

Agenda Report

DATE: September 13, 2010

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Department of Public Works

SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 10-1 MOUNTAIN STREET, LAKE AVENUE TO HILL AVENUE

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council, following the Public Hearing, take the following actions:

1. Acknowledge this project to be categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act in accordance with Article 19, Section 15302(a) of the CEQA Guidelines (conversion of overhead electric utility systems to underground) and authorize the City Manager to execute and the City Clerk to file a Notice of Exemption for the project with the Los Angeles County Clerk; and
2. Adopt a Resolution establishing Underground Utility District No. 10-1, Mountain Street, Lake Avenue to Hill Avenue.

**ADVISORY COMMISSION/BOARD/CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION:**

On July 27, 2010, the Municipal Services Committee recommended that the City Council proceed with the establishment of Mountain Street, Lake Avenue to Hill Avenue as Underground Utility District 10-1.

BACKGROUND:

Since 1968, the City has a continuing program to underground overhead utility systems, specifically power and other communication lines such as telephone and cable television. The undergrounding of overhead utility systems will improve system reliability and enhance the aesthetic quality of an area through the removal of utility poles and overhead wires.

This proposed project, which is Underground Priority No. 7, would allow for the undergrounding of overhead utility systems on Mountain Street between Lake Avenue

and Hill Avenue. In order to proceed with the design and construction of this project, an underground utility district must be established to require the affected property owners to underground their private property facilities.

As part of the process, all affected property owners have been notified of the public hearing to consider the establishment of the district. In addition, an informational meeting was held on Wednesday, September 8, 2010, to answer questions and discuss the projected construction timeline and responsibilities of the affected property owners.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

The Water and Power Department (PWP), AT&T, and Charter Communications will be installing new underground facilities to maintain their existing services. All affected utilities will enter into a joint trench agreement with the City's contractor and will share in the space and cost of the trench.

After the installation of the underground infrastructure, all affected property owners are required to convert to underground, which involves the installation of conduit for power, telephone and/or cable television services. Conduit is installed from the property line at the sidewalk to the existing meter or designated service point. The cost of the work ranges from \$3,700 to \$6,000 for all utilities, in which the City will reimburse each property owner up to \$3,000 or the lesser actual cost of the work to underground power facilities. All overhead wires and poles will be removed upon 100% completion of all private property underground conversions and connections to the underground system.

STATISTICS:

Properties with overhead services required to convert: (PWP)	36
Properties with overhead services required to convert: (AT&T)	30
Properties with overhead services required to convert: (Charter)	12
Total number of poles to be removed:	60

PROJECTED SCHEDULE (*Projected Completion Dates*)

Installation of street lighting system	FY 2012
Installation of underground infrastructure	FY 2012
Installation of private property conduit	FY 2013
Private property connection to underground system	FY 2013
Removal of overhead wires and poles	FY 2014
Street Resurfacing Project	FY 2014

ESTIMATED COST:

Street Lighting System	\$962,400
Electric Underground System	\$3,241,000
Utility Reimbursement	\$120,000
Street Resurfacing Project	\$905,000

TOTAL ESTIMATED COST	\$5,228,400

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

This project is consistent with the City Council's Goal to improve, maintain and enhance the aesthetic quality of the streetscape by removing unsightly utility poles and overhead wires and is included in the adopted FY 2011-2015 Capital Improvement Program, Street Lighting and Electric System Undergrounding Section.

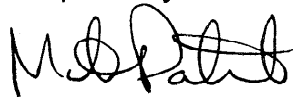
ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The City's Environmental Administrator has determined this project to be categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act in accordance with Article 19, Section 15302(a) of the CEQA Guidelines (conversion of overhead electric utility systems to underground).

FISCAL IMPACT:

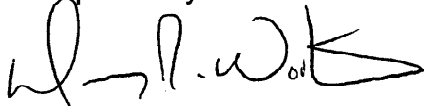
An appropriation of \$1,435,000 Underground Utility Surtax was appropriated to Street Lighting and Electric System Undergrounding, *Mountain Street, Lake Avenue to Hill Avenue*, Budget Account Number 74909. The remaining \$3,793,400 will be appropriated in FY 2012 and FY 2013.

