.

REASON FOR THE ASSESSMENT

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

SPECIAL BENEFIT ANALYSIS

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 <u>Parkways and Land Values</u>, 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,..."



It should be noted that the definition of "parkways" above may include the roadway as well as the landscaping along side the roadway.

Landscaped Medians in the Major Thoroughfares. The landscape improvements in the medians 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 in the major thoroughfares. Landscaping in the medians 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 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.

General Benefits

The general benefits associated with trees, landscaping improvements, hardscaping, ornamental structures and appurtenant facilities are considered incidental, negligible and non-quantifiable. 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.



APPORTIONMENT METHODOLOGY

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

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

District	Zone	Annex.	Land Use	Asmt Type	Pcls / Units / Acreage / EDU's	Method Code (descriptions follow this table)
1	1	1B	Comm		180.54	
1	1	1C	Res	Acreage		2
		1D	Res/Comm	Parcel	148 530	
		1F				<u> </u>
		1G	Res Res	EDU EDU	113	
1	2 A	10			233.490	5
1	2 A .	 2B	Comm	Acreage	14.57	2
			Comm	Acreage	2	2
		2C	Comm	Parcel	3	1
		2D	Comm	Acreage	1	2
	-	2E	Comm	Parcel	1	1
		2F	Comm	Parcel		1
		2G	Comm	Acreage	7.18	2
1	3	_	Res	Parcel	76	1
		3A	Res	Parcel	177	1
1	4		Comm	Acreage	9.88	2
1	5		Res	Parcel	161	1
		5A	Res	Parcel	14	1
1	6	_	Res	Parcel	281	1
1	7	<u></u>	Res	EDU	1054.30	6
1	8	_	Res	Parcel	39	1
1	15		Res/Comm	EDU	790.990	7
1	16	_	Comm/Vac	EDU	7,817.965	7
1	17		Multiple	EDU	1,448.240	5
1	18	_	Res/Comm	EDU	3,942.855	7
1	19		Res/Comm	EDU	1,204.695	7
1	20	_	Res/Comm	EDU	430.200	7
1	2008-1		Res/Comm	EDU	45,225.380	7
T1	T2		Res/Comm	Parcel	1,037	1
<u>T1</u>	T3		Res/Comm	Parcel	462	1
<u>T1</u>	T4		Res/Comm	Parcel	674	1
T1	T5	_	Res/Comm	Parcel	741	1
T1	Т6		Res/Comm	Parcel	603	1
T1	T7	_	Res/Comm	Parcel	1,815	1
T1	T8		Res/Comm	Parcel	2,141	1
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District	Zone	Annex.	Land Use	Asmt Type	Pcls / Units / Acreage / EDU's	Method Code (descriptions follow this table)
T1	T17		Res	Parcel	74	1
<u>T1</u>	T23		Res/Comm	Parcel	1,493	<u>1</u>
T1	T23 A		Res	Parcel	383	1
T1	T23B		Res	Parcel	156	
<u>T1</u>	T29		Res	Parcel	221	1
	T31					1
<u>T1</u>		_	Res/Comm	Parcel	183	1
<u>T1</u>	T42A	_	Res	Parcel	625	1
<u>T1</u>	T42B		Res	Parcel	86	1
<u>T1</u>	T42C		Res	Parcel	95	1
T1	T46	_	Res/Comm	Parcel	2,306	1
<u>T1</u>	T47		Res/Comm	Parcel	1,489	1
T1	T52		Res	Parcel	460	1
T 1		-	Res/Comm	Unit	8	1
		T1M	Comm	Parcel	5	1
		T1Q	Res	Parcel	9	1
	•	T1S	Comm	Parcel	1	1
	-	T1U	Res	EDU	21	4
		T1V	Comm	Parcel	11	1
	•	T1W	Res	EDU	21.33	4
	·	T1-31	Comm	EDU	5	3
A2		2	Comm	EDU	10	3
A2		3	Res	EDU	35	3
A2		4	Comm	EDU	5	3
A2		5	Res/Comm	EDU	10	3
A2		7	Res	EDU	190	3

Note: The number of parcels, units, acres and EDU's shown in the table above reflect the current information for the Districts. 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 Definitions:

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

<u>Method 2</u> – The assessment is apportioned to the benefiting properties on an acreage basis where all parcels are assessed based on the parcel's percentage of the total number of acres in the annexation or zone.

