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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 12, 2012
TO: MGSA Board of Directors
FROM: Paul Berlant, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM: H: Streetlight Program Update

Recommendation

This report is to update the Board on what has transpired on this subject since the November meeting. No action is recommended at this time.

Contract extension and amended Rate Schedule

At the September 8, 2011 MGSA Board meeting I reported on a proposal to amend the Rate Schedule used by Republic ITS in providing streetlight maintenance services to our members. The Rate Schedule was last amended in November 2009, at which time a new set of rates for inspection and repair/treatment was approved. The monthly maintenance rates were last increased in May 2009.

With the installation of LED and Induction light fixtures in several cities and the County, I asked Republic to propose a maintenance rate for these new fixtures, recognizing the expected decrease in maintenance costs. In response, Republic prepared a proposal reflecting expected reductions in maintenance work and also proposed an overall new rate structure in an attempt to simplify the current rate schedules as well as requested a rate increase based on the increase in CPI since the last change. To further complicate the issue, the current MGSA/Republic contract expires on June 30, 2012. Republic has requested a four-year extension of the contract as contemplated in Paragraph 16 of the contract.

Since the last MGSA Board meeting, I attended the November MPWA meeting, and met with a committee of its members to review the proposed rate schedules and contract extension. There were no conclusions reached at these meetings other than to continue to work with Republic to discuss updates to our contract and scope of work to better reflect the current fiscal situations and the county's current inventory of streetlights. I will continue to work with the MPWA and Republic and return in March with a recommendation.