



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

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Department Name: Planning &
Development
Department No.: 053
For Agenda Of: 4/3/2012
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from: N/A
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
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SUBJECT: Southern California Edison 16kV Conductor Replacement Emergency Permit
Case No. 12EMP-00000-00002, First Supervisorial District

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

Receive and file this report on Emergency Permit 12EMP-00000-00002, which authorized the replacement of eight spans of old and deteriorated 16 kV electricity distribution lines (conductors) between nine existing poles (total length of approximately 1,960 linear feet), within Southern California Edison's utility easement crossing four agriculturally zoned parcels (Assessor Parcel Numbers 001-440-005, 001-450-007, 001-450-004 and 001-450-002) from near the intersection of State Route 192 and State Route 150 (both known as Casitas Pass Road) to the Ventura County Line, at the east end of the Carpinteria area, First Supervisorial District.

Summary Text:

Section 35-171 of the Coastal Zoning Ordinance (Article II) authorizes the Director of the Planning and Development Department (P&D) to temporarily defer the permit requirements of Article II and issue an Emergency Permit when emergency action is warranted by a person or public agency. Section 35-171.6 of Article II requires the Director to submit a written report describing the emergency action to the Board of Supervisors and the California Coastal Commission after issuing an Emergency Permit. Public notice of the emergency work was provided in accordance with Section 35-171.5.1.

P&D issued an Emergency Permit to the applicant, Southern California Edison (SCE), on February 16, 2012, to replace eight spans of old and deteriorated 16 kV electricity distribution lines (conductors) between nine existing poles (total length of approximately 1,960 linear feet), within Southern California

Edison's utility easement. The existing 16 kV conductors were old and deteriorated. Electricity distribution was recently disrupted due to a failure of the old, deteriorated conductors, which also resulted in a small brush fire. A temporary restoration of service was obtained by splicing old conductors together; however, without immediate replacement the risk remained high for another power outage and brush fire.

Allowing the work to commence under an Emergency Permit expedited replacement of the deteriorated electricity distribution lines, ensuring continuity of electricity service to the area and reducing the risk of fire, or damage to health, safety and property associated with the possible failure of the deteriorated conductors. The project would normally require a Coastal Development Permit with Hearing. Postponing the work until the required permit process is completed, which could take up to four months, would have extended the risk of additional power outages and fire.

The Emergency Permit was conditioned to complete the work within 30 days of issuance and the work was completed the week of March 12, 2012. In addition, pursuant to Article II Section 35-171.3.3 an emergency permit does not constitute an entitlement; thus, emergency permit conditions require the owner submit an application for the Coastal Development Permit within 30 days of issuance of the emergency permit to complete permitting. The applicant submitted the application on March 14, 2012.

The project is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, including the Coastal Land Use Plan, and Article II. In addition, the Emergency Permit includes conditions to ensure that the project complies with policies regarding minimizing noise impacts to neighboring residences.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

County costs for preparing the Emergency Permit are reimbursed by the applicant pursuant to the current Board-approved fee resolution. Permit revenues are budgeted in Departmental Revenues of the Development Review South Division on page D-314 of the adopted 2011-2012 fiscal year budget. Cost for processing of the Emergency Permit, including preparation of this Board Letter, is approximately \$2,564.

Attachments:

Emergency Permit 12EMP-00000-00002

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