

# Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: MARCH 1, 1999

FROM: CYNTHIA J. KURTZ, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: Approve the Southern California Joint Pole Agreement

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the General Manager to approve the 1998 Southern California Joint Pole Agreement.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Southern California Joint Pole Committee, of which Water and Power is a member, is made up of power and telecommunications utilities throughout Southern California. The 1998 agreement, developed by the Joint Pole Committee, will modify and supersede a similar agreement dated January 1, 1988, in which the City of Pasadena is a party.

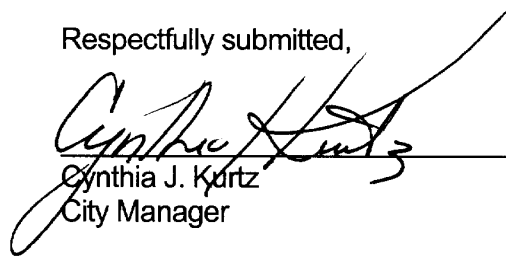
The Southern California Joint Pole Agreement establishes guidelines for the management of joint pole inventories and provides the standards, procedures, and methods whereby two or more members may own/occupy poles and their attachments jointly in the most equitable manner. The 1998 agreement reflects the necessary changes to accommodate the influx of telecommunication utilities requests for pole space. The procedures are consistent with the requirements of state and federal law that apply to attachments.

Water and Power has been relieved of many administrative burdens relating to the use and occupancy of 6819 joint ownership poles that are within its jurisdiction. This is because the agreement provides an office for the coordination of all requests for attachments.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

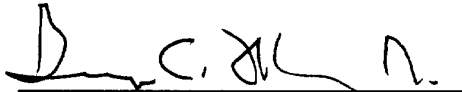
The monthly assessment paid by the City of Pasadena is approximately \$400.00. Funds for this agreement are available in the Power Fund's operating budget (Account Number 0593, Maintenance of Overhead Lines – Distribution), and additional funds will be recommended for this project in fiscal year 1999/2000 Operating Budget.

Respectfully submitted,



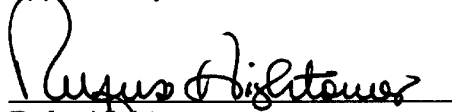
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