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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES CORE SERVICE AREA  
APPROVAL OF AN ASSIGNMENT OF TARIFF RULE 20A FUNDS TO  
CITY OF CLAREMONT  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Public Works is seeking Board approval to assign California Public Utilities Commission Tariff Rule 20A work credit allocations, available to the Fifth Supervisorial District, to the City of Claremont for the City's proposed undergrounding of overhead utilities.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find that the recommended action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter and in the record of the project.
2. Authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee, as an agent of the County of Los Angeles, to assign California Public Utilities Commission Tariff Rule 20A work credit allocations, available to the Fifth Supervisorial District, in the total amount of \$1,000,000 to the City of Claremont for the City's proposed future undergrounding of overhead utilities on Arrow Highway in the City of Claremont.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended actions is to authorize the County of Los Angeles to assign the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Tariff Rule 20A work credit allocations, available to the Fifth Supervisorial District, to the City of Claremont to underground overhead utilities and find that

the recommended action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The CPUC makes Tariff Rule 20A work credit allocations available to local jurisdictions for undergrounding of utilities within underground utility districts. Southern California Edison (SCE) administers the undergrounding program, including assigning the allocations to local agencies and performing the construction work. A portion of the Fifth Supervisorial District's currently allocated Rule 20A funds will be assigned to the City of Claremont.

The City of Claremont intends to fund the undergrounding of the electrical distribution and transmission lines through Rule 20A work credit allocations in the amount of \$845,785 available to the City plus \$1,000,000 in County assigned Rule 20A work credit allocations to the City. The undergrounding project on Arrow Highway is from Indian Hill Boulevard to Villanova Drive, approximately 3,615 linear feet.

The County supports the City of Claremont's Arrow Highway project, which will benefit the public by improving accessibility conditions along the Arrow Highway corridor. The undergrounding of utilities will remove existing accessibility barriers (utility poles) to accommodate residents with all abilities.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: North Star 2, Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities, Focus Area Goal A, Public Health, Strategy i, Population Based Health, by ensuring that resources are expended and utilized in a responsible, efficient, and strategic manner.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no adverse impact to the County General Fund. CPUC Tariff Rule 20A work credit allocations, available to the Fifth Supervisorial District, in the amount of \$1,000,000 will be utilized for the undergrounding project in the City of Claremont. The cost of the proposed undergrounding of other existing overhead utility lines within the street right of way would be borne by the affected utilities. The County of Los Angeles will assign the City of Claremont \$1,000,000 from its available Rule 20A work credit allocations.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Under the CPUC Rule 20A Program, the County is allowed to assign its Rule 20A work credit allocations to cities within the County for their Rule 20A projects. The City of Claremont formed Underground Utility District No. 24 on September 10, 2024, for its Arrow Highway project and has determined that the project qualifies to be funded by Rule 20A funds. The City of Claremont is currently working with SCE to implement their projects. Upon allocation of the CPUC Tariff Rule 20A funding to the City of Claremont, SCE will begin design services for the proposed undergrounding of its overhead utility lines. SCE will manage the design and construction of this work, utilizing the available Rule 20A work credit allocations available to the City including the contribution from the County.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The recommended action of assigning CPUC Tariff Rule 20A work credit allocations, available to the County, to the City of Claremont for their undergrounding project is exempt from CEQA. The City of Claremont's project to provide undergrounding of existing overhead electrical and communication

facilities is within a class of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment, meeting the criteria set forth in Section 15302, subsection (d), of the CEQA guidelines. In addition, based on the proposed project records, it will comply with applicable regulations; there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, or damage to scenic highways; listing on hazardous waste site lists compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5; or indications that it may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource that would make the exemption inappropriate.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

There will be no negative impact on current County services or projects as a result of assigning CPUC Tariff Rule 20A work credit allocations, available to the Fifth Supervisorial District, to the City of Claremont.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this Board letter to Public Works, Land Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,



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