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

Single Family Residential	1 single family dwelling unit	= 1 EDU
Multi Family Residential Condos	1 single family dwelling unit	= 1 EDU
Multi Family Residential Apartments	1 apartment unit	= 1 EDU
Commercial Industrial	1 commercial/industrial parcel	= 5 EDU

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

Single Family Residential	1 single family dwelling unit	= 1 EDU
Multi Family Residential Condos	1 condo family dwelling unit 2 single family dwelling unit	= 1 EDU
Multi Family Residential Apartments	1 apartment unit	= 0.8 EDU
Commercial Industrial	1 commercial/industrial parcel	= 3-5 EDU

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

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

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

Single Family Residential	1 single family dwelling unit	= 1 EDU
Condominiums	1 single family dwelling unit	= 0.8 EDU
Multi Family Residential Apartments	1 apartment unit	= 0.5 EDU

<u>Method 7</u> — The assessment is apportioned to the benefiting properties based on Equivalent Dwelling Units (EDU's) such that a Single Family Detached Residence (SFR) is equal to 1 EDU and all other properties are converted to EDU's based on their relative benefit as compared to an SFR as follows:

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

ASSESSMENT APPORTIONMENT AND RATES

District No. 1, Zone 2008-1 (Major Thoroughfare Medians)

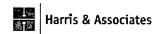
The maintenance of landscaping in the existing and planned medians within the existing and planned major thoroughfares of the City provides unique, distinct, special and direct benefit to all parcels in the City. The associated costs of these benefits, including city administration costs, are spread to all parcels within these areas based on Equivalent Dwelling Units (EDU's) per Method 7, above.

There are 86,969.785 EDU's in the entire City of Santa Clarita. The assessment rate for Major Thoroughfare Medians is calculated as follows:

Only those parcels that have been annexed into Zone 2008-1 will be levied this assessment. There are 45,225.880 EDU's currently within this zone and the revenue generated by these parcels is shown in the table below. Until such time as the Citywide major thoroughfare median system is completed and the remaining City parcels are annexed into Zone 2008-1 (Major Thoroughfare Medians), an allowance will be made for the balance of the projected budget required for citywide major thoroughfare median maintenance.

The table below provides the assessment apportionment and shows the estimated maximum annual assessment rate for each Zone and Annexation for FY 2008-09.

