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## **Public Works News Release**

### **(Less) Bright City Lights**

Residents and visitors to Bishop like the dark night skies here. The City of Bishop is working with Southern California Edison to make those skies a little darker and to save energy and money in the process.

Some outside lights in Bishop not only illuminate the ground under them but shine into eyes and into the sky as glare. Glare can come from any outside light that is not installed or used properly including street lights. Some have found the street lights on Spruce Street and Wye Road in the area of the Bishop Kmart / Vons shopping center to produce a lot of glare. The City and SCE are trying to find the best way to reduce the glare from the street lights in this area.

Several ways to reduce the glare are being considered including turning some of the street lights in the area off, reducing the wattage of the bulbs used in the street lights, changing the design of the street lights to block glare, or some combination of these things. The first two ways to reduce glare – turning some lights off and reducing the wattage of the lights that remain – have large potential side benefits of cutting energy consumption and electric bills.

Testing will probably be done in the next few months to help determine the best way to reduce the glare but still provide light for safety on Spruce Street and Wye Road. Once the testing runs its course over a period of months, the best way to reduce glare, save energy, and save money will be put in place permanently.

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