

ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE REPORT and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to Grant of Easement to Willow Springs Solar, LLC (Willow Springs Solar) through transmission corridor located in Kern County, California.

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

1. CONCUR with the Board of Water and Power Commissioners' (Board) action of August 14, 2018, Resolution No. 019-018, authorizing Grant of Easement to Willow Springs Solar for power and communications facilities and access through transmission corridor property located in Kern County, California.
2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE dated August 16, 2018 approving the grant of an easement to Willow Springs Solar for electricity collection and communication lines across a portion of Transmission Line Right-of-Way Nos. 31A and 83 in Kern County, California in consideration for Willow Springs having disclaimed its interests in the property acquired by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power for the Barren Ridge Renewable Transmission Project (BR RTP).

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Board reports that there is no cost to Willow Springs Solar. The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) acquired over 400 parcels of land for the BR RTP which was completed in 2017. Willow Springs Solar accommodated the LADWP's acquisition of certain parcels of land needed for the BR RTP by disclaiming their interest in compensation that LADWP would have had to pay in consideration for LADWP and the City considering this grant of easement.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On August 21, 2018, your Committee considered August 15, 2018 Board and City Attorney reports, Resolution No. 019-018, and Ordinance relative to Grant of Easement to Willow Springs Solar for power and communications facilities and access through transmission corridor property located in Kern County, California. According to the Board, Willow Springs Solar held certain interests in property that straddles LADWP's existing transmission lines and the new BR RTP that runs through Kern County, California. This easement will allow Willow Springs to enter LADWP property to construct and maintain an underground electrical crossing. During negotiations of the Barren Ridge Transmission Line acquisition, the LADWP agreed to consider conveying a permanent easement to Willow Springs Solar in consideration for their disclaiming any interest in the potential compensation for LADWP's acquisition of the BR RTP right-of-way through the property that Willow Springs Solar held interests in. The grant of the easement will not interfere with LADWP purposes. The easement also contains provisions that protect and ensure the LADWP's prior and paramount use of LADWP's right-of-way for transmission line purposes. In accordance with the Mayor's Executive Directive No. 4, the City Administrative Officer's Report was waived on August 3, 2018. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Grant of Easement to Willow Springs Solar. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
MARTINEZ:	YES
KORETZ:	YES
KREKORIAN:	YES
CEDILLO:	YES
O'FARRELL:	ABSENT

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8/21/18

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