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Report Type: Consent

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Title: Sacramento Municipal Utilities District (SMUD) Undergrounding Program Priority List

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Pass a Motion approving the Sacramento Municipal Utilities District (SMUD) Underground Program Ranked Priority List.

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Presenter: None

Department: Economic Development Dept

Division: Citywide Development

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Attachments:

1-Description/Analysis

2-Attach1 - 2014-00315

3-Attach2 - 2014-00315

City Attorney Review

Approved as to Form

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Approvals/Acknowledgements

Department Director or Designee: Jim Rinehart - 4/18/2014 12:30:32 PM

Description/Analysis

Issue Detail: On March 9, 2010, the City Council approved a list of projects eligible for the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) SD-14 System Enhancement Program (SD-14 Program). The SD-14 Program allows SMUD to pay its costs to underground or relocate overhead power lines along commercial corridors subject to the availability of funding. In order to update the list of eligible projects, in February 2014 City staff solicited potential projects for the program from throughout the City and received 12 responses. The responses were ranked according to project readiness, financial and technical feasibility and impact on the surrounding community (see Attachment 1 for Ranking Criteria). Staff is recommending all 12 projects, listed in Attachment 2, be approved as City priority projects, which means they are eligible to participate in the SD-14 Program. No funding is being provided at this time and it is expected that not all projects on the list will be undertaken. However, should the project proceed, it would be eligible to submit an application to SMUD for funding to underground or relocate power lines. Should two or more projects be ready to submit to SMUD at the same time, the higher ranked project will receive priority.

Policy Considerations: Undergrounding power lines on commercial corridors is consistent with the Economic Development Strategy goal to assist in the revitalization of commercial corridors.

Economic Impacts: None at this point in time as no project is being undertaken.

Environmental Considerations: The approval of a ranked priority list of projects is an administrative activity and does not constitute a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), CEQA Guidelines, Sections 15061 (b)(3) and 15378 (b)(2).

Sustainability: Not applicable.

Commission/Committee Action: Not applicable.

Rationale for Recommendation: The relocation or undergrounding of overhead power lines can help improve aesthetics, economic vitality, safety and disabled access. Identifying projects as City priorities is the first step in the SD-14 Program eligibility process. Having a ranked priority list will assist the City and SMUD in making funding application decisions should more than one project be ready to submit to SMUD for funding at the same time. Since the original list of eight projects was developed, three have been completed and one is currently being studied. Expanding the list will provide an opportunity to participate to additional projects.

Financial Considerations: Not applicable at this time.

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): Not applicable.

**City of Sacramento
SMUD SD-14 System Enhancement
Commercial Undergrounding Project Ranking Criteria**

Ranking (maximum of 100 points)

- 1. Project Readiness** **Up to 15 pts**

Scoring is based on the work completed at the time projects are scored and ranked. Points are awarded for projects for which technical or feasibility studies, streetscape or master plans have been completed. Points are also awarded to projects which have construction documents in progress (30% completed or more).
- 2. Financial Feasibility** **Up to 20 pts**

There is no match required by SMUD, but there are non-eligible costs that must be paid such as project management, purchase of easements and toxic remediation. Projects that have a realistic budget and a committed source of funds to pay for the project and these non-eligible costs will be awarded up to 20 points.
- 3. Property Owner Commitment** **Up to 20 pts**

Points will be awarded based on the highest level of commitment received from impacted property owners. Impacted property owners are those owners from whom an easement, temporary construction easement and/or right of way acquisition will be required. Projects in which owners have consented to participate, including those who will have above ground facilities on their property, will receive up to 20 points.
- 4. Commercial Corridor** **20 pts**

Projects located on one of the 19 priority commercial corridors will receive 20 points.
- 5. Streetscape or Other Public Enhancement Projects** **15 pts**

Projects that are part of a larger public improvement project such as streetscape, park, new light rail line or light rail station will receive 15 points.
- 6. Business Impact and Support** **10 pts**

Projects that have the support of a Business Improvement District (BID) or Property-based Business Improvement District (PBID) will receive 5 points. Projects which impact 8 or more businesses will receive an additional 5 points.

SMUD SD-14 System Enhancement Program

Ranked Priority List

- 1. North 12th Street/12th Street from the American River to H Street.**
- 2. R Street (Phase II) from 13th Street to 16th Street.**
- 3. Richards between North 12th Street and Dos Rios Street, continuing south along Dos Rios Street to North B Street.**
- 4. Broadway (West) from 3rd Street to 28th Street**
- 5. Mack Road between Highway 99 and Franklin Blvd and extending down Valley Hi Drive to Bruceville and down Bruceville to Timberlake.**
- 6. North 16th Street from the UP railroad underpass to Richards Blvd. West side of the street.**
- 7. R Street (Phase III) between 16th Street and 18th Street. South side of the street.**
- 8. Richards Blvd. from North 5th Street to Sequoia Pacific Blvd. North side of the street.**
- 9. Capitol Ave. between 19th and 20th Street continuing on 20th Street to Matsui Alley.**
- 10. Florin Road between Tamoshanter and Franklin Blvd. North side of the street.**
- 11. Ramona Avenue from Brighton to Power Inn Road. West and north side of the street. Cucamonga Avenue from Ramona to Power Inn Road.**
- 12. North 5th Street from Richards Blvd. to the American River.**