



Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney  
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**REPORT RE:**

**DRAFT ORDINANCE APPROVING RESOLUTION 023-191  
OF THE BOARD OF WATER AND POWER COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZING  
THE GRANT OF EASEMENT TO THE COUNTY OF INYO FOR PINE CREEK  
BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT, INYO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

The Honorable City Council  
of the City of Los Angeles  
Room 395, City Hall  
200 North Spring Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Honorable Members:

This Office has prepared and now transmits for your consideration the enclosed draft ordinance, approved as to form and legality. This draft ordinance would approve Resolution No. 023-191, dated April 11, 2023, authorizing the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) to grant an easement (Easement) over City of Los Angeles property located in Inyo County, California to the County of Inyo for its Pine Creek Bridge Replacement Project (Project).

Background

In the summer of 2017, high water flows in Pine Creek caused the collapse of Inyo County Bridge No. 48C0044 and the closure of North Round Valley Road in Inyo County, California. The County of Inyo declared an emergency and received funds from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services through the California Disaster Assistance Act for the Project. Through the Project, the County of Inyo will build a new bridge over a portion of Pine Creek and reopen North Round Valley Road to vehicular traffic. The County of Inyo requested Easement to increase the existing road width from 60 to 140 feet to facilitate construction of the new bridge.

The Board of Water and Power Commissioners of the Department of Water and Power adopted Resolution No. 023-191 approving the grant of Easement to the County of Inyo at its meeting held on April 11, 2023.

Charter Requirements

The enclosed draft ordinance is transmitted for your approval pursuant to Charter Section 675(d)(2), after approval by the Board of Water and Power Commissioners of the Department of Water and Power.

CEQA Findings

Determine item is in compliance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15070-15075 (Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) adopted on January 20, 2020). In accordance with CEQA, an MND was prepared to analyze the impacts associated with the construction and operation of the Project. On January 20, 2020, the Inyo County Planning Department approved the Project, adopted the MND, and filed a Notice of Determination.

Recommendation

Based on the foregoing, it is requested that the City Council adopt the enclosed draft ordinance. A copy of the Board Resolution is included in the Council file.

Council Rule 38 Referral

This draft ordinance has been presented to the Board of Water and Power Commissioners of the Department of Water and Power pursuant to Council Rule 38.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Deputy City Attorney John O. Beanum at (213) 367-4535. A member of this Office will be available when you consider this matter to answer questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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Transmittal