

Policy for Installation of Additional Streetlights

A request for installation of additional streetlights made by property owners will be fulfilled provided the following conditions can be met:

For properties within a special district that provides street lighting services (excluding CSA 49):

1. A petition signed by at least 20 district ratepayers or 50% of the district property owners, whichever is less, is submitted with the request (per Streets and Highways Code, Division 14, Part 4, Chapter 9).
2. The property owners immediately adjacent to the proposed light must provide written consent to have the streetlight installed.
3. The District has sufficient funds to pay the installation costs of the additional light while maintaining sufficient reserves (at least one-half of the annual streetlight expenses and capital replacement reserves for districts with LS-2 rate schedule lights).
4. District revenue for streetlights is sufficient to pay the increased operational and maintenance expenses of the light.
5. The proposed light would meet spacing standards and would not otherwise exceed the illumination requirements of the current County Improvement Standards.

For properties outside of a special district that provides street lighting services (includes CSA 49):

1. A petition must be submitted by a minimum of three property owners per requested streetlight. The property owners must agree to zone transfer into County Service Area 49 Zone L-1 and pay the district's ongoing annual assessment for the operation and maintenance expenses. Property owners will be required to pay the cost of processing the zone transfer.
2. The property owners immediately adjacent to the proposed light must provide written consent to have the streetlight installed.
3. The total cost for installation of the additional streetlights must be paid by the requesting party. The County will only be able to provide a cost estimate for the expenses when a quote is received from PG&E. PG&E may require payment to provide a cost estimate, which must be paid by the requesting party.
4. If the electrical connection for the streetlight must pass through private property, the affected property owner must agree to grant the utility easement and pay the associated processing cost.
5. The proposed light would be spaced at least 200 feet from the next adjacent light and would not otherwise exceed the illumination requirements of the current County Improvement Standards.

Requests for streetlights will be reviewed by Public Works staff and, if the conditions noted above are satisfied, a recommendation will be made to the Board of Supervisors to approve installation of the requested streetlights. Recommendations for additional streetlights will be brought to the Board twice a year. Once approved by the Board, Public Works staff will initiate the process to install the lights.