

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: JILL SCOTT, RIGHT OF WAY AGENT
WATER DEPARTMENT
SUBJECT: APPROVE MODIFICATION OF AN EXISTING EASEMENT WITH
PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY ON CITY OWNED
PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2260 SONOMA AVENUE, SANTA
ROSA AND AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF THE WATER
DEPARTMENT TO EXECUTE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS
AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Water Department that the Council, by resolution, approve the modification of an existing easement with Pacific Gas and Electric Company on City owned property located at 2260 Sonoma Avenue, Santa Rosa and authorize the Director of the Water Department to execute the easement and all necessary documents.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) has an existing easement on City property located at 2260 Sonoma Avenue, Water Station 4, managed by the Water Department. PG&E is requesting to modify the terms of the current easement to include the right to install communication equipment upgrades that will cut down on outage times and better serve the community. The compensation for this addition has been determined to be \$1,000.00.

BACKGROUND

In 1982, the City granted PG&E an easement on City owned property at 2260 Sonoma Avenue, also known as Water Station 4, for underground utilities and above ground fixtures in the planter area.

PG&E is now requesting to modify the terms of the existing easement. The proposed upgrade will strengthen their electric distribution system in the area and better serve the community by installing above ground pedestals containing electric switches. These switches can be controlled remotely to reroute electricity, which can cut down on outage

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times. PG&E is also requesting the authorization to manage vegetation in the easement area to protect their infrastructure.

The size of the current easement area will not increase with this modification, only the terms.

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

The original easement was approved by City Council Resolution Number 15823 on September 28, 1982.

ANALYSIS

In 1982, the City granted PG&E an easement on City owned property located at 2260 Sonoma Avenue, also known as Water Station 4, for underground utilities and above ground fixtures in the planter area.

PG&E is requesting to modify the existing easement to include the right to install communication equipment and manage vegetation in the easement area. The size of the easement area will not increase with this proposed modification, only the terms.

Staff has met with PG&E on site and has concluded that the requested modification of the easement will not hinder operations of Water Station 4 in any way and there are no current or future plans for any City Water operations in the easement area. This modification will also benefit the community by decreasing power outage times.

The value to the City for the modification to the current easement has been determined to be \$1,000.00.

Additionally, staff is requesting that City Council authorize the Director of the Water Department to execute the easement deed and all other documents necessary to modify the easement.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no anticipated fiscal impact for this item.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The project is considered categorically exempt from further environmental review under CEQA per **Section 15301 (b) Existing Facilities** of the CEQA Guidelines.

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15301. EXISTING FACILITIES -Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. The types of "existing facilities" itemized below are not intended to be all inclusive of the types of projects which might fall within Class 1. The key consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of an existing use.

(b) Existing facilities of both investor and publicly owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not Applicable

NOTIFICATION

Not Applicable

ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution

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