



Meeting Date: April 22, 2026

TOWN OF MORAGA

STAFF REPORT

To: Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers

From: Nate Levine, Interim Public Works Director / Town Engineer Jeanet Lara, Senior Administrative Assistant

Subject: Initiation of FY 2026-27 Street Lighting Assessment Proceedings and Annual Engineer's Report

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution initiating proceedings to levy District assessments for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 and ordering the preparation and filing of the annual Engineer's Report for "Assessment District No. 1979-1, Town of Moraga Street Lighting" ("District").

BACKGROUND

Assessment District No. 1979-1, Town of Moraga Street Lighting ("District") was formed on May 30, 1979, pursuant to the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972 ("Act"), for the purpose of funding street lighting, traffic signal, and related improvements and services within the District. A map of the District's boundaries is included as Attachment B. In practice, the District funds the operation, maintenance, and related costs of street lighting and traffic signal improvements within the District.

Each year, to continue levying assessments for the District, the Town must complete the annual proceedings required by the Act. Those proceedings generally include the following:

1. Adopt a resolution initiating proceedings for FY 2026-27 and ordering preparation and filing of the annual Engineer's Report for the District, which is the subject of this agenda item.
2. Adopt resolutions approving the Engineer's Report on a preliminary basis, declaring the Town's intention to levy and collect assessments for FY 2026-27, and setting a public hearing date for June 24, 2026, to receive public input on the proposed assessments.
3. Conduct the public hearing, consider all protests and comments, and adopt a resolution confirming the Engineer's Report and ordering the levy and collection of assessments for FY 2026-27.

Following completion of these proceedings, the Town must submit the approved assessments to the Contra Costa County Auditor by August 10, 2026, for inclusion on the FY 2026-27 property tax roll.

DISCUSSION

The requested action of the Town Council is to fulfill the requirement described in Item 1 above.

The Act requires the Town Council to adopt a resolution initiating proceedings to levy District assessments, describing the District improvements, directing preparation and filing of the annual Engineer's Report, and generally describing any new or substantial changes to the District improvements for the ensuing fiscal year. For FY 2026-27, the proposed change is the conversion of 106 existing high-pressure sodium vapor (HPSV) lamps to light-emitting diode (LED) technology to improve illumination and reduce energy consumption, as described in the attached resolution.

FISCAL IMPACT

The District generates approximately \$200,000 annually to fund the operation and maintenance of street lighting and traffic signal improvements. Revenue collected for the District is deposited into a separate Town fund (Fund 355). If the attached resolution is not adopted, the Town cannot proceed with levying and collecting District assessments on the FY 2026-27 property tax roll.

CEQA COMPLIANCE

This action is not subject to review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not a "project" within the meaning of Public Resources Code section 21065 and CEQA Guidelines section 15378, and will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Modify the proposed Resolution.
2. Do not adopt the proposed Resolution and provide direction to staff.

NEXT STEPS

Upon adoption of the attached resolution, the FY 2026-27 District Engineer's Report will be presented to the Town Council for preliminary approval on May 13, 2026.

ATTACHMENTS

[Attachment A - Draft Resolution](#)

[Attachment B - District Boundary Map](#)