



**Resource Management  
Agency  
COUNTY OF TULARE  
AGENDA ITEM**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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**AGENDA DATE:** September 29, 2020

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONTACT PERSON: Celeste Perez    PHONE: (59) 624-7010				

**SUBJECT:** Approve Utility Agreement with Southern California Edison

**REQUEST(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Utility Agreement with Southern California Edison for the relocation of distribution facilities for the Avenue 232 Safety Improvements Project, near the City of Tulare, in an amount not to exceed \$106,250, effective upon approval by the Board of Supervisors; and
2. Authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign the Agreement.

**SUMMARY:**

Tulare County is the lead agency on the Avenue 232 Safety Improvements Project (Project). The Project is funded primarily through the Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) and the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP). The purpose of the Project is to improve the overall safety and traffic operations along the Avenue 232 corridor between Road 36 and Road 76. Project includes installation of left-turn lanes along Avenue 232 at Road 36, Road 56, and Road 68, the installation of rumble strips/stripes along Avenue 232 within project limits, and related road improvements (signing/stripping, etc.).

The proposed improvements for this project are in conflict with four (4) Southern California Edison's (SCE) poles. The relocation work consists of existing transmission, distribution, and transmission telecommunication facilities on Avenue 232 specifically at the intersections of Roads 36, 56, and 68. After extensive investigation and coordination between Resource Management Agency staff and SCE, it was determined that the County will pay for the relocation cost for the structure

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(Pole No. 4815394E) located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Avenue 232 and Road 36. Pole No. 4815394E is covered by an unrecorded blanket easement and all remaining pole relocation work is determined to be covered under the County's Franchise Agreement with SCE.

In order to avoid any conflicts between the proposed improvements and SCE's aerial facilities and pole, it was determined the best-engineering and most cost-effective solution is to underground existing utility facility to replace and relocate the structure. Since the above mentioned SCE pole is not within the franchise agreement, the relocation of this pole will require the Project to reimburse SCE for all costs associated with the relocation work; therefore, requiring a Utility Agreement (UA).

A UA between the County and SCE is required to authorize and compensate SCE for costs associated with the relocation work. As part of the utility relocation of the existing facility, the relocation is requiring a Joint Use Agreement (as a separate request to your Board) within the County right of way.

Per the estimate in the Liability Claim Letter from SCE, the County's responsibility for the relocation work is estimated at \$85,000. In the event the relocation cost exceeds 125% (\$106,250) of the estimated cost per the Agreement, an amendment to the Agreement will be required prior to final payment. SCE will perform the relocation work prior to construction of the Project which is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2021.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

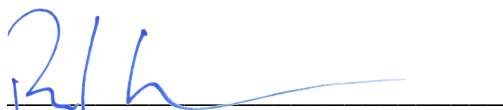
There is No net County cost to the General Fund.

All cost associated with the relocation work will be funded by HSIP, STBGP, and County Road funds allocated for this project.

**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:**

This project will enhance the safety and security of the public by improving the transportation infrastructure for both the general population in the region and the motorists using this facility.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**



Reed Schenke, P.E.

Director

cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s) Attachment A – Vicinity Map  
Attachment B – Utility Agreement with Southern California Edison

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE UTILITY ) Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_  
AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHERN ) Agreement No. \_\_\_\_\_  
CALIFORNIA EDISON )

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, SECONDED BY  
SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 29, 2020,  
BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JASON T. BRITT  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/  
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

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# **Attachment A**

## **Vicinity Map**

