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**DATE:** June 21, 2017  
**TO:** Measure A Citizen’s Oversight Committee  
**FROM:** Maureen Cassingham, Executive Officer  
**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item **C**: UPDATE ON MEASURE A COLLECTIONS –  
UTILITY OWNED PARCELS

Recommended Action: Receive and file the Update on Measure A Collections – Utility Owned Parcels

Background: Attached is the A/R Aging Detail Report dated May 5, 2017 which reflects the current unpaid FY16-17 Measure A Utility-Owned Parcels amounts, totaling \$3,422 to-date. This represents 18.3% of the total \$18,554 assessed. For FY15-16, MERA “wrote-off” Bad Debt of \$2,618 or 14.1%, as uncollectible.

NBS, in an effort to assist with the increase in delinquencies, has rebilled by certified mail. MERA General Counsel has been consulted as to available remedies to MERA for the failure of these Parcel Owners to pay the Measure A Tax. The Measure A Ordinance calls for the Parcel Tax to be applied to parcels categorized as “Utility” (i.e., parcels with a Marin County Land Use Code of 90). However, the Marin County Auditor-Controller’s Office does not allow for charges on parcels with this Code to be placed on the Marin County Property Tax Roll, which is why they must be billed separately by NBS. This may be a contributing factor to non-payment because they are not associated with official County ad valorem property tax billings.

MERA General Counsel is researching several remedies MERA could consider, which would require additional time and expense with potentially uncertain or unsuccessful results. An update on General Counsel’s efforts and advice will be presented to the Committee at your meeting.

**ATTACHMENT:**

C-1 MERA – Utility Aging Report – May 5, 2017