

MEETING DATE: 6/8/2016

TITLE:

Master Underground Plan (MUP) and CCMC Chapter 8.30 Underground Wires

FROM:

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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff will make a presentation to the City Council in order to receive comments and direction for updating Resolution No. 90-94 and the Cathedral City Municipal Code (CCMC) 8.30 "Underground Wires."

BACKGROUND:

In 1990 the City Council adopted Resolution No.90-94 which adopted the Master Underground Program (MUP) and established a fee to fund the implementation of the MUP pursuant to Cathedral City Municipal Code (CCMC) 8.30 "Underground Wires."

The MUP created a building fee of \$0.15 per square foot of total floor area of all new construction and also created a priority schedule to further the City's electrical utility undergrounding effort.

Title 8 Chapter 8.30 Section 8.30.060 of the CCMC provides that "The city shall prepare and amend, from time to time, a Master Undergrounding Plan (M.U.P.) which shall show all community lines and Regional Transmission Lines which require undergrounding."

DISCUSSION:

The City has had a number of development submittal inquiries which involve parcels that have power pole(s) within and/or abutting the parcel. Most of the parcels in question are considered "infill projects" that are generally smaller than larger master planned projects.

City Staff, in its review of these development applications with respect to the MUP, are finding that the MUP needs to be updated with regard to several issues, and not limited to the following discussion points:

- The fee for funding the MUP is based on costs that are outdated and have since risen significantly.
- The practicality of undergrounding specific overhead utilities within the MUP outlined corridors.
- The ability to underground overhead utilities' "under burden" on specific overhead utilities.

- Participation in undergrounding of specific overhead utilities.
- Rule 20A funds

Staff will also present investigation results of what neighboring Cities require with regard to undergrounding.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact at this time

ATTACHMENTS:

1. CCMC Chapter 8:30 "Underground Wires"
2. Resolution No. 90-94