

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT AND ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to authorizing the execution of 12 Quitclaim Deeds for Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) Distribution Easements.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. CONCUR with the Board of Water and Power Commissioner's (Board) action of August 27, 2013, Resolution No. 014-037, authorizing the execution of Quitclaim Deeds for 12 LADWP Distribution Easements located on properties located within various areas of the City of Los Angeles and are no longer required for use by the LADWP.
2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE approving Resolution No. 014-037 of the Board authorizing the execution of 12 Quitclaim Deeds for 12 LADWP distribution easements.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer (CAO) reports that approval of Resolution No. 014-037 will result in revenue to the Water Revenue Fund and Power Revenue Fund of \$4,250 for each quitclaim resulting in a total of \$51,000. The proposed action complies with the LADWP's adopted Financial Policies. Approval of the proposed resolution will have no impact on the City's General Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On April 2, 2014, your Committee considered August 28, 2013 Board, July 15, 2013 CAO, and February 5, 2014 City Attorney reports, Resolution No. 014-037, and Ordinance relative to authorizing the execution of 12 Quitclaim Deeds for 12 LADWP Distribution Easements for properties located in the City of Los Angeles. According to the CAO, the LADWP is requesting approval of a proposed resolution which authorizes it to quitclaim (to release or relinquish a legal claim) 12 water and power distribution easements. The LADWP has determined that these easements are no longer required for use by the LADWP. Charter Section 675(d)(2) requires Council approval to dispose of real property. The City Attorney has approved the proposed resolution as to form and legality. The LADWP periodically reviews applications requesting that it abandon LADWP owned easements. The requests are from property owners who often are, seeking to remove easement restrictions that were required for earlier building permits or tract maps; if the LADWP determines that an easement is no longer necessary for current or future LADWP operations, a quitclaim deed is processed to transfer the rights of the easement to the existing property owner, thereby, effectively terminating the easement. The LADWP states that each of the 12 applicants is to pay the LADWP a processing fee of \$4,250. The amount of the processing fee was established in August 2008 by the Board. There is no other cost from the Department to a property owner who requests a quitclaim.

After consideration, the Committee moved to recommend concurring with the Board's action as detailed in the above recommendations. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
FUENTES:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
LABONGE:	ABSENT
HUIZAR:	ABSENT
KORETZ:	YES

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