



RESOLUTION NO. 025 047

BOARD LETTER APPROVAL

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DATE: August 26, 2024

SUBJECT: Pipeline Crossing Agreement with Union Pacific Railroad for Underground Water Pipelines Southwest of the Intersection of Sherman Way and Lankershim Boulevard, North Hollywood, CA 91605 – LADWP Real Estate File No. W-101517-1

SUMMARY

LADWP is requesting approval of a Pipeline Crossing Agreement (Agreement) with Union Pacific Railroad (UP) for the purposes of constructing, operating, and maintaining underground water pipelines for LADWP's North Hollywood Central Remediation Well Collector Line Project (Project). The proposed Agreement grants LADWP permission to use UP's property for an indefinite term, unless terminated by either party upon ninety (90) days' written notice.

There is a one-time license fee of \$96,000 due upon execution of the Agreement.

City Council approval is required pursuant to Los Angeles City Charter Section 373 and Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 10.5.

RECOMMENDATION

It is requested that the Board of Water and Power Commissioners (Board) adopt the attached Resolution requiring City Council's approval of the Agreement as required in Charter Section 373 and Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 10.5.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The following alternatives were considered:

- Alter the course of the underground pipeline: This is not feasible as the Project will inevitably cross UP's property due to its location relative to UP's right-of-way, even if the course of the pipeline was altered.
- Purchase the property: UP does not sell its property; therefore, this is not a viable option.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

There is a one-time license fee of \$96,000 due upon execution of this Agreement. The fee will be paid from the Water Revenue Fund.

BACKGROUND

The Project consists of constructing two underground water pipelines to convey water from five remediation Rinaldi-Toluca (RT) wells to the North Hollywood Central Treatment (NHCT) Facility and return 10 clean RT wells back into service. The NHCT Facility is part of the San Fernando Groundwater Basin Remediation Program that aims to restore and protect the full use of the San Fernando Groundwater Basin.

The proposed Agreement will allow LADWP to construct, operate, and maintain the portion of the proposed underground pipelines crossing UP's property for an indefinite term, unless terminated by either party upon ninety (90) days' written notice.

In accordance with the Mayor's Executive Directive No. 4, the City Administrative Officer's (CAO) Report was approved on August 1, 2024.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

Determine item is in compliance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15070-15075 (Mitigated Negative Declaration [MND] previously adopted). In accordance with CEQA, a MND was prepared to analyze the impacts associated with the construction and operation of the North Hollywood Central Groundwater Treatment Action Project. On December 11, 2018, the Board adopted the MND and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and approved the project.

CITY ATTORNEY

The Office of the City Attorney reviewed and approved the Resolution and Agreement as to form and legality.

ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution
- Agreement
- CAO Report