



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: May 22, 2012

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Engineering Division, Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Acceptance Of Easements For Waterline Construction In Sycamore Vista And Canon View Roads

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopt, by reading of title only, A Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Accepting Easements for the Construction, Use and Maintenance of Public Waterlines, and for All Necessary Appurtenances, Including Any Necessary Water Service Connections, and for All Related Purposes on Portions of Certain Real Properties Commonly Known as 557, 570, 575, 585, 595, and 598 Sycamore Vista Road; 151 and 161 Sierra Vista Road; and 62, 85, 125, 150, and 155 Canon View Road.

DISCUSSION:

As shown on the attached map (Attachment 1), Sycamore Vista Road and Canon View Road are private residential roads located within Santa Barbara County outside the City's limits. The City began serving water to the residents in this area via six-inch cast iron water mains constructed in the 1950s by the developer/sub-divider under a water service agreement authorized by the City Council.

Since the 1980s, the City's water mains have been progressively compromised by the recurrent landslides of certain hillside areas above Sycamore Canyon Road and Ranchito Vista Road, most notably by the significant landslides that occurred during the 2004-2005 rainy season. Since that time, the City has delivered domestic water service to the residents via a temporary 2-inch above-ground copper waterline, which supplies water service to the impacted homes, but is inadequate for fire protection and long-term water service.

To restore the pre-landslide level of service, a design has been completed for a new six-inch waterline that will provide water for more reliable fire protection and domestic service to the area residents (Attachment 2). The waterline will extend from Sycamore Canyon Road, up Sycamore Vista Road, across the recently repaired landslide area, and will terminate at a fire hydrant on Canon View Road.

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The original waterline easements in this area were granted to the City in 1951 by the sub-divider of the lots in the Eucalyptus Knolls Tract, F. M. Nalley. At that time, a public utilities easement was granted to the City for the placement of facilities within the private roads within the Eucalyptus Knolls Tract, including Canon View Road. However, no waterline easements were granted to the City within the private road known as Sycamore Vista Road.

Each of the existing property owners in the project area was asked to sign new waterline easements for the following reasons:

- a) The properties underlying the private roads and areas where the new waterline will be constructed are now owned by individual owners, rather than by the sub-divider of the Eucalyptus Knolls Tract.
- b) There does not appear to be a City waterline easement within the affected portion of Sycamore Vista Road.
- c) To raise awareness among the property owners that easements on all affected areas and private road frontages are needed for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the waterline.

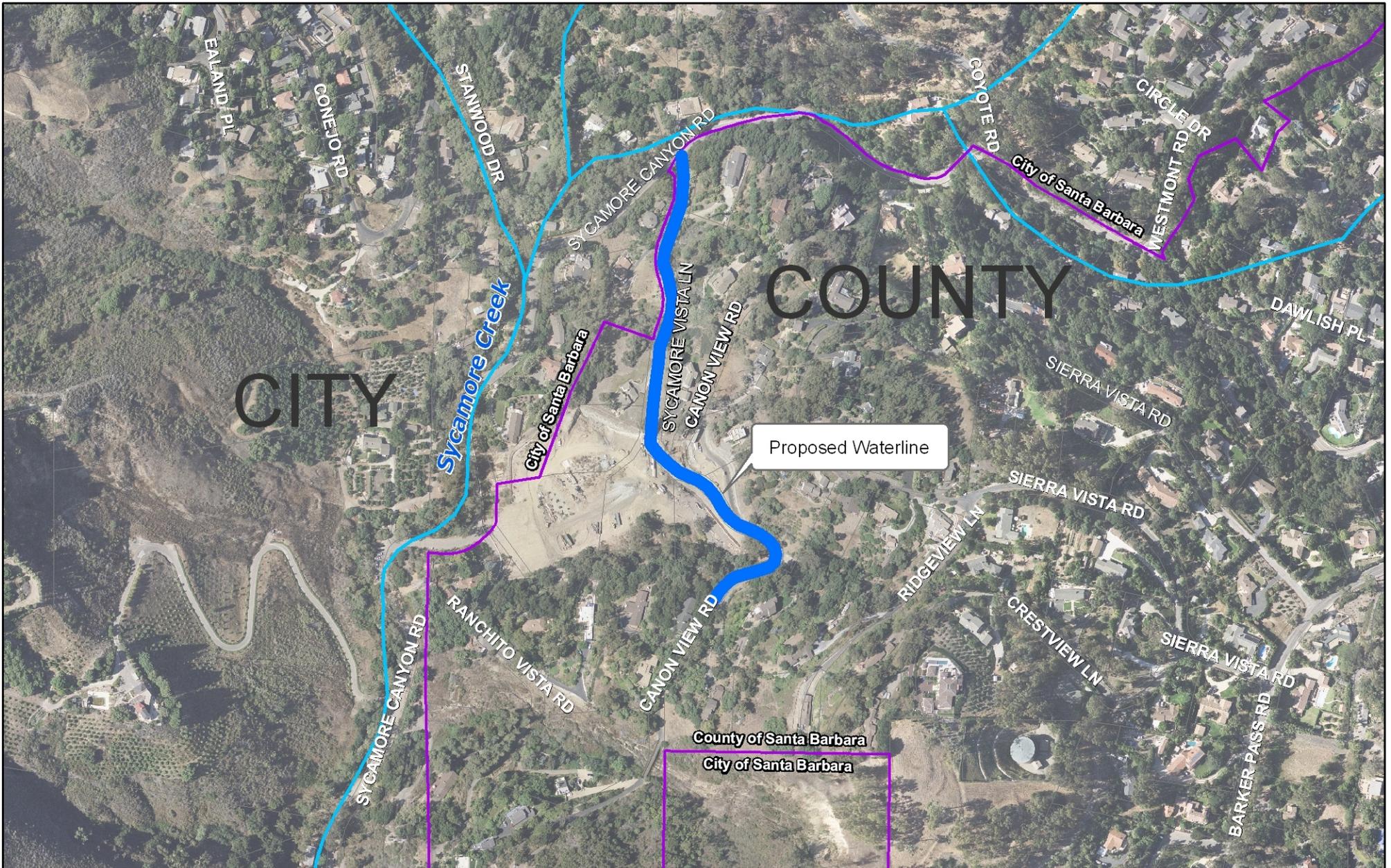
The proposed Resolution will accept the various easements contained in the separate Waterline Easement Deeds signed by the affected property owners, which will enable the construction of the new water main to provide continuing domestic and fire protection service to the residential area. In addition, the property owners in the project area have each signed and delivered to the City a temporary Right-of-Entry which permits construction of the new waterline and appurtenances on their real property.

