

The Villages of Rancho Del Oro

Master Homeowner's Association

Rancho Del Oro Streetlight Update

The Rancho Del Oro Board of Directors has facilitated conversation with the City of Oceanside on a proposal to replace all street lights within the Rancho Del Oro neighborhood. The street lights were installed by the developers of each RDO Village and are made of decorative metal, with an estimated 20-year life. A substantial number of the street lights showed evidence of significant rust and were removed by the city, due to safety concerns. It is also highly likely that most, if not all, of the remaining lights will have to be removed over the next few years due to safety concerns.

The RDO Board and the City have developed a plan to replace all of the street lights. The first lights to be replaced, would be those that have already been removed by the city. The remainder of lights would then be replaced by the end of the five year assessment.

Rather than replacing the lights with the more costly and shorter life (20 year) decorative metal poles, the Board has approved using the City standard concrete poles. These poles are less expensive and are expected to last longer. Rather than raising HOA monthly fees, the Board is supporting the City by forming a Rancho Del Oro Lighting Assessment District to pay for the street lights.

To create the Rancho Del Oro Lighting Assessment District, each property owner in the RDO district will be mailed a ballot from the City and will have the ability to vote "Yes" or "No". If approved, the assessment would show up on each property owner's San Diego County Property Tax Assessments. The Assessment would be for 5 years and would automatically end at that time. Once voted on and approved, there is no ability for either the HOA or the City to extend the assessments beyond that five year time period.

The assessment for a typical homeowner would be approximately **\$105.60** per year.

The City plans to start the ballot process in November 2015, with the voting results presented at a City Council meeting in January or February 2016.

The RDO Board will be hosting a meeting on October 22, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. with City officials present, to go over the proposal and address any issues.