

# Rubidoux Community Services District

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## STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM – ITEM 3

November 6, 2025

**To:** Rubidoux Community Services District – Street Lighting Committee  
Director Trueba, Jr.  
Director Leja

**Subject:** Discuss and Provide Direction to Staff on Engaging Jurupa Community Services District to Purchase 17 Street Lights Located Within Rubidoux Community Services District Service Area

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Rubidoux Community Services District (“District”) provides six (6) essential services to its customers and residents, one of which is street lighting. The District currently operates under an LS-1 tariff arrangement with Southern California Edison (“SCE”). Under the LS-1 rate schedule, SCE owns, operates, and maintains streetlights for cities or special districts, which pay a monthly fee covering electricity, maintenance, and operations.

The District does not currently have a dedicated revenue mechanism, such as a Lighting Maintenance District, to offset the cost of this service. Instead, street lighting expenses are funded through discretionary property tax revenues.

Table 1 below summarizes the District’s historical street lighting expenses for the most recent three completed fiscal years:

TABLE 1	
Fiscal Year	Amount
22 23	\$ 169,771.00
23 24	\$ 182,341.00
24 25	\$ 145,016.00

Separately, in 2024, the District entered into an agreement with SCE to retrofit existing streetlights from high-pressure sodium vapor (HPSV) to light-emitting diode (LED) fixtures. That project was completed in November 2024 and is projected to yield annual energy savings between \$30,000 and \$45,000.

At present, the District maintains 818 streetlights under the LS-1 tariff arrangement with SCE. This number continues to grow with ongoing development. However, 17 streetlights located within the District's service area are legally owned by Jurupa Community Services District ("JCSD") (Attachment 1). These lights are primarily grouped in the southwest portion of the District's service area and were acquired by JCSD during SCE's streetlight acquisition program, which concluded in 2015. Staff has not been able to obtain additional historical details predating that acquisition.

Over the past several years, the District's Board of Directors ("Board") has expressed interest in acquiring these 17 streetlights to ensure a clear operational and jurisdictional boundary between the District and JCSD. JCSD has indicated a willingness to transfer ownership to the District. However, JCSD financed its 2015 streetlight acquisition through debt, of which \$12,820 remains attributable to the 17 lights located within the District's service area. JCSD is requesting payment of this amount as a condition of transfer to retire the remaining debt and any ancillary costs associated with the transfer.

Where this becomes somewhat complicated is the difference between how each agency manages its streetlights. JCSD operates under an LS-2 tariff arrangement with SCE, under which JCSD owns its streetlights outright and is responsible for all ongoing maintenance and repair, which it currently outsources to a third-party contractor. In contrast, the District's LS-1 tariff arrangement leaves ownership, maintenance, and operation of streetlights with SCE, with the District paying a monthly service fee.

Accordingly, once the 17 streetlights are acquired, District staff will coordinate with SCE to transition these lights from JCSD's LS-2 arrangement to the District's LS-1 tariff. This process will ensure consistency in how all streetlights within the District's boundaries are operated and maintained. The District does not intend to directly maintain or service these lights, as doing so would create operational inefficiencies and administrative complications inconsistent with the District's existing model.

Staff supports the proposed acquisition as it would bring all streetlights within the District's service area under District ownership and management, improving service consistency, jurisdictional clarity, and accountability.

### **Budget Considerations**

Staff recommends that the Street Lighting Committee authorize up to \$18,000 for the acquisition of the 17 streetlights. This total includes the \$12,820 payment to JCSD and a \$5,180 contingency to cover any ancillary costs associated with the ownership transfer.

This expense was not included in the Fiscal Year 2025|2026 General Fund Budget and therefore requires a budget amendment. Staff recommends increasing Line Item 52 – "Street Light Expense" from \$122,000 to \$140,000 (Attachment 2). Funding for this adjustment would come from the District's Unrestricted LAIF Property Tax Operating Reserve, which has an estimated year-end balance of approximately \$7.3 million, sufficient to absorb this one-time cost without impacting operations or other planned expenditures.

**Next Steps**

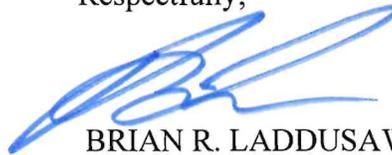
If the Street Lighting Committee is supportive of staff's recommendation, staff will coordinate with JCSD to confirm the total cost and prepare the necessary ownership transfer documents. Upon completion, staff will present the proposed acquisition to the full Board for formal consideration and approval. This process is expected to occur within the next few months.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Street Lighting Waste Committee:

1. Authorize staff to engage Jurupa Community Services District to acquire 17 streetlights located within the District's service area, at a total cost not to exceed \$18,000.
2. Direct staff to agendaize the proposed streetlight acquisition for consideration by the full Board of Directors at a future regular meeting.

