



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of
Supervisors

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Department Name: General Services
Department No.: 063
For Agenda Of: March 24, 2009
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Bob Nisbet, Director (568-1011) General Services Department
Director(s)
Contact Info: Paddy Langlands, Asst Director (568-3096) Support Services
SUBJECT: Southern California Gas Company Easement Agreement on County Property
(APN 81-150-042) Third Supervisorial District

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions: That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve the attached Notice of Exemption pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines (Post); and
- b) Accept the Planning Commission's report showing that execution of the proposed Easement Agreement is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan of the County of Santa Barbara pursuant to Government Code 65402; and
- c) Execute the attached Easement Agreement granting the Southern California Gas Company the right to enter a portion of APN 081-150-042 to install and maintain a gas transmission pipeline located within the Easement Area. The Easement Area is shown on Exhibit B attached to the Easement Agreement.

Summary Text:

The Southern California Gas Company (herein "SCG") has a gas line on County owned property near the Tajiguas landfill, and has requested an easement to access a portion of that line. The Easement Agreement will provide SCG with the requested right of access.

Background:

The County owned property is commonly referred to as 14470 Calle Real, (APN 081-150-042; herein the "Property"). The Property is located in the unincorporated portion of the County near the Tajiguas Landfill. The Southern California Gas Company operates a gas transmission pipeline within an easement they hold on the Property. That easement was granted in 1948, and burdens a strip of land five feet wide which runs along the southern edge of the Property parallel to Highway 101.

As part of their ongoing pipeline maintenance protocol SCG installs anodes adjacent to the transmission pipeline at regular intervals. Installation of the anodes is accomplished by drilling near the pipeline using a truck mounted drill rig. SCG approached the County when they determined installation of the anodes could not be safely accomplished working exclusively within the existing easement. Resource Recovery and Waste Management staff met SCG on site and approved the additional easement area requested by SCG, at which point the Office of Real Estate Services was assigned to prepare an easement.

This easement will grant SCG the right to cross a portion of the County owned Property to access and maintain their existing transmission pipeline, and install anodes adjacent to the transmission pipeline, located thereon.

The Easement Agreement was found to be in conformance with the County's adopted General Plan by the Planning Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting of July 23, 2008.

Pursuant to the County's CEQA guidelines, the Public Works Department has determined that this project is exempt from further environmental review. The project is exempt from CEQA under Section 15304 (e, f) - Class 1 Categorical Exemption, which consists of "Minor Alterations to Land." Approval of this CEQA Notice of Exemption will indicate the Board of Supervisor's approval of this project and will commence the appeal period, pursuant to CEQA guidelines.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

There are no Fiscal or Facilities Impacts. Budgeted: Yes

Special Instructions: After Board action, please distribute as follows:

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| 1) Original Easement Agreement & Minute Order | GS/Real Estate Svcs, Attn: JJH |
| 2) Planning Commission Report Letter | Clerk of the Board File |
| 3) Copy of the Easement Agreement | Clerk of the Board File |
| 4) Clerk of the Board- Please post a copy of the CEQA Notice of Exemption with the Clerk of the Board after project approval; such notice is to remain posted for 35 days. | |

NOTE: After execution of the Easement Agreement by the Chair of the Board, Office of Real Estate Services will record the original executed Easement with exhibits. After recordation the original Easement will be filed with the Clerk of the Board. Copies will be delivered to SCG, Resource Recovery, and the Office of Real Estate Services.

Easement Agreement with Southern California Gas Company on APN 81-150-042

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Attachments:

CEQA Notice of Exemption,
Planning Commission 65402 Report Letter
Easement Agreement

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