



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

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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: 559-624-7010				

SUBJECT: Approve Joint Use Agreement with Southern California Edison

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Joint Use Agreement with Southern California Edison for the relocation of electrical facilities in connection with the Avenue 232 Safety Improvements Project, near the City of Tulare, 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 (Pole No. 4815394E) located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Avenue

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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 above ground (aerial) facilities and poles, it was determined the best-engineering and most cost-effective solution is to underground existing utility facility to replace and relocate the structure. Since SCE has provided sufficient evidence that the existing unrecorded blanket easement establishes a right superior to those of the County, and only covers aerial facilities, the County and SCE will need to enter into a Joint Use Agreement (JUA) to maintain SCE's rights for the portion of the facilities that will be converted to underground. The JUA pertains only to the relocation work that will occur at the intersection of Avenue 232 and Road 36.

A JUA, between the County and SCE, is required to authorize the relocation work necessary to mitigate conflicts with the proposed work and to preserve SCE's superior rights. As a part of the utility relocations of the existing facilities, the relocations require a Utility Agreement which establishes the relocation requirements, cost, and liability. This Utility Agreement will be brought to you as a separate matter.

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 – Joint Use Agreement with Southern California Edison

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE JOINT)
USE AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHERN)
CALIFORNIA EDISON)

Resolution No. _____
Agreement No. _____

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDDED 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