ATTACHMENTS: 1. Vicinity Map
2. Proposed Water System

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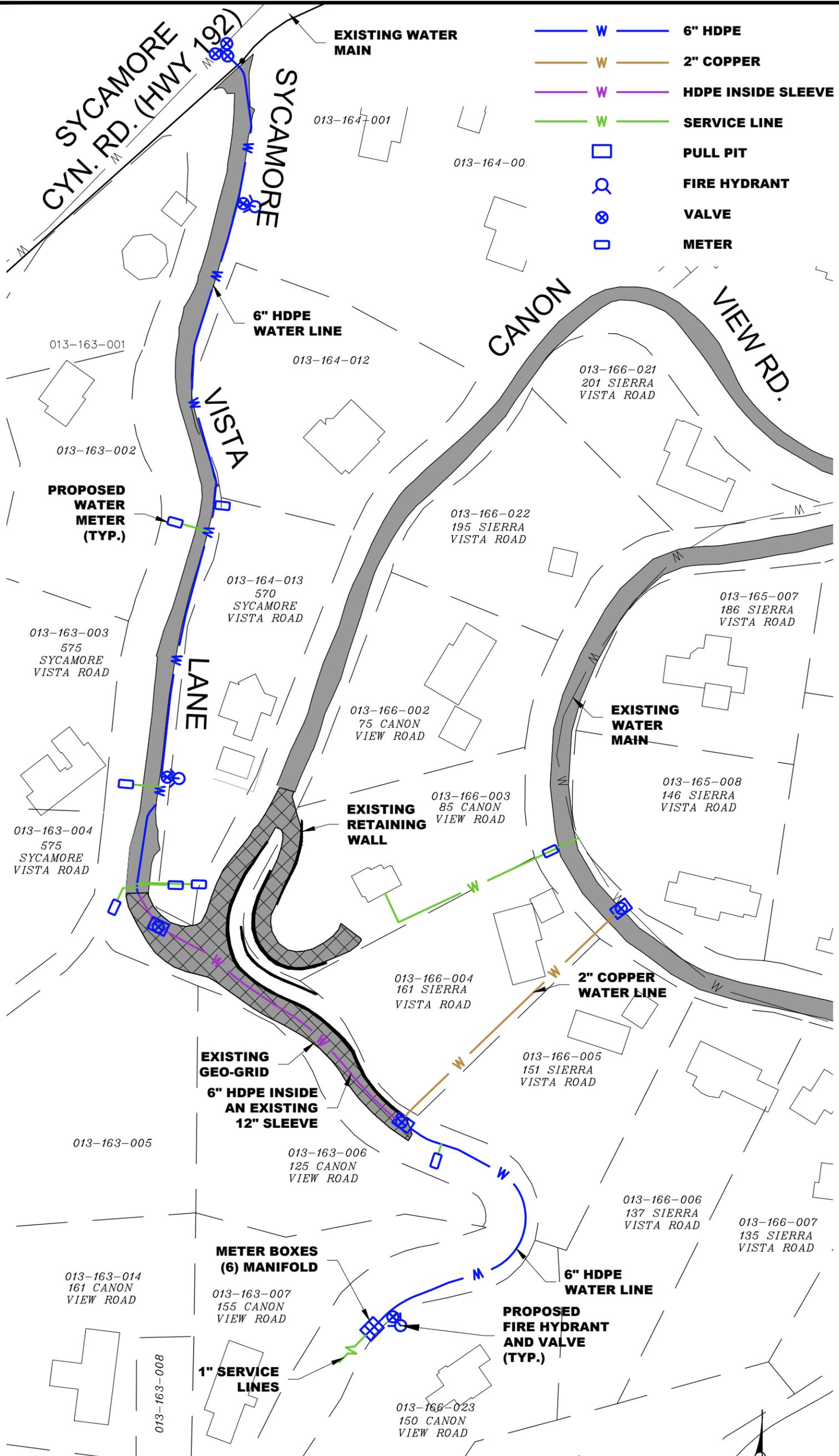
SUBMITTED BY: Christine F. Andersen, Public Works Director

APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office



Vicinity Map of Sycamore Vista Waterline Project





**EXHIBIT 1:
SYCAMORE VISTA /
CANON VIEW
PROPOSED WATER SYSTEM**

**MAY 31, 2011
SCALE 1" = 100'**

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