



# Administrative Report

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Meeting Date: 5/17/2022

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**To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

**From: ELIZABETH HAUSE, ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER**

## **TITLE**

APPROVE A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON (SCE) FOR CITY USE OF THE SCE RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED AT HERONDO STREET AND CATALINA AVENUE FOR A TOTAL EXPENSE OF \$15,102.71 AND A FIVE-YEAR TERM FROM JUNE 1, 2022 THROUGH MAY 31, 2027

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Southern California Edison (SCE) owns two parcels of land located along Herondo Street and Catalina Avenue. The majority of this 5.1-acre site is vacant with the exception of six power transmission poles, associated power lines, and a few soil retaining structures. The attached License Agreement with SCE provides the City access/use of the site and allows for the development of passive park space. The License Agreement has a term of five (5) years, commencing on June 1, 2022. The City will pay SCE a total license fee of \$15,102.71 for the five-year term.

## **BACKGROUND**

In September 2019, Southern California Edison (SCE) completed a Method of Service study to determine the feasibility of removing the power lines along SCE's 190<sup>th</sup> Street right-of-way. The study verified that the lines along the 190<sup>th</sup> corridor can be removed or relocated once the AES power plant is retired; this finding opened the opportunity for the City to consider developing the right-of way into a greenbelt and passive open space.

In April 2021, the City entered into preliminary discussions with SCE regarding the potential licensing of their right-of-way space located along Herondo Street and Catalina Avenue (License Site). The majority of the 5.1-acre License Site is vacant with the exception of six power poles, associated 220-kv and 66-kv transmission lines, and a few soil retaining structures. Currently, the License Site is covered in both invasive and native vegetation with dispersed mounds of foreign soil and other mixed dirt material. It remains underutilized except for occasionally serving as an overflow parking lot during large community events or for construction project staging.

In July 2021, the City submitted the land license application and required supporting documentation to the SCE Vegetation & Land Management Division. The City proposed to activate the License Site by installing walking paths, educational signage, and native landscaping. The City's application and proposal were accepted and approved in April 2022. Attached is the License Agreement for the License Site which carries a 5-year term and a license fee of \$15,102.71 for the entire term.

As part of the Strategic Plan, staff has engaged the services of a landscape design firm to develop conceptual design options for the License Site. This item will be brought to Council for discussion in June 2022.

**COORDINATION**

The License Agreement was approved as to form by the City Attorney's Office. Insurance requirements included in the agreement have been approved by the City's Risk Manager.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Funding for the \$15,102.71 five-year License Agreement fee was approved as part of the FY 2021-22 Mid-Year Budget updated, via Decision Package #17.

**APPROVED BY:**

*Mike Witzansky, City Manager*

**ATTACHMENTS**

SCE License Agreement - Herondo Street and Catalina Avenue  
License Site Map