

Agenda Report

November 4, 2002

To: City Council
From: City Manager
Subject: Approve Quitclaim of City's Easement at 300 North San Rafael Avenue for Water Utility Purposes.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that, based upon the information herein, the City Council:

- (i) Approve the City's Quitclaim to release and terminate the City of Pasadena's water line easement on the prescribed real property located in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, lot 2, Tract 8009, as recorded in Book 131, pages 68 to 82 of Maps, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County, commonly known as 300 North San Rafael.
- (ii) Authorize the City Manager or her designee to execute and record with the County Recorder the quitclaim deed on behalf of the City.

BACKGROUND

The current property owner at 300 North San Rafael Avenue has requested Pasadena Water and Power (PWP) to relocate a portion of its water main in the said easement to allow for additions to his residence. PWP has relocated the water main at owner expense. A 10 foot wide easement has been granted to the City along the new alignment. The grant documents were prepared by a civil engineering consultant, John Ott and Associates, checked and approved by staff, and recorded with the County Recorder. Water and Power's General Manager signed the certificate of acceptance on behalf of the City.

The property owner is also requesting the City to Quitclaim the City's interest in the portion of the easement that is no longer being used. PWP staff has reviewed the request and it has been determined that this portion of the easement is no longer needed for the purposes for which it was acquired and Owner has granted a new easement of equivalent value in exchange.

Pursuant to the surplus property ordinance (Pasadena Municipal Code, Chapter 4.02), this water main easement is considered "surplus" property exempt from competitive sale requirements:

"4.02.040 Sales not subject to this chapter

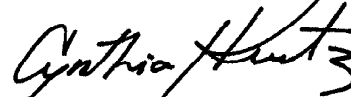
B. Quitclaim or other releases of any real or apparent interest of the city made for the purpose of clearing title to real property owned by others, upon payment of a consideration reasonably equal to the City's presumed interest and costs of conveyance"

Staff's recommendation to approve this quitclaim represents the relinquishment of an interest in property in exchange for another easement of equivalent value in the same property. The proposed quitclaim documents were prepared by a civil engineering consultant, John Ott and Associates, and approved by the Water and Power Department, reviewed by the City Attorney's office, and are now submitted for City Council authorization and execution by the City Manager or her designee.

FISCAL IMPACT

No revenue will be expended or generated by the approval of this quitclaim. The property owner at 300 North San Rafael Avenue, has paid for preparation and processing of all necessary documents.

Respectfully submitted,



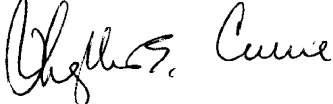
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