Respectfully,



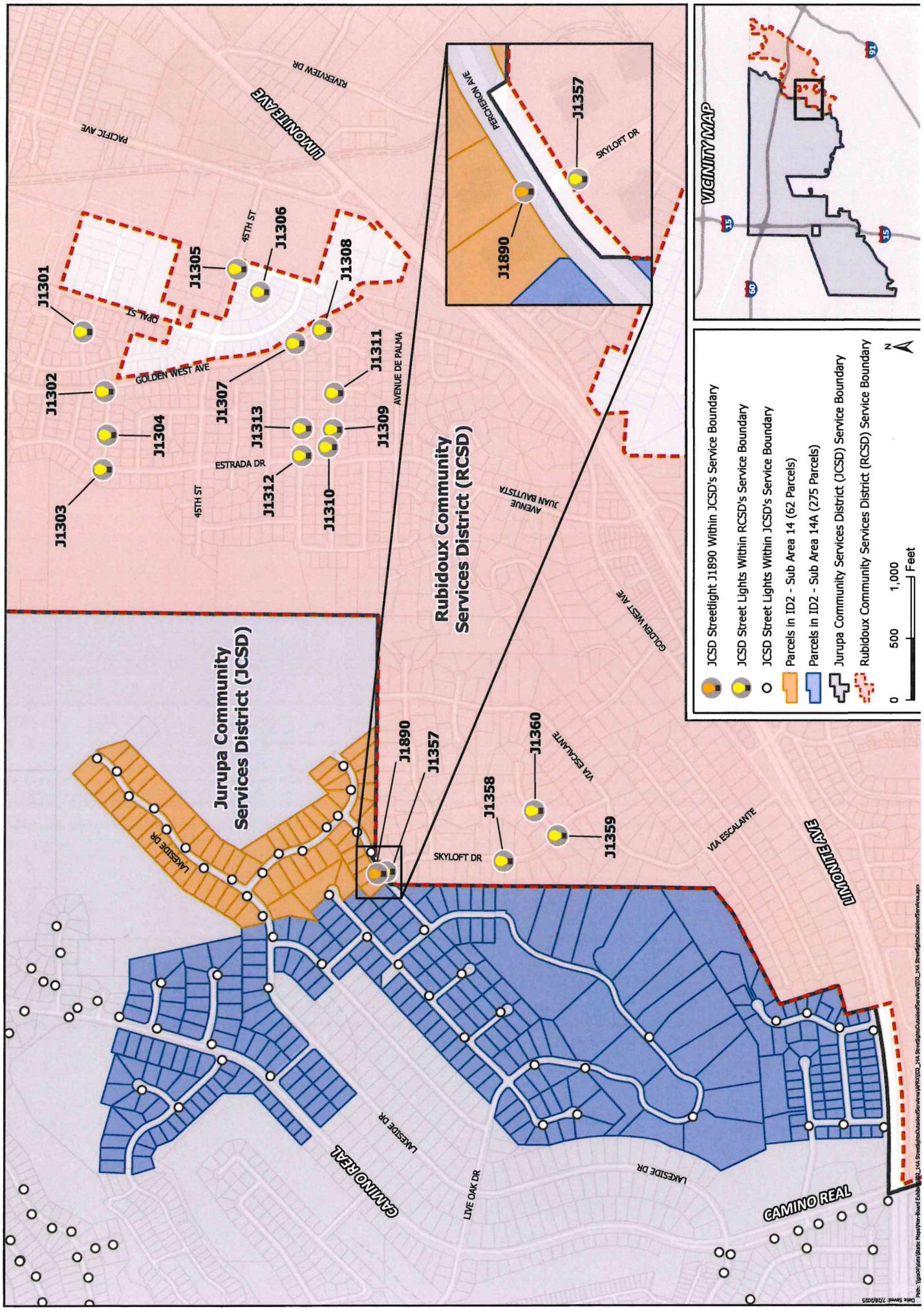
BRIAN R. LADDUSAW, CPA  
General Manager

Attachment(s):

