

STREET SWEEPING, BEACH SAND REMOVAL, AND STREET LIGHTING

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POLICIES, PRACTICES, AND AUTHORITIES

This brochure provides information about the County of Ventura policies for street sweeping, beach sand removal, and street lighting in the unincorporated areas of the County.

STREET SWEEPING

On September 26, 1978, the Board of Supervisors established the current policy that the County does not direct or fund street sweeping services with the following exception:

As required to comply with County's National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permit (NPDES) which includes the Victoria Avenue bridge, Harbor Boulevard bridge, Lambert Street, Sandy Circle, Montgomery Avenue and portions of Ventura Avenue. Other roadways may be included as needed.

In any other areas, in order for street-sweeping services to be provided, a County Service Area (CSA) or other benefit assessment mechanism must be established that allows residents to define requirements and pay for the service. Currently, only three locations in the unincorporated County have CSAs that provide street sweeping services. They are:

- Lynn Ranch
- Casa Conejo (unincorporated portion of Newbury Park)
- Oak Park

If you have questions about street-sweeping services and you live in one of these areas, please contact the Real Estate Services Division staff of the Public Works Agency at: (805) 654-2026.

Property owners in an area with an existing CSA that does not provide street sweeping and who desire this service should also contact Real Estate Services.

BEACH SAND REMOVAL

The County does not provide street sweeping to remove sand from the roads in the Silver Strand and Hollywood Beach areas. When wind-driven beach sand accumulates on the pavement to the degree that it impedes public use of the travel way, Ventura County Public Works Agency - Roads & Transportation (VCPWA-RT) will remove the sand with a front-end loading device. There will be some residual sand left in the gutter/curb area and the pavement surface after the removal is done. County is unable to remove sand where vehicles are parked. It is our normal practice to wait until forecasted wind events have subsided before we plan removal.

Once a year the beach sand inside drainage structures is also collected and transported to an approved disposal site to comply with environmental regulations.

It is unlawful to place sand from private property into the roadway.

STREET LIGHTING

In the urbanized unincorporated areas of the County, street lighting is only provided through designated CSAs. Specifically, designated special assessments are collected to pay for the street lights.

The remaining majority of the unincorporated County is rural in nature and street lights are not provided.

If property owners in an area with an existing CSA desire installation of additional street lighting, please contact the Traffic section of Public Works Agency – Roads & Transportation via our website: <https://vcpublicworks.org/rt> or by phone at 805-654-2063.

Once received, the request will be evaluated to determine the need for added street lighting and, if valid, forwarded to Southern California Edison (SCE) for installation.

It should be noted that SCE will only cover the cost of installing street lights mounted on existing poles. If a stand-alone street light is being requested, the cost of installation is borne by the requesting party.

REPORTING STREET LIGHT PROBLEMS

Street lights are maintained by SCE. They provide a direct phone line (800) 655-4555 to report street lighting problems on County-maintained roads (except intersection safety lighting at signalized intersections and public parking lots). You may also contact them via the SCE web site at www.sce.com.

Lighting problems at signalized intersections or malfunctioning traffic signals can be reported to Public Works Agency – Roads & Transportation (Traffic Section) at: (805) 654-2063.

Problems related to signs or illuminated street lighting on freeways or state highways can be reported to State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) at: (323) 259-2352.

REQUESTS AND INQUIRIES

If you have questions, requests, or suggestions, please call Public Works Agency – Roads & Transportation at **(805) 654-2049** or through the “Contact Us” link at: <https://vcpublicworks.org/rt>

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