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THE PRAIRIE OAKS RANCH NO. 2 LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

FAQs

1) What is the Prairie Oaks Ranch No. 2 Assessment Ballot?

It is a ballot for property owners within the boundaries of the Prairie Oaks Ranch No. 2 Landscaping and Lighting District to vote on the proposed establishment of a new Landscaping and Lighting District to fund the appropriate level of maintenance and services needed to adequately maintain the improvements in the Prairie Oaks Ranch No. 2 Landscaping & Lighting District. The funds will initially be used for landscape renovations, replacement of irrigation controllers, tree maintenance, monument sign maintenance and repair, open space maintenance and LED streetlight retrofits.

2) What is the Prairie Oaks Ranch No. 2 Landscaping and Lighting District?

The Prairie Oaks Ranch No. 2 Landscaping and Lighting District is a single-purpose special district (independent of the State, County, and City's General Fund).

The Prairie Oaks Ranch Landscaping and Lighting District was originally established in 1995 and its purpose is to maintain and provide services for improvements such as landscape corridors, streetscapes, open spaces, walls, signage, and streetlights, and to provide electricity and water.

Establishing the Prairie Oaks Ranch No. 2 Landscaping and Lighting District will allow sustainable funding of enhanced levels of maintenance and services needed for the improvements in the District, and allow for the replacement and upgrades of your District's improvements moving forward.

3) Will any of this money go to the county or state, or be used for other purposes?

No. All monies collected by the proposed Prairie Oaks Ranch No. 2 Landscaping and Lighting District must be used for local servicing and maintenance of the Landscaping and Lighting improvements within this District.

4) What will be the cost of the proposed assessment?

The cost of repairing the walls, signage, landscape, irrigation, and other improvements in the District will be approximately \$282,330 per year.

The proposed assessment is \$313.91 per year plus cost of living. The cost of living adjustment will not exceed 3% per year, subject to an annual public hearing and vote by the members of the Folsom City Council.

5) What are the public accountability safeguards and fiscal controls?

Important fiscal controls are structured in the proposed formation of the Prairie Oaks Ranch No. 2 Landscaping and Lighting District, such as:

- The District formation process is fully transparent and all budget information and planning is a public process
- Annual independent audits
- Annual public hearings and public reviews (you are encouraged to attend and participate)
- Landscaping and Lighting District Advisory Committee –
 - You have a resident that is appointed as the Prairie Oaks Ranch No. 2 Landscaping and Lighting District Representative on behalf of all property owners in the District.

6) Why have I been included in this assessment ballot?

Your home is within the boundaries of the Prairie Oaks Ranch No. 2 Landscaping and Lighting District, which entitles you to cast a ballot on (or protest against) the formation of the District.

7) How will the proposed new L&L District benefit me?

If the proposed formation of the Prairie Oaks Ranch No. 2 Landscaping and Lighting District is approved, landscape corridors will look clean and well maintained; lighting will be improved with LED lights replacing current streetlights; missing landscape will be replaced; trees will be replaced and existing trees trimmed; paving, walkways and all pedestrian areas will be repaired; and signage and monument entry will be cleaned, repaired, and/or repainted. Funds will be programmed for future improvements such as repairing and/or replacing landscaping, irrigation controllers, and life-cycle replacement costs.

8) What will happen if the proposed new L&L District is not approved?

The existing Prairie Oaks Ranch Landscaping and Lighting District will attempt to provide the basic levels of service. Over time, decisions may have to be made regarding what improvements are repaired and/or replaced and how often, if at all. The level of service currently provided for the maintenance of landscaped corridors, paths, and walkways will likely be reduced due to insufficient funding.

9) Why is this being decided by mailed ballot?

Proposition 218, the “Right to Vote on Taxes Act,” which was approved by California voters in 1996 as an amendment to the California Constitution, requires a mailed ballot proceeding for any proposed new assessment.

This ballot proceeding is being conducted according to the requirements established by Proposition 218. A ballot and notice will be mailed to all property owners who would be asked to support (or oppose) the proposed formation and assessment of the Prairie Oaks Ranch No. 2 Landscaping &

Lighting District. This mailed ballot proceeding gives property owners the opportunity to vote and decide on the future of our local landscaping maintenance and repair services.

10) The projected schedule

1. Outreach to Prairie Oaks Ranch No. 2 L&L District residents
2. Engineer's Report prepared to finalize assessment rate
3. Ballots mailed – June 7, 2021
4. Public hearing – July 27, 2021
5. Ballots counted – July 27, 2021