MOTION ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

The design of a nature preserve in Potrero Canyon is being completed and expected to be open to the public by 2018. The preserve will include 7.8 acres of riparian habitat fed by recycled stormwater. Footpaths and hiking trails will extend from the Palisades Recreation Center to Pacific Coast Highway with access to Will Rogers State Beach via a pedestrian path to Temescal Canyon and a pedestrian bridge over the highway. The undergrounding of the overhead utility lines is a necessity to accommodate the construction of the beach access.

Will Rogers State Beach is visited by approximately 42 million residents and tourists annually. Overhead utility lines on this beautiful and historic stretch of coastline are a visual blight to thousands of daily tourists, commuters and the local community. The undergrounding of these utility lines is also a necessity to accommodate the construction of the beach access.

The utilities to be undergrounded are in an area that has a length of approximately 2,500 feet, with 13 utility poles and numerous appurtenances located within a wide flat area adjacent to the highway. The cost of the undergrounding is estimated to be \$2.4 Million. The Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering has been working with the Department of Water and Power on a feasibility study to be conducted by the City. The feasibility study, once completed, will lead to the establishment of an underground wiring district as established by ordinance No. 145,148 and design of the undergrounding.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Public Works and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, and other departments as necessary, be requested to prepare a study detailing the feasibility of creating an Underground Wiring District along Pacific Coast Highway between Potrero Canyon and Temescal Canyon.

PRESENTED BY:

MIKE BONIN

Councilmember, 11th District

SECONDED BY:

MAR 1 7 2015