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**SUBJECT: MCSD REPLACES STREETLIGHT FIXTURES ALONG CENTRAL
AVE**

McKinleyville, CA – At its November 7, 2012 meeting, the McKinleyville Community Services District (MCSD) Board of Directors approved Phase 1 of the streetlight replacement program for Light Emitting Diode (LED's) along Central Avenue. Phase 1 includes the replacement of fixtures from Bartow Road and Turner Road north to Railroad. This phase has been completed. The next time you find yourself driving along Central Avenue in the evening, you might notice the same amount of light as before, but with half the consumption of electricity.

The main motivation for the change involves revenue shortfalls associated with the necessity to institute a light pole inspection and replacement program, the cost of which was not calculated in the original engineer's report and is not being collected in current monthly fees.

Rule 51.03. of MCSD's Rules and Regulations states the following: "**EFFICIENCY.** All new streetlight facilities will be equipped with the most energy efficient fixtures available from the electric public utility at that time."

Technologies have evolved substantially in the past several years and staff has determined through available technical and trade information that LED lighting has matured to a point that makes it financially beneficial and environmentally responsible to not only require that new developments install LED streetlights but that MCSD should also replace existing High Pressure Sodium fixtures with LED's.

The Streetlight Zones are administered by MCSD through authority granted by the Landscape and Lighting Act of 1972. Formation and modification of Streetlight Zones are governed by Proposition 218 and require a majority vote to form new or modify existing assessments.

Phase 2 of the program will include the total remaining fixtures in existing Streetlight Zones. This project is being funded with a zero (0) percent interest loan through PG&E. The payback for the loan will be less than ten years. All fixtures are being replaced by MCSD staff, resulting in additional cost savings for the project.

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