

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to authorizing the selection criteria for a design-build contract for the 138-kilovolt (kV) Underground Transmission Cable Replacement Project.

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

1. FIND that in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), it has been determined that replacing the outdated 138-kV cables with modern cross-linked polyethylene cables is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 2, as described in CEQA Guidelines Section 15302 (c). This exemption applies to the replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities on the same site and involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.
2. CONCUR with the Board of Water and Power Commissioners' action of January 19, 2016, Resolution No. 016-149, authorizing the selection criteria for a design-build contract for the 138-kV Underground Transmission Cable Replacement Project using a competitive sealed bid proposal method, and authorizing the award of a contract with a duration not to exceed five years.
3. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE dated February 12, 2016 authorizing the Board of Water and Power Commissioners to award an agreement, pursuant to a competitive bid sealed proposal method, to permit negotiations relating to the 138-kV Underground Transmission Cable Replacement Project.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer reports that approval of the proposed Ordinance will result in a total expenditure estimated at \$118 million which is included in the Power System Capital Budget as part of the Multi-Year Expenditure Plan. The proposed agreement complies with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power adopted financial policies. There is no impact to the City General Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

At a meeting held on April 6, 2016, the Energy and Environment Committee considered reports from the City Attorney, Board of Water and Power Commissioners, and City Administrative Officer, Resolution No. 016-149, and Ordinance relative to authorizing the selection criteria for a design-build contract for the 138-kV Underground Transmission Cable Replacement Project. After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended that Council approve the recommendations detailed above. 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
CEDILLO:	ABSENT
KORETZ:	YES
O'FARRELL:	YES

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