



RESOLUTION NO. _____

BOARD LETTER APPROVAL


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DATE: June 26, 2018

SUBJECT: Grant of an Easement Deed to the City of Los Angeles from Southern California Edison Company – LADWP File No. W-36901

SUMMARY

LADWP is acquiring easements to construct a new water pipeline parallel to an existing water pipeline.

Southern California Edison Company (SCE) has agreed to grant the City of Los Angeles an underground water pipeline easement in the City of Burbank, California. However, the Easement Deed has indemnity language and indefinite term that requires the Board of Water and Power Commissioners (Board) and City Council's approval pursuant to Charter Section 373 and Los Angeles Administrative Code Section (L.A.A.C.) 10.5.

RECOMMENDATION

It is requested that the Board adopt the attached Resolution recommending City Council's approval of the Easement Deed in accordance with Charter Section 373 and L.A.A.C. 10.5.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

SCE is willing to grant an easement without the indemnity language. However, that option would require another 18 to 24 months to process. The project is moving forward and will begin construction within the next few months.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The cost of the Easement Deed is \$3,700.

BACKGROUND

The existing River Supply Conduit (RSC) is a major transmission pipeline in LADWP's Water Distribution System. The existing RSC was constructed in the 1940's, to transport water from the Los Angeles Reservoir and local groundwater to reservoirs and distribution facilities located in the central areas of Los Angeles. The existing RSC begins at North Hollywood Pump Station and ends at Ivanhoe Reservoir. The existing RSC is being replaced with a new pipeline under a series of LADWP projects. As a result of different system requirements and operational and maintenance needs, the new pipeline is divided into two segments, the Upper Reach (UR) and the Lower Reach (LR). The UR and LR projects are further divided into units. LR supplies water from Headworks Reservoir facility to Ivanhoe Reservoir. A majority of the LR is already constructed and in service. UR supplies water from North Hollywood Pump Station to Headworks Reservoir facility. RSC-UR Units 5 and 6 are currently under construction. RSC- 7 will be the final connecting segment of the UR.

Replacement of the existing RSC is necessary in order to comply with the higher water operating pressures as required by the California State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water. RSC-7 facilitates the conversion of disinfectants from chlorine to chloramine to comply with the new Federal water quality regulations. RSC-7 will also increase water capacity to accommodate future demands, and allow greater operational flexibility to compensate for loss of open reservoir storage within the distribution system. RSC-7 is critical to meet safety of water supplies, reliability of water infrastructure, and sustainability of water supply.

The replacement pipeline will parallel the existing pipeline along the majority of its length. However, the proposed alignment for the pipeline necessitates the acquisition of an easement in order to construct this project.

The Easement Deed has indemnity provisions that exceed the authority established by Resolution No. 95-207, and therefore, requires Board approval. The Easement Deed has an indefinite term, and therefore, requires Board and City Council's approval pursuant to Charter Section 373 and L.A.A.C. 10.5.

In accordance with the Mayor's Executive Directive No. 4, the City Administrative Officer's Report (CAO) was approved on August 29, 2018.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

Determine item is in compliance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15080-15097 (Environmental Impact Report (EIR) previously

adopted). In accordance with CEQA, an EIR was prepared to analyze the impacts associated with the construction and operation of the RSC UR Project. On September 16, 2008, the Board certified the EIR, adopted the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations, and approved the floating cover project.

CITY ATTORNEY

The Office of the City Attorney has reviewed and approved the Resolution and Easement Deed as to form and legality.

ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution
- Easement Deed
- CAO Report