

TO: James L. App, City Manager
FROM: Doug Monn, Public Works Director
SUBJECT: Resolution Amending an Established Undergrounding District for Overhead Utilities
DATE: September 16, 2008

Needs: For the City Council to consider the attached resolution amending an established undergrounding district within the City of Paso Robles.

Facts:

1. The City of Paso Robles accrues funds through Pacific Gas and Electric Company for the purpose of undergrounding of utilities. These are commonly referred to as Rule 20-A Funds.
2. Rule 20-A Funds must be used to address blight or safety issues. They cannot be used in conjunction with a development project.
3. As of January 1, 2008 the City has approximately \$1.1 million in Rule 20-A Funds available.
4. The City Council may allocate these funds for the undergrounding of overhead utilities provided they have established Undergrounding Districts.
5. In August 2004, a resolution was adopted which created Undergrounding District No. 5 extending from the north side of 10th Street to the south side of 9th Street; and from the west side of Spring Street to the east side of Park Street. This location is no longer a priority as private development has undergrounded the overhead utilities.
6. As a result, City staff proposes amending the location of Undergrounding District No. 5. The recommended location would be Riverside Avenue from 10th to 24th.

Analysis and Conclusion: The revised location of Undergrounding District No. 5 would allow the City to underground the overhead utilities along Riverside Avenue from 10th to 24th.

Policy Reference: None

Fiscal Impact: The revised location of Undergrounding District No. 5 would not impact the General Fund.

Options:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 08-xx:
 - a) setting a public hearing to amend the area of Undergrounding District No. 5 to Riverside Avenue from 10th to 24th; and
 - b) directing staff to notify adjacent property owners of the public hearing.
2. Amend, modify, or reject the above option.

Attachments:
Resolution
Location Map
Property Owner Notice
Notice of Public Hearing

RESOLUTION NO. 08-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES
AMENDING AN ESTABLISHED DISTRICT FOR THE
UNDERGROUNDING OF OVERHEAD UTILITIES

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles desires to have certain utilities underground;
and

WHEREAS, the City Council established Underground Utilities District No. 5 in August 2004 encompassing
the area from the north side of 10th Street to the south side of 9th Street, and from the west side of Spring
Street to the east side of Park Street; and

WHEREAS, City staff has proposed amending the location of Undergrounding District No. 5, with the
revised area being Riverside Avenue from 10th Street to 24th Street; and

WHEREAS, the City Council needs to adopt this Resolution to set the time and place for a public hearing to
receive comments from adjacent property owners for establishing an Underground District.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

SECTION 1. The City Council of Paso Robles does hereby set a Public Hearing to consider amending
established Underground Utility District No. 5 by designating the new location to be Riverside Avenue
from 10th Street to 24th Street.

SECTION 2 The Public Hearing shall take place in the City Hall/Library Conference Room located at
1000 Spring Street, Paso Robles, California.

SECTION 3 The date and time of the Public Hearing shall be Tuesday, October 21, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

