



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: June 4, 2019

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

☐ 4/5 Vote Required

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SONOMA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, STATING ITS INTENT TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO REVISE THE BOUNDARY OF THE PREVIOUSLY-ESTABLISHED FREESTONE UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT No. 1 AND SETTING A DATE AND TIME FOR SAME

Whereas, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) authorizes electric and telecommunication utilities to convert overhead utility lines and facilities to underground facilities pursuant to Electric Rule 20 and Telecommunication Rule 32; and

Whereas, pursuant to certain criteria, CPUC rules allow participating cities and counties to establish legislation authorizing the creation of underground utility districts within which existing overhead electric and telecommunication distribution and service facilities will be converted to underground; and

Whereas, the County of Sonoma, has adopted an ordinance, codified as Chapter 25A - Underground Utilities of the County Municipal Code, which authorizes the County Board of Supervisors to designate areas within which all existing overhead poles, overhead wires and overhead equipment associated with the distribution of electric power, telecommunication services and cable television should be removed and replaced with underground wires and facilities; and

Whereas, the Board of Supervisors conducted a public hearing on June 8, 1999, and per its Resolution 99-0725, approved the establishment of the Freestone Underground Utilities District No. 1; and

Whereas, based on specifics of the current undergrounding project design, certain property areas will be needed for the project whereas another area is no longer needed. In light of Electric Rule 20 funding program ("Rule 20A") conditions and other requirements, project boundaries must coincide with the corresponding underground utility district boundaries. PG & E accordingly has requested that the Freestone Underground Utilities District No. 1 boundary be revised in order to conform to the project design; and

Whereas, the proposed boundary revision appears reasonable and necessary for, and in furtherance of, funding and implementing the undergrounding for which the Freestone Underground Utilities District No. 1 was formed, and therefore would be in furtherance of the public interests served by the District; and

Whereas, public hearings are required under County Code Chapter 25A for matters of underground utility district formation, and public hearing will afford opportunity for any interested or affected parties to be heard regarding revision of existing underground utility district boundaries;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Board of Supervisors that:

1. The Board of Supervisors intends to adopt a resolution to revise the boundary of the previously-established Freestone Underground Utilities District No. 1, to include the remainder of two existing parcels within the District boundary and to remove an existing parcel area from the District, as otherwise explained and depicted in the Summary and Exhibit presented to the Board in support of this Resolution.
2. A public hearing on this matter will be held July 9, 2019, at or after 8:45 a.m., to hear comment and further consider the proposed boundary revisions; and
3. The Clerk of the Board is directed to publish the Notice of Public Hearing in a newspaper of general circulation at least twice with the first publication at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the hearing and at least five (5) days in between publications, and as may otherwise be required.

Supervisors:

Gorin: Zane: Gore: Hopkins: Rabbitt:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.