Respectfully submitted,



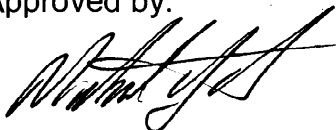
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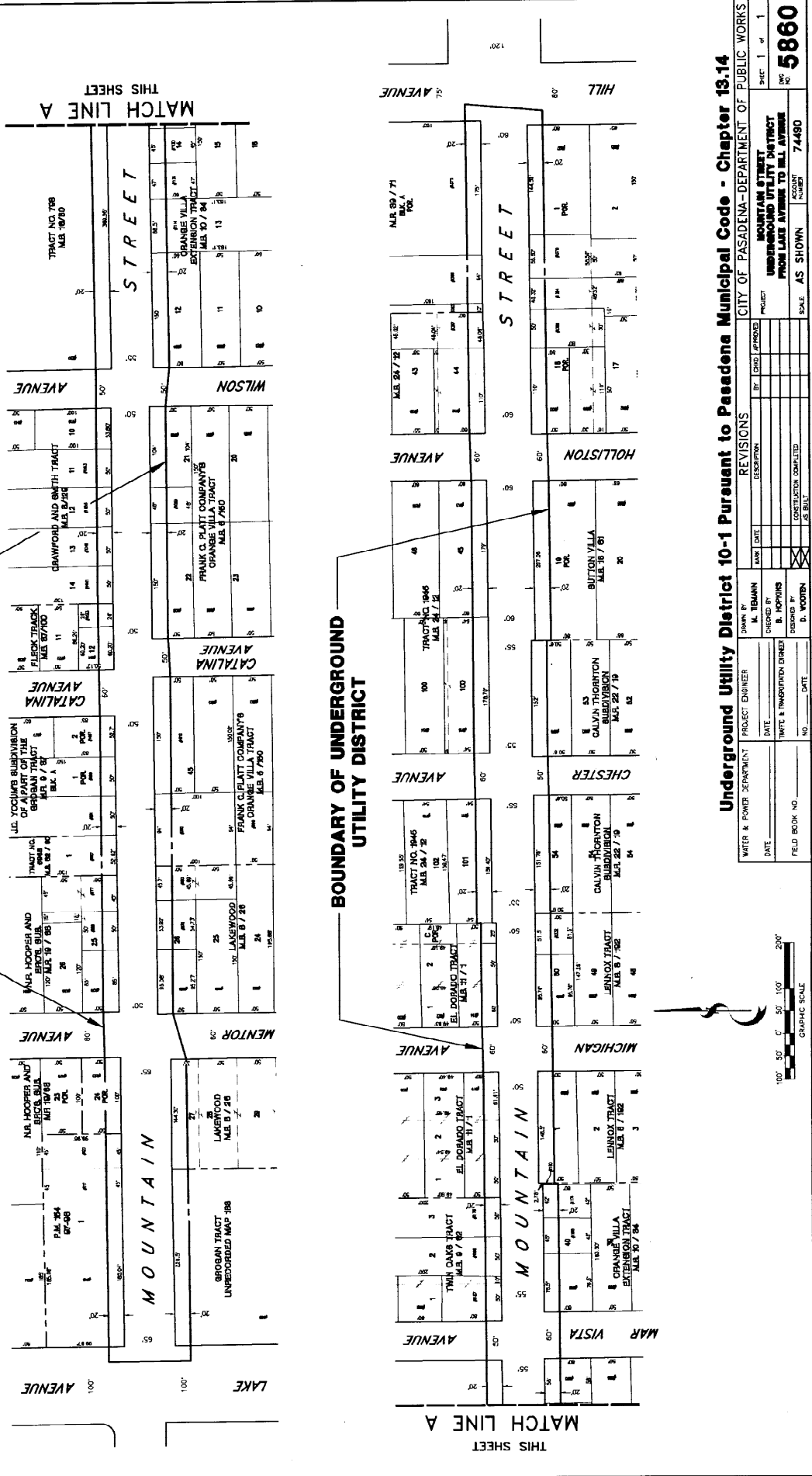
Approved by:



MICHAEL J. BECK
City Manager

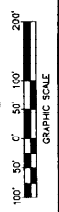
EXHIBIT "A"

SUBMITTED



Underground Utility District 10-1 Pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code - Chapter 13.14

WATER & POWER DEPARTMENT		PROJECT ENGINEER		DRAWN BY		CHECKED BY		DESIGNED BY		DATE		FIELD BOOK NO.	
		M. TEBAMN		M. TEBAMN		B. HOPKINS		D. WOOTEN					
DATE		DATE		DATE		DATE		DATE		DATE		DATE	
REVISIONS		BY		DATE		DESCRIPTION		DATE		DATE		DATE	
CITY OF PASADENA - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS		PROJECT		DRAWING NO.		SHEET		OF		NO.		NO.	
		MOUNTAIN STREET UTILITY DISTRICT		74480		1		1		5860		74480	
		UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT FROM LAKE AVENUE TO HILL AVENUE		AS SHOWN		ACCOUNT NUMBER		74480		NO.		NO.	



RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA TO ESTABLISH THE FORMATION OF UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT 10-1 ON MOUNTAIN STREET, LAKE AVENUE TO HILL AVENUE

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 9052, a Public Hearing was called for September 13, 2010 at the hour of 7:30 p.m. in Room 249, the Council Chamber of the City Hall, located at 100 N. Garfield Avenue, Pasadena, California,, to ascertain whether the public necessity, health, safety, or welfare requires the removal of poles, overhead wires and associate overhead structures, and the underground installation of wires and facilities for supplying electric, communication, or similar or associated service, within that certain area of the City described as follows:

Parcel Map 154 recorded in Book 97, Page 98; N.R. Hooper and Bro's Subdivision, recorded in Miscellaneous Records, Book 19, Page 68; Tract No. 5968, recorded in Map Book 62, Page 90; J.D. Yocum's Subdivision of a Part of the Grogan Tract, recorded in Miscellaneous Records, Book 9, Page 37 Blk. A; Fleck Track, recorded in Map Book 37, Page 100; Crawford and Smith Tract, recorded in Map Book 8, Page 129; Tract No. 793, recorded in Map Book 16, Page 60; Grogan Tract, unrecorded in Map Book 183; Lakewood, recorded in Map Book 8, Page 26; Frank C. Platt Company's Orange Villa Tract, recorded in Map Book 5, Page 150; Orange Villa Extension Tract, recorded in Map Book 10, Page 34; Twin Oaks Tract, recorded in Map Book 9, Page 62; El Dorado Tract, recorded in Map Book 11, Page 1; Tract No. 1945, recorded in Map Book 24, Page 12; Map Book 24, Page 12; Miscellaneous Records, Book 39, Page 71 Blk. A Por.; Lennox Tract, recorded in Map Book 8, Page 192,; Calvin Thornton Subdivision, recorded in Miscellaneous Records Book 22, Page 19; Sutton Villa, recorded in Map Book 16, Page 61; all in said City of Pasadena, County of Los Angeles, State of California and all records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County.

WHEREAS, such hearing has been given an opportunity to be heard:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Pasadena that:

1. Pursuant to Chapter 13.14 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, the above described area hereby is declared an Underground Utility District, and is designated as Underground Utility District No. 10-1 of the City of Pasadena. Attached hereto, marked "Exhibit A" hereby incorporated as a part of this Resolution, is a Boundary Map (Public Works Department Drawing No. 5860) delineating the boundaries of said District.

2. The City Council does hereby fix, as the date on which affected property owners must be ready to receive underground service, and does hereby order the removal of all poles, overhead wires and associated overhead structures and the underground installation of wires and facilities for supplying electric, communication, or similar or associated service within Underground Utility District No. 10-1.

3. The City Clerk hereby is directed to notify all affected utilities and all persons owning real property within Underground Utility District No. 10-1 of the adoption of this resolution within 10 days after the date of such adoption. The City Clerk shall further notify said property owners of the necessity that, if they or any person occupying such property desire to continue to receive electric, communication or other similar or associated service, they or such occupant shall, by the date fixed in this resolution, provide all necessary facility changes on their premises so as to receive such service from the lines of the supplying utility or utilities at a new location, subject to any applicable codes of the City and the rules, regulations and tariffs of each respective utility on file with the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California. Such notification shall be made by mailing a copy of this resolution, together with a copy of Chapter 13.14 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, and a cover letter prepared by the Public Works Department, to such utilities and

property owners as shown on the real property records of the County Assessor, Tax and License Collector.

4. The City Council hereby finds and determines as follows: The Underground Utility District herein created will provide a significant and unique benefit to the City over and above the public necessity, health, safety, or welfare required to designate the area as an underground utility district in that the streets, roads or right-of-way in the District are extensively used by the general public for access to major commercial facilities.

Adopted by the following vote at the _____ meeting of the City Council on the _____ day of, 2010, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

MARK JOMSKY
City Clerk

Approved as to form:



SCOTT D. RASMUSSEN
Assistant City Attorney