



AGENDA REPORT

City Council

MEETING DATE: June 25, 2014

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SUBJECT:

**AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE SANTA FE DRIVE
UNDERGROUNDING DISTRICT 17 PROJECT, CS07B**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Council take the following actions:

1. Approve a contract with Blue Pacific Engineering and Construction in the amount of \$914,277.90 for the construction of the Santa Fe Dr. Undergrounding District 17 project, a HSIP project; and
2. Authorize the City Manager or his designee to award contracts for construction specialists, inspections, and other contracts, including construction staking, geotechnical services, materials testing, engineering inspection, and contingencies as necessary to complete the project, with a total not-to-exceed construction cost for the project of \$1,200,000.00.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This project aligns with the Strategic Plan goals for:

- Community Planning- By maintaining safe and livable communities through well-maintained infrastructure and facilities; and
- Public Safety- By creating a safe and secure environment for pedestrians traveling the area currently impacted by the overhead utilities.

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The fiscal impacts associated with the staff recommendation are included in the approved budget. The majority of the cost for undergrounding the utilities will be paid with funds allocated for the City under Rule 20A by San Diego Gas and Electric (SDG&E), up to \$1,031,338.00 total reimbursement. In addition, the City has entered into joint trench agreements with each of the other affected utilities, AT&T, Cox Cable, and Crown-Castle, as follows:

Utility	Reimbursement from Utility Co.
AT&T	\$ 215,781.79
Cox Cable	\$ 98,566.37
Crown-Castle	\$ 5,938.98
	\$ 320,287.14

The balance of the project will be paid from Project CS07B, which is included in the current CIP budget and which includes a balance sufficient to fund those costs not reimbursable by the 20A funds, including construction inspection, staking, and materials testing at an estimated cost of \$91,428.00.

The electric meter panel conversions and undergrounding of the services to each affected property will be a part of this project. The work will be performed at no cost to the property owners who grant written permission for the contractors to enter their properties to perform the work.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Encinitas Policy for Underground Utility District adopted by City Council on January 22, 1992 provides guidelines for the creation of utility districts. The guidelines require consultation with utility companies and holding a public hearing. On April 20, 2011, City Council adopted Resolution 2011-18 setting May 18, 2011 as the public hearing date for consideration of the formation of Underground Utility District 17 for the segment of Santa Fe Drive between Gardena Rd. and Evergreen Dr.

On May 18, 2011, City Council adopted Resolution 2011-27 approving the formation of Underground Utility District 17, a high priority for conversion due to the numerous utility poles near the existing edge of pavement, and due to the fact that the project satisfies the requirements contained in the adopted policy and guidelines for SDG&E Rule 20A conversions. Undergrounding the overhead utilities on Santa Fe Drive is also required in order to construct the necessary ADA-compliant improvements being pursued as a separate project, the Santa Fe Dr. North Sidewalk Improvements project. The North Sidewalk Improvements project and this Undergrounding District 17 project were bid with the requirement that one contractor perform the work for both projects, thereby improving coordination between the two projects and reducing construction disturbance to the neighborhood.

ANALYSIS:

The City issued a Public Notice Inviting Bids for the construction of the Santa Fe Dr. Undergrounding District 17 project and opened bids on May 14, 2013. Three bids were received, as follows:

Blue Pacific Engineering and Construction	\$914,277.90
A.M. Ortega	\$932,390.60
Weir Construction	\$1,352,461.65

The lowest responsible and responsive bidder is Blue Pacific Engineering and Construction, Inc. with a bid amount of \$914,277.90.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The action being considered by the City Council for award of the contract to begin construction on the Santa Fe Dr. Undergrounding District 17 is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under 15302(d), conversion of overhead utilities to underground.