District			Notes (see end	Asmt	Pcls / Unit / Acreage /	FY 07-08 Max.	FY 08-09 Max.	FY 08-09 Actual	FY 08-09 Total Annual Levy
Ä	Zone	Annex.	of table)	Type	EDU's	Asmt Rate	Asmt Rate	Asmt Rate	Amount
1	1	1B		EDU	180 54	\$739 23	\$763 62	\$763 62	\$137,864 78
		1C		Parcel	148	\$689.45	\$712 20	\$712.20	\$105,405 87
		1D		Parcel	530	\$268 02	\$276.86	\$138 43	\$73,369 13
		1F	· ···· ··· · ···· · · · · · · · · · ·	EDU	113	\$114.86	\$118.65	\$118.65	\$13,407 49
		1 <u>G</u>		EDU	233 49	\$58 43	\$60 36	\$60.36	\$14,093 03
								Subtotal:	\$344,140.32
1	2A			Acreage	14 57	\$2,011 09	\$2,077 46	\$2,077.46	\$30,268 53
	•	2B		Acreage	2	\$5,238 05	\$5,410 91	\$5,410.91	\$10,821 81
		2C	{	Parcel	3	\$5,672.48	\$5,859 67	\$5,859_67	\$17,579.02
		2D		Acreage	1	\$2,525 35	\$2,608.69	\$2,608 69	\$2,608 69
		- 2E 2F	······································	Parcel	1	\$441 14	\$455.70	\$455.70	\$455.70
		- ² F 2G		Parcel	7 18	\$2,530 11	\$2,613 60	\$2,613.60	\$2,613.60
				Acreage	/ 18	\$962.68	\$994.45	\$994 45 Sübtotal:	\$7,140 14 *** \$71,487.49
1	3			Daniel	26	6501.21	, 0.00.40	5 4 430 N 10 10 4 1	· · · · · ·
1	3	3A		Parcel	76 177	\$581 31	\$600 49	\$600 49	\$45,637.49
		JA		Parcel		\$226 65	\$234.13	\$234 13_ Subtotal:	\$41,440 91 \$87,078.40
1	4			A amaga	9 88	£444.50	\$450.26	' \ V39	
				Acreage		\$444 59	\$459 26	\$459.26	\$4,537.50
1	5			Parcel	161	\$1,064 94	\$1,100 08	\$1,100 08	\$177,113 37
		5A		Parcel	14	\$717.78	\$741 47	\$741 47	\$10,380 53
_		 -						Subtotal:	
1	6			Parcel	281	\$575 78	\$594 78	\$594.78	\$167,133.39
1	7			EDU	1,054.300	\$228.54	\$236.08	\$236 08	\$248,901.06
1	8			Parcel	39	\$267 24	\$276 06	\$276 06	\$10,766.30
1	15			EDU	790 990	\$852 68	\$880 82	\$440 41	\$348,359:29
1	16			EDU	7,817 965	\$27 13	\$28 03	\$27 13	\$212,101.39
1	17			EDU	1,448.240	\$71 50	\$73.86	\$73 86	4,048, 4
1	18			EDU	3,942.855	\$170 00	\$175.61	\$170 00	\$670,285.35
	19		-	EDU	1,204 695	\$67 53	\$69 76	\$67.53.	\$81,353.05
1	20			EDU	430 200	\$2,648 69	\$2,736 10	\$246 40;	\$106,001.28
1	2008-1		-	EDU	45,225 380	\$55 25	\$57.07	\$55 25	* 1
<u>T1</u>	T2							<u> </u>	\$2,498,702.25
				Parcel	1,037	\$176 46	\$182 28	\$182.28	\$189,027.66
T1	T3			Parcel	462	\$350 32	\$361 88		\$167,188.82
T1	T4			Parcel	674	\$186 85	\$193 02	\$193.02°	\$130,092.82
T1	T5			Parcel	741	\$188 13	\$194 34	\$194 34	\$144,004.67
T1	Т6			Parcel	603	\$209 91	\$216 84	\$216 84	\$130,752.73
T1	T7			Parcel	1,815	\$244.23	\$252 29	\$252 29**	\$457,905.61
T1	Т8	-		Parcel	2,141	\$454 13	\$469.12	\$469 12	\$1,004,377.98
T1	T17			Parcel	74	\$450 20	\$465 06	\$465 06	\$34,414.19
T1	T23		(1)	Parcel	954	\$604 61	\$624.56	\$624 56	\$595,832 27
	T23-1			Parcel	383	\$350 32	\$361.88	\$361 88	\$138,600.25
	T23-2			Parcel	156	\$350 32	\$361 88	\$361 88	\$56,453 37
					1,493			Subtotal:	\$790,885.89