1. Map – 17 Streetlights Proposed for Acquisition from Jurupa Community Services District, Located Within the District's Service Area
2. FY 2025|2026 General Fund Budget (Page 2)

# ATTACHMENT 1

# Jurupa Community Services District (JCSD) Streetlights Within Rubidoux Community Services District (RCSD) Service Boundary - ID2 Sub Area 14 and 14A



**VIGNITY MAP**

0 500 1,000 Feet

- JCSD Streetlight J1890 Within JCSD's Service Boundary
- JCSD Street Lights Within RCSD's Service Boundary
- JCSD Street Lights Within JCSD's Service Boundary
- Parcels in ID2 - Sub Area 14 (62 Parcels)
- Parcels in ID2 - Sub Area 14A (275 Parcels)
- Jurupa Community Services District (JCSD) Service Boundary
- Rubidoux Community Services District (RCSD) Service Boundary

# ATTACHMENT 2

**Rubidoux Community Services District**  
**General Fund Budget**

	Actual YTD April 2025	Annual Budget 2024/2025 <sup>[1]</sup>	Projected Year End 2024/2025	Favorable (Unfavorable) Variance	Audited 2023/2024	Adopted Budget 2025/2026
<b>Administrative Expense</b>						
42 Salaries Expense	935,396	1,245,000	1,122,476	122,524	961,830	1,264,000
43 Employee Vacation/Sick Accrual Expense	15,051	10,000	18,061	(8,061)	9,366	19,000
44 Payroll Tax Expense	67,252	81,000	80,703	297	73,200	96,000
45 Health & Retirement Expense	508,902	630,000	610,682	19,318	484,383	698,000
46 Retirement Expense - Excess UAL	-	69,000	-	69,000	-	69,000
47 Workers Compensation Ins.	7,001	4,000	8,401	(4,401)	5,576	12,000
48 Directors Fees	17,851	25,000	21,421	3,579	29,950	22,000
49 Employee Recognition	-	-	-	-	135	15,000
50 Election Costs	1,444	30,000	1,732	28,268	-	-
<b>Total Administrative Expense</b>	<b>1,552,897</b>	<b>2,094,000</b>	<b>1,863,476</b>	<b>230,524</b>	<b>1,564,439</b>	<b>2,195,000</b>
<b>Other Expense</b>						
51 Equipment (OFC) Replacement	-	5,000	-	5,000	-	5,000
52 Street Light Expense	99,033	151,800	118,840	32,960	182,341	122,000
53 Building Interest Exp	19,284	39,000	23,141	15,859	42,770	35,000
54 SB 1383 Cal Recycle Grant Expense	-	-	-	-	57,521	-
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<b>118,318</b>	<b>195,800</b>	<b>141,981</b>	<b>53,819</b>	<b>282,632</b>	<b>162,000</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>2,188,002</b>	<b>2,910,700</b>	<b>2,618,584</b>	<b>292,116</b>	<b>2,443,235</b>	<b>3,032,000</b>
<b>Asset Acquisitions</b>						
55 NorthStar and Denali Cloud Server	-	-	-	-	187,954	-
56 General Manager Vehicle	48,166	60,000	-	60,000	-	-
57 Admin. Bldg. Proj.	8,250	1,350,000	8,250	1,341,750	70,692	675,000
<b>Total Asset Acquisitions</b>	<b>56,416</b>	<b>1,410,000</b>	<b>8,250</b>	<b>1,401,750</b>	<b>258,646</b>	<b>675,000</b>
<b>Long-Term Debt</b>						
58 Debt Service - Building Principal	-	142,000	137,753	4,247	175,244	146,500
<b>Total Long-Term Debt</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>142,000</b>	<b>137,753</b>	<b>4,247</b>	<b>175,244</b>	<b>146,500</b>
<b>Transfers</b>						
59 Property Tax Transfer In	-	-	-	-	146,000	-
60 Transfer from Proj Admin Bldg Reserves	-	(1,153,920)	-	(1,153,920)	-	(675,000)
<b>Total Transfers</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(1,153,920)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(1,153,920)</b>	<b>146,000</b>	<b>(675,000)</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES AND TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$2,244,418</b>	<b>\$3,308,780</b>	<b>\$2,764,587</b>	<b>\$544,194</b>	<b>\$3,023,125</b>	<b>\$3,178,500</b>
<b>Fund Excess (Deficit)</b>						<b>\$ 1,500</b>

[1] Includes budget amendments adopted by Board of Directors up through June 5, 2025.