



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: 6/24/08
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: 7/8/08 10 min
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Scott D. McGolpin, Director, x3010
Director(s)
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SUBJECT: Baseline Avenue Utility Undergrounding District between Alamo Pintado Road and Lewis Street in Ballard; Third Supervisorial District

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: No

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: No

Recommended Actions:

- A. Rescind Resolution 03-038 declaring a certain portion of Baseline Avenue as underground utility district;
- B. Receive the attached Road Commissioner's report describing the boundary and scope of the utility undergrounding work;
- C. Set a public hearing for July 8, 2008 to consider reforming the utility undergrounding district;
- D. On July, 8, 2008, consider adoption of the resolution recreating the utility undergrounding district.

Summary Text:

The Board established a utility undergrounding district on Baseline Avenue from Alamo Pintado Road to Lewis Street in Ballard on February 4, 2003. That resolution (03-038) set a time frame for performing the work to be completed by September 2004. However, PG&E, as lead utility, experienced funding delays to its PUC Tariff Rule 20A projects. PG&E has recently indicated that it now has the funding in place to pursue the project this calendar year. This action is necessary to formalize the revised timeframe for the project as well as redefine the undergrounding scope of work to coincide with updated California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) utility undergrounding rules.

Background:

The utility undergrounding project encompasses Baseline Avenue from Alamo Pintado Road to Lewis Street (inclusive of 14 fronting properties) in the town of Ballard. The Ballard community, Public

Works Department, Planning & Development Department as well as the associated utility companies (PG&E, Verizon, and Comcast) identified the project and its limits. A project for the Ballard area was originally discussed in 1989 and programmed in 1992. A sufficient build up of PG&E credits was supposedly available in 2003. However, shortly after adoption, PG&E indicated shortfalls in the 20A program system wide due to internal budgeting challenges. These issues have been resolved, and PG&E resumed its 20A program in 2007.

Therefore, this action rescinds the original resolution and requests the adoption of a replacement resolution establishing new dates for the work. Specifically, the work consists of the removal of the overhead electrical, telephone, and cable services within the proposed boundary inclusive of services originating from Baseline Avenue. The cost of the project is to be borne by the utility companies, and pursuant to new CPUC rules, will include the costs for undergrounding service connections (up to 100 feet from the road right of way) and electrical panel conversions. The cost for a building permit, if required, remains the responsibility of the property owner.

Administration of the undergrounding program is paid through a general fund contribution. The costs for encroachment permits are waived and encroachment inspectors bill their time to the road fund. The project is now expected to begin July 2008 with completion anticipated by November 2008.

Performance Measure:

The project will enhance the aesthetic and safety features of Ballard.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			\$ 680,000.00
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 680,000.00

Narrative: Administrative costs are budgeted through the general fund. Costs borne by the utility companies are estimated as follows:

PG&E	\$290,000
Verizon	\$290,000
Comcast	\$100,000

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:
None

FTEs:
None

Special Instructions:

- A. Public Works Department staff will notify property owners regarding the hearing date as well as notifying property owners and utility companies within 10 days of resolution adoption.
- B. Direct the Clerk of the Board to return one copy of the executed resolution and certified minute order to the Public Works Department, 620 West Foster Road, Santa Maria to Martin Wilder.
- C. Direct the Clerk of eth Board to record the resolution.

Attachments:

Notice of public hearing
Road Commissioner's report
Resolution with legal description and exhibit map

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