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TO Janisse Quinones, General Manager Los Angeles Department of Water and Power	DATE 08/01/2024	COUNCIL FILE
FROM The Mayor	COUNCIL DISTRICT 2	

**PROPOSED BOARD RESOLUTION AND PIPELINE CROSSING AGREEMENT WITH
UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY FOR UNDERGROUND WATER PIPELINES
AT THE SOUTHWEST INTERSECTION OF SHERMAN WAY AND LANKERSHIM
BOULEVARD, NORTH HOLLYWOOD , CALIFORNIA 91605**

Transmitted for further processing and Council consideration.
See the City Administrative Officer report attached.


MAYOR
(Carolyn Webb de Macias for)

OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Date: June 10, 2024

CAO File No. 0150-12626-0000

Council File No.

Council District: 2

To: The Mayor

From: Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer

Reference: Communication from the Department of Water and Power Dated March 19, 2024;
Referred by the Mayor for Report on March 21, 2024

Subject: **LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER PROPOSED BOARD RESOLUTION AND PIPELINE CROSSING AGREEMENT WITH UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY FOR UNDERGROUND WATER PIPELINES AT THE SOUTHWEST INTERSECTION OF SHERMAN WAY AND LANKERSHIM BOULEVARD, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA 91605; LADWP FILE NO. W-101517-1**

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mayor:

1. Approve the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) proposed Resolution authorizing a Pipeline Crossing Agreement with Union Pacific Railroad Company, including a one-time license fee of \$96,000, for an indefinite term in order to construct, operate and maintain one 36-inch and one 16-inch steel underground pipeline at the Southwest Intersection of Sherman Way and Lankershim Boulevard, North Hollywood for the North Hollywood Central Remediation Well Collector Line Project (Project); and
2. Return the proposed Resolution and Pipeline Crossing Agreement to the LADWP for further processing, including Council consideration.

SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP, Department) requests approval of a proposed Board Resolution authorizing a Pipeline Crossing Agreement (Agreement) with the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP, railroad) that will allow two LADWP pipelines to cross the Union Pacific Railroad Company right-of-way at the southwest intersection of Sherman Way and Lankershim Boulevard, in the North Hollywood community for the North Hollywood Central Remediation Well Collector Line Project (Project).

The Project also known as the North Hollywood Central Groundwater Treatment Action Project involves construction of two underground pipelines to convey water from five Rinaldi-Toluca (RT) remediation wells to the North Hollywood Central Treatment Facility (NHCT) and the return of 10 clean RT wells back into service. The NHCT Facility is part of the San Fernando Groundwater

Remediation Program that is intended to restore full use of the San Fernando Groundwater basin.

The proposed Agreement will allow the LADWP to construct, operate and maintain one 36-inch and one 16-inch steel underground pipeline crossing UP property at the Southwest Intersection of Sherman Way and Lankershim Boulevard, North Hollywood, California, 91605. The term of the agreement is indefinite with a termination option that can be exercised by either party upon 90 days written notice. The Agreement provides for payment of a one-time license fee of \$96,000 to the railroad upon execution of the Agreement. Section 9 of the Agreement requires that should the LADWP as licensee, in any manner moves or disturbs any UP property in connection with the construction maintenance, modification, reconstruction, repair, renewal, revision relocation, or removal of Licensee's Facilities, then, LADWP shall, as soon as possible and at their sole cost and expense, restore Licensor's property to the same condition as the same were before such property was moved or disturbed.

Alternatives Considered – The LADWP considered altering the course of the underground pipeline but rejected that alternative as the project pipelines must inevitably cross the railroad's right-of-way even if the course of the pipeline is altered. The Department also considered purchase of the required property; however, since the railroad does not sell its property, that option is not viable.

CITY COMPLIANCE

The City Attorney has reviewed and approved the proposed resolution and the Agreement as to form. In accordance with Charter Section 373 and Administrative Code Section 10.5, the proposed Pipeline Crossing Agreement requires City Council approval.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) – The Department prepared a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) in connection with approval of the North Hollywood Central Groundwater Treatment Action Project in compliance with CEQA Guidelines Sections 15070–15075. The MND and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Project was adopted by the Board on December 11, 2018. Our Office has reviewed the request and recommend approval.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed Pipeline Crossing Agreement between the Department of Water and Power and Union Pacific Railroad Company requires the payment of a one-time license fee of \$96,000 upon execution. The required fee will be paid from the Water Revenue Fund. The proposed Agreement complies with the Department's Financial Policies. There is no impact on the General Fund.

Attachment – March 19, 2024 DWP Board Report, Proposed Resolution, and Proposed Pipeline Crossing Agreement