

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE  
CONSOLIDATED MAINTENANCE DISTRICT  
City of Bakersfield**

**Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

The City of Bakersfield Consolidated Maintenance District consists of all existing territories, separately and specifically described, in part, in the County of Kern Assessors Tax Number of each territory for the various areas of benefit within the City of Bakersfield, County of Kern, State of California. The amount of assessment to be levied against each parcel within the Consolidated Maintenance District is on file in the office of the City Clerk. The 2020-2021 budget for the Consolidated Maintenance District, Exhibit "B," is attached hereto and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 13.04 of Title 13 of the Municipal Code of the City of Bakersfield, the Public Works Director makes and files this Report and proposed assessment of and upon all parcels of property within the areas of the district for the cost of maintaining and operating public parks, public street medians and other public street landscaping improvements. The improvements for the Consolidated Maintenance District Street Landscaping Zone of Benefit generally include, but are not limited to: Public Street Landscaping Improvements consisting of: turf, plant forms, shrubs, ground cover, trees, lighting, irrigation systems, conduits, water mains; and Public Street Median Improvements consisting of: turf, plant forms, shrubs, ground cover, trees, irrigation systems, conduits and water mains. The improvements for the Consolidated Maintenance District Park Zone of Benefit generally include, but are not limited to: turf, plant forms, shrubs, ground cover, trees, irrigation systems, conduits, water mains, playground equipment, picnic tables, drinking fountains, barbecue pits, security lighting and restrooms.

The improvements in this Consolidated Maintenance District are of a public nature. The assessment includes the cost of necessary repairs, replacements, water, equipment, electricity, care, supervision and any and all other items necessary for the proper maintenance and operation thereof.

For many years, parks, street medians and other street landscaping improvements in the City were maintained through traditional tax revenues. After the passage of Proposition 13 in 1978, funds available for maintenance and operation of local public improvements were substantially reduced. At present the City's budget does not allow for the cost of all maintenance and operation of local public improvements of the types described above. Thus, without funds for maintenance and operating costs from a source other than general tax revenues, the City does not permit new parks, public street median or other public street landscaping improvements to be constructed within the City. The funds generated as the result of this district are utilized strictly for the purpose of and applied to the maintenance and upkeep of public parks, public street median and other public street landscaping within the district. The Consolidated Maintenance District has been specifically designated to address park maintenance and operation, and maintenance of public street median and other public street landscaping improvements and all parcels within the district are affected.

The areas within the boundary of the Consolidated Maintenance District receive benefits from the improvements and maintenance thereof. These benefits include street beautification, open space enjoyment, recreation and noise reduction due to the installation of street landscaping, walls, and parks.

The benefits from the installation of street landscaping accrue to all the lot or parcel owners within the Consolidated Maintenance District Street Landscaping Zone of Benefit. The benefits of the street landscaping inure to all lots or parcels uniformly, and are based on an Equivalent Dwelling Unit basis, in accordance with Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Park use is a benefit most likely to be enjoyed by each resident in the Park Zone of Benefit. These benefits are, therefore, uniformly assessed on an Equivalent Dwelling Unit basis, in accordance with Exhibit "A" attached hereto. No assessment for park benefits is made on non-residential lots.

Historically, the City has identified the costs of street and median landscaping and park maintenance amenities that are not within the boundaries of the Consolidated Maintenance District and are therefore paid for out of the General Fund. The City then provided a subsidy to parcels within the Consolidated Maintenance District up to the amount of those costs (i.e., as of 1996, a 66% subsidy for park maintenance costs and 7.3% for street and median landscape maintenance costs). After the passage of Proposition 218 in 1996, the City has not raised assessment rates within the Consolidated Maintenance District even though maintenance costs have risen. Consequently, the subsidies to parcels within the Consolidated Maintenance District have continued to rise since 1996.

On January 12, 2005, the City Council passed Resolution No. 019-05 adopting Council Policy on Park Maintenance and Street Landscaping Assessments which enables the City to collect additional revenue for the maintenance of street and median landscaping and park maintenance within the Consolidated Maintenance District.

As of January 12, 2005, all new territories added to the Consolidated Maintenance District that benefit from public parks and/or street landscaping shall be assessed, consistent with the requirements of Proposition 218, those amounts set forth in Exhibit "A" of Resolution No. 019-05. As per that Resolution, "Said amounts shall be increased annually by the cost of living increase reflected in the Los Angeles – Riverside – Orange County/All Urban Consumers Consumer Price Index," which is currently known as the "Los Angeles – Long Beach – Anaheim/All urban Consumers Consumer Price Index."

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, NICK FIDLER**, Public Works Director of the City of Bakersfield, by virtue of the power vested in me and per direction of the Council of said City, hereby submit the Benefit Formula and Budget for the Consolidated Maintenance District for FY 2020-2021, attached hereto as Exhibit "A" & "B" respectively. The Assessment Roll for the Consolidated Maintenance District for all parcels of property within the various areas of benefit of the Consolidated Maintenance District, subject to be assessed to pay the cost of maintenance and operation of the above described improvements in said territory, is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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**NICK FIDLER**  
Public Works Director  
City of Bakersfield