



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: April 10, 2012

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Engineering Division, Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Acceptance Of A Public Utility Easement At 515 Conejo Road

RECOMMENDATION: That Council:

- A. Approve and authorize the Public Works Director to execute an Easement Purchase Agreement with Ronald J. Faoro and Elizabeth Faoro, co-trustees of Faoro Living Trust, November 20, 2009, for the purchase of a nonexclusive public utility easement on a portion of the real property commonly known as 515 Conejo Road (Assessor's Parcel No. 019-062-009), in the amount of \$17,120; and
- B. Adopt, by reading of title only, A Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Accepting a Nonexclusive Public Utility Easement Located on a Portion of the Real Property Commonly Known as 515 Conejo Road, Santa Barbara County Assessor's Parcel No. 019-062-009.

DISCUSSION:

Due to heavy rains last year, the Conejo Landslide mass has seen a significant increase in movement that is jeopardizing underground sewer pipelines in the lower section of Conejo Road. To prevent disruption to wastewater service for customers in the area, staff has been closely monitoring the sewer pipes that would be potentially affected by the earth's movement.

In pursuit of a reliable solution to provide ongoing wastewater service, staff identified two locations to realign the existing sewer pipes across private property at 515 Conejo Road and 523 Conejo Road and out of the active slide area. Staff contacted both property owners and negotiated an acceptable purchase agreement in the amount of \$17,120 with the owners of 515 Conejo Road for an easement along their southerly property line. The location of the public utility easement is depicted on the Attachment.

Relocation of the sewer pipes within this easement allows for interception of wastewater at a manhole located uphill from the active slide mass boundary. The wastewater will be carried down through the easement to the sewer main in Conejo Lane. This design will increase the reliability of wastewater service to the residents and will take

wastewater flows from approximately 35 homes, redirecting it out of the active landslide area. There are nine properties (five are developed) located within the slide mass area, or immediately adjacent to it, that will require additional system modifications that are not yet fully defined. Staff is actively working to find the best solution that balances maintenance, environmental protection, reliability, and cost.

NEXT STEPS:

Following execution of this agreement, staff will complete the design of the sewer main, bid the project, and return to Council for award of a construction contract. Once staff has resolved how the remaining nine properties can or will continue to be served, staff will take appropriate action for Council approval.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

There are sufficient funds in the Wastewater Capital Program to cover the purchase of this easement.

ATTACHMENT: Diagram Showing the Location of Easement on 515 Conejo Road

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APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office