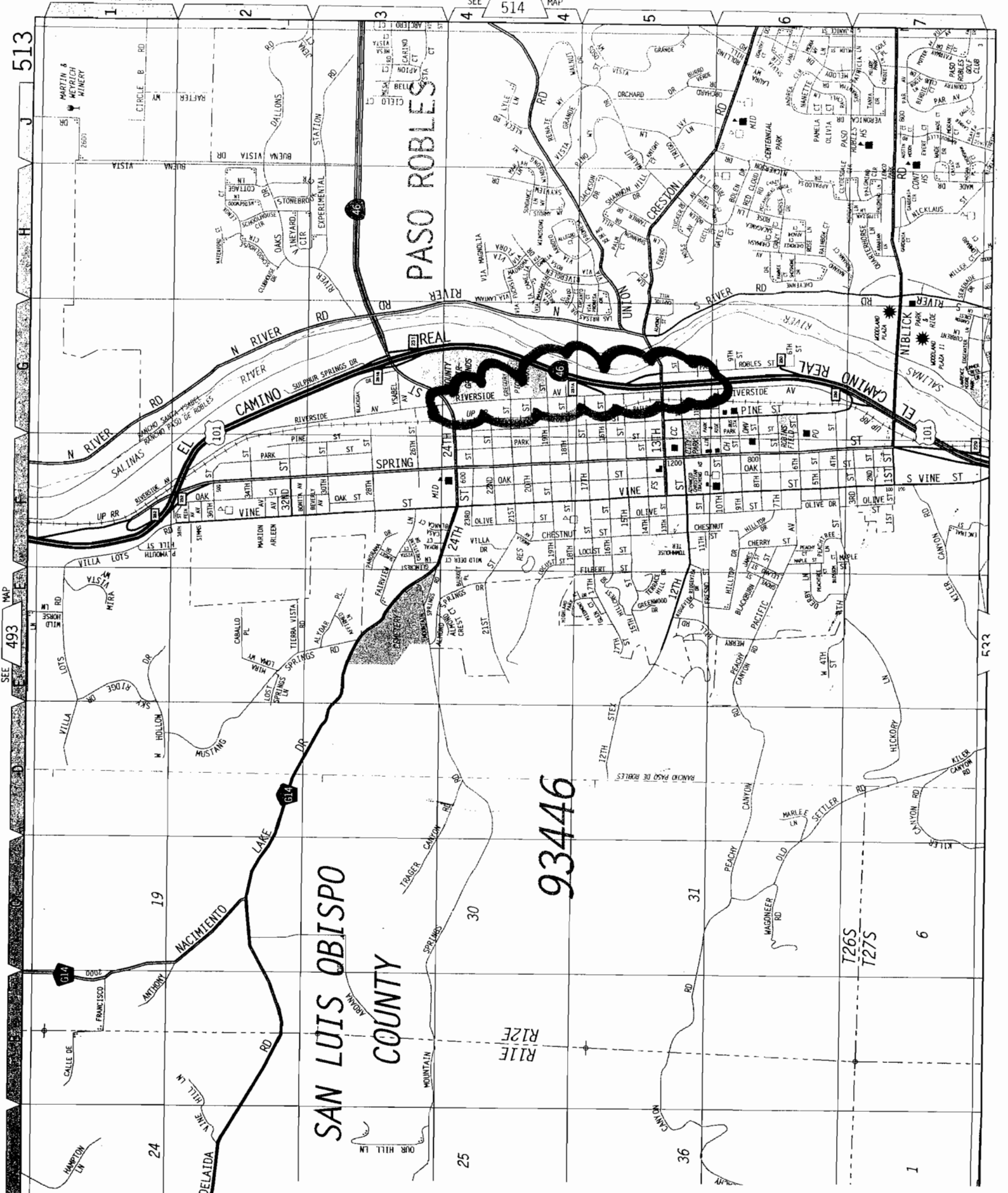
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Paso Robles this 16th day of September
2008 by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

Frank R. Mecham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deborah D. Robinson, Deputy City Clerk



PROPOSED UNDERGROUNDING DISTRICT

ALONG RIVERSIDE FROM 10TH TO 24TH

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SEE MAP 493



Dear Property Owner:

We are sending you this notice to inform you that on October 21, 2007, the Paso Robles City Council will be considering the formation of an undergrounding utility district consisting of the area along Riverside Avenue from 10th to 24th.

The purpose of forming such a district is to allow the City to use Rule 20A funds set aside by the Public Utilities Commission for the purpose of undergrounding the overhead utilities. If the utilities presently serving your property are overhead you will need to convert to an underground service in conjunction with the relocation of the utilities in the public way. Typically, this requires conduits to be extended underground from the electrical, cable television and phone services on your building to a designated connection point at the curb line of the street. Arrangements for switchovers are coordinated by the utility companies and the underground contractor in advance of any actual switch over taking place. Funds of up to \$1,500 per service will be available for undergrounding.

If approved, the completion date for the undergrounding would be on or before January 1, 2011.

The official Notice of Public Hearing reads as follows:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles will hold a Public Hearing to consider a request by the City of Paso Robles to amend an established Undergrounding District Area No. 5 for Utility Undergrounding, by designating the district area to be Riverside Avenue from 10th Street to 24th Street.

This hearing will take place in the City Hall/Library Conference Room, 1000 Spring Street, Paso Robles, California, at the hour of 7:30 PM on Tuesday, October 21, 2008, at which time all interested parties may appear and be heard.

Comments on the proposed project may be mailed to the Public Works Department, Attn: Ditas Esperanza, P.E., Capital Projects Manager, 1000 Spring Street, Paso Robles, CA 93446, provided that such comments are received prior to the time of the hearing.

If you challenge the project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or the formation of the district, please contact this office at (805) 237-3861.

Sincerely,

Ditas Esperanza, P.E.
Capital Projects Engineer

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
UNDERGROUND UTILITIES DISTRICT NO. 5

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PLEASE PUBLISH 1 TIME: WEDNESDAY, October 8, 2008