District	Zone	Annex.	Notes (see end of table)	Asmt Type	Pcls / Unit / Acreage / EDU's	FY 07-08 Max. Asmt Rate	FY 08-09 Max. Asmt Rate	FY 08-09 Actual Asmt Rate	FY 08-09 Total Annual Levy Amount
T1	T23A			Parcel	383	\$707 11	\$730 44	\$730 44	\$279,760.29
T1	T23B			Parcel	156	\$596 82	\$616 52	\$616.52*/	\$96,176.35
T1	T29			Parcel	221	\$321 76	\$332 38	\$332 38	\$73,455.56
TI	T31		(2)	Parcel	(See T31	-1 & -2)			7.7 % \##### <u></u>
	T31-1			Parcel	182	\$992 18	\$1,024 92	\$1,024 92	\$186,535 79
	T31-2			Parcel	1	\$6,352 55	\$6,562 18	\$6,562 18	\$6,562 18
					183			**: Subtotal:	\$193,097.98
T1	T42A			Parcel	625	\$705.92	\$729.22	\$729 22	\$455,759.60
T1	T42B		(3)	Parcel	(See T42B-	1, -2 & -3)			
	T42B-1			Parcel	40	\$717 42	\$741 09	\$741 09	\$29,643 79
	T42B-2		_	Parcel	31	\$1,526 41	\$1,576 78	\$1,576 78	\$48,880 23
	T42B-3			Parcel	15	\$122.80	\$126.85	\$126 85	\$1,902 79
					86			Subtotal:	\$80,426.81
T1	T42C			Parcel	95	\$657 71	\$679 41	\$679 41	\$64,544.37
Tl	T46	& Annex T46A		Parcel	2,306	\$730.92	\$755.04	\$755.04	\$1,741,123.07
T1	T47			Parcel	1,489	\$362 25	\$374 20	\$374 20	\$557,190:13
	T52			Parcel	460	\$724 50	\$748.41	\$748 41	\$344,267.91
T1			_	Unit	8	\$61 40	\$63 43	\$63 43	\$507 41
	_	TIM		Parcel	5	\$1,997 42	\$2,063.33	\$0.00	\$0 00
	_	T1Q		Parcel	9	\$324 38	\$335 08	\$0.00	\$0.00
	_	TIS		Parcel	1	\$324.37	\$335 07	\$0.00	\$0.00
	_	TIU		EDU	21	\$61 40	\$63 43	\$0 00	\$0 00
		TIV	**** ** ********* ****	Parcel	11	\$515 86	\$532 88	\$0.00	\$0 00
	-	T1W		EDU	21 33	\$61 40	\$63.43	\$0.00	\$0.00
		T1-31		EDU	5	\$7,163.06	\$7,399 44	\$7,399 44	\$36,997 20
							i	Subtotal:	\$37,504.61
A2		2 3		EDU	10	62 98	\$65.06	\$65 06	\$650 58
A2		3		EDU	35	\$60 56	\$62.56	\$62.56	\$2,189 55
A2		4		EDU	5	\$60 56	\$62 56	\$62 56	\$312 79
A2		5		EDU	10	\$60 56	\$62.56	\$62 56	\$625 58
A2		7	(4)	EDU	190	\$4 80	\$4.96	\$4 96	\$11,305 15
							2	Subtotal:	\$15,083.66
			·				-	Fotal:	\$12,132,347.95

⁽¹⁾ Zone T23 - Consists of 1,490 residential parcels Zone T23 has 951 SF units and 3 non-res, Zone T23-1 has 383 condo units, Zone T23-2 has 156 condo units

All Districts, Zones and Annexations have been balloted and at the time of approval, voted for an allowable inflation factor. The annual inflation factor this Fiscal Year 2008-09, as calculated from March 2007 to March 2008, is 3.3% based on Consumer Price Index (CPI) for All Urban Consumers, for the Los Angeles, Riverside and Orange County areas.

The actual assessments levied in any fiscal year will be as approved by the City Council and may not exceed the maximum assessment rate without receiving property owner approval for the increase.



⁽²⁾ Zone T31 - Consists of 182 residential parcels and one commercial parcel

⁽³⁾ Zone T42B - Is comprised of three separate Areas Area 1 (T42B-1) assessed 40 parcels, Area 2 (T42B-2) assessed 31 parcels, and Area 3 (T42B-3) assessed 15 parcels

⁽⁴⁾ The assessment rate for this Zone or Annexation is a per-month rate

PART D ASSESSMENT ROLL

The total proposed assessment for Fiscal Year 2008-09 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.

PART E ASSESSMENT DIAGRAM

The following page shows an overview of the Landscape Maintenance District Boundary Map. 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.

June 17, 2008

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