

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

July 19, 2004

THROUGH: MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: Relinquishment Agreement for the Linda Vista Avenue/Arroyo Boulevard Trunk Sewer and the Oak Grove Drive Sewer

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into, on behalf of the City, a revised agreement with County Sanitation District No. 2 of Los Angeles County for the relinquishment of the Linda Vista Avenue/Arroyo Boulevard Trunk Sewer and the Oak Grove Drive Sewer, and consent to the recordation thereof.

BACKGROUND:

The Linda Vista Avenue/Arroyo Boulevard Trunk Sewer (Linda Vista sewer) is a five-mile long, 12-inch to 24-inch diameter line that begins in Linda Vista Avenue south of the 159 crossing of the 210 Freeway in the north to the City's southerly boundary at Arroyo Boulevard and Columbia Street. The Linda Vista sewer runs down Linda Vista Avenue, crosses the Arroyo Seco Flood Control Channel, runs along Arroyo Boulevard and the bottom and east slope of the Lower Arroyo Seco parklands, and continues along Grand Avenue and Columbia Street to the West Side trunk sewer owned and operated by County Sanitation District No. 16. The Oak Grove Drive sewer is a one-mile long, 10-inch to 21-inch diameter sewer that begins at the Sanitation District's La Canada WRP Outfall Trunk Sewer at the intersection of Foothill Boulevard and Oak Grove Drive and extends in a generally southeast direction in or along Oak Grove Drive to the intersection of the route 159 crossing of the 210 Freeway near Devil's Gate Dam, then crossing under the 210 Freeway to a point of connection with the Linda Vista Sewer in Linda Vista Avenue immediately south of the Route 159 crossing of the 210 Freeway.

The Linda Vista and the Oak Grove Drive sewers now carry a substantial volume of sewerage from County Sanitation District 28 – located wholly within the City of La Canada Flintridge. Reimbursement Agreement No. 13,765-1, between La Canada Flintridge and Pasadena, gives La Canada Flintridge the right to discharge 3.43 cubic feet per second (cfs) of into the Linda Vista

and the Oak Grove Drive sewers. La Canada Flintridge is in the process of installing a sewer system throughout the community, and will eventually exceed the 3.43 cfs limit. It is necessary that Pasadena relinquish ownership of the sewer to the Sanitation District so the District can implement capacity improvements that will accommodate the increased volumes from La Canada Flintridge. Relinquishment of the line will also free Pasadena from responsibility for its future operation and maintenance of the sewer.

County Sanitation District No. 2 of Los Angeles County (District) and Pasadena previously entered into a contract for the relinquishment of the Linda Vista Avenue/Arroyo Boulevard trunk sewer. The contract, dated August 25, 1999, is identified as Pasadena Contract #16,874, and County Sanitation Districts Contract #3694, hereinafter referred to as Prior Contract.

The District and Pasadena desire mutually to terminate the Prior Contract and replace it with this agreement because the Prior Contract does not include the Oak Grove sewer and Pasadena has not completed all of the repairs identified in the Prior Contract. As part of the Prior Contract, Pasadena was to complete all repairs identified on City of Pasadena Drawing No. 4923. All of the repairs shown on the drawing except pipe joint rehabilitation were completed. It is expected that once the district assumes ownership of the line, they will reline the pipe. This is a more comprehensive and expensive rehabilitation process that will not only prevent future structural problems to the pipe, but also eliminate the need for the pipe joint rehabilitation. The estimated cost of the uncompleted joint rehabilitation work is \$350,000. This \$350,000 savings to the City will be paid to the District in lieu of the completion of the work called out on Drawing #3694.

The Oak Grove sewer connects the Sanitation District's La Canada WRP Outfall Truck Sewer with the Linda Vista sewer and this sewer line should be included with the relinquishment of the Linda Vista sewer. In order to determine the acceptability for relinquishment, it was inspected and evaluated by the District and Pasadena. The estimated cost to repair the defects identified in the line to make it acceptable for relinquishment is estimated to be \$30,000. The District will accept a \$30,000 payment from Pasadena in lieu of repair of the line. This line is shared by the cities of Pasadena and La Canada Flintridge. They have indicated per our existing agreement that they will share one half of the \$30,000 cost of the Oak Grove line (Exhibit A). Under this revised relinquishment agreement, Pasadena will pay the District \$350,000 for the uncompleted repairs to the Linda Vista Sewer, and \$30,000 for repairs to the Oak Grove sewer, or a total payment of \$380,000. Pasadena will receive \$15,000 from La Canada Flintridge for their share of the repairs to the Oak Grove Line.

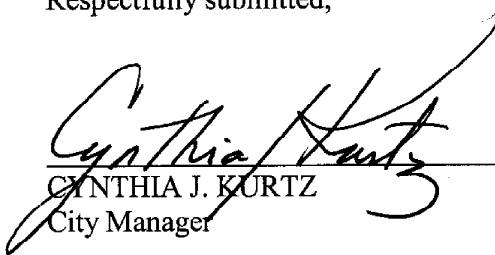
An agreement for relinquishment of the Linda Vista Avenue/Arroyo Boulevard trunk sewer and the Oak Grove Drive sewer to County Sanitation District No. 2 of Los Angeles County prepared by the Sanitation District has been reviewed and approved by the Public Works Department, the City Attorney's Office, and the Liability Claims Coordinator (Exhibit B). Relinquishment of the line will free the City from responsibility for its future operation and maintenance. Accordingly, approval of the agreement is recommended.

FISCAL IMPACT:

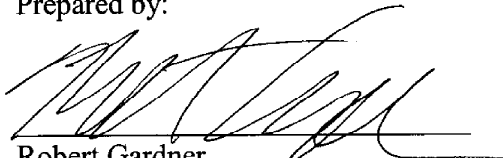
There are sufficient funds remaining in the Linda Vista Avenue/Arroyo Boulevard Trunk Sewer Account (Budget Account 76325) for the \$380,000 payment to the District.

The transfer of ownership of the Linda Vista Avenue/Arroyo Boulevard trunk sewer to County Sanitation District No. 2 will eliminate both the costs associated with the continued operation and maintenance of the line and the revenue derived from the sewer use charges collected from the properties directly connected to it. A 1998 analysis of maintenance costs and revenues estimated that annual costs to maintain the sewer were \$44,600, and annual revenue was \$12,600, so relinquishment of the line will result in a net annual saving of \$32,000.

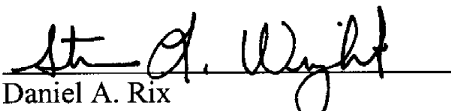
Respectfully submitted,


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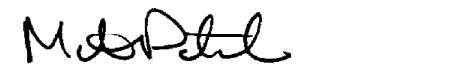
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