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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 3, 2011
TO: MGSA Board of Directors
FROM: Paul Berlant, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM: D: Streetlight Program Update

Recommendation Receive this report regarding streetlight repairs and provide direction to staff regarding PG&E Smart Meters in the city of Novato.

Streetlight Repairs In September, the Board approved a contract with Republic ITS to repair a large portion of the deficiencies found in the inventory and inspections conducted during the 2009. Attached is a repair log of the repairs that have been completed under the contract. As of February 18th, all repairs/replacements budgeted for 2010-11 have been completed, with the exception of replacement of the foundation for one pole in Sausalito and nine custom handhold covers. One pole in Novato was substituted for another at the request of the City.

As you will recall, the \$60,000 budgeted for this fiscal year was not expected to complete all needed repairs. I anticipate including funds in the 2011-2012 draft budget to complete the repair program.

PG&E Smart Meters As was reported previously, several Smart Meter relay devices have been installed on MGSA-owned streetlight poles in the city of Novato where the only overhead utility is a streetlight. At the last meeting, the MGSA board authorized me to execute a license agreement with PG&E which allows two of the devices to remain on MGSA-owned poles. The City of Novato had requested that Smart Meter devices be allowed to be located on two poles since PG&E and Novato could not find other locations for these locations and were left with the alternative of installing new, single purpose poles to hold the Smart Meter devices. Since the January meeting, PG&E has found that one of the alternate locations for a third device is not available, and the City and PG&E again request permission to mount the device on a MGSA-owned pole. Attached is the letter from Novato City Manager Michael Frank dated February 15, 2011 and accompanying site drawing making this second request.

Given the fact that request comes from the City and the lack of alternative sites, staff does not have an objection to placing a third device on a MGSA pole. The license

agreement can be amended to change the Exhibit which identifies the approved locations of the devices. PG&E will pay MGSA the same amount for use of the third pole as will be paid for each of the first two as well as an administrative fee of \$590 to cover our costs.

Attachments

- Streetlight Repair Log through February 18, 2011
- Letter dated February 15, 2011 from Michael Frank regarding Smart Meter Devices