

STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: December 19, 2023

CATEGORY: Consent Calendar {{item.number}}

SUBJECT: Find the PG&E overhead transmission line easement (Easement) categorically exempt in conformance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15301 – Existing Facilities (14 CCR § 15301) and adopt a resolution which approves the Easement for an existing transmission line which overhangs County property for the sum of \$1,600, finds that the Easement is in the public interest and will not substantially conflict or interfere with the use of the property by the County, and that the proposed value is fair and reasonable.

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT #: District 5

DEPARTMENT CONTACT: Troy Bartolomei, Interim Director of Public Works, (530) 225-5661

STAFF REPORT APPROVED BY: Troy Bartolomei, Interim Director of Public Works

<u>Vote Required?</u>	<u>General Fund Impact?</u>
Simple Majority Vote	No General Fund Impact

RECOMMENDATION

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DISCUSSION

During work on an existing overhead transmission line long West Anderson Drive, PG&E determined there was no easement for the portion of the line which overhangs county-owned land, Assessor's Parcel Number 202-100-070. PG&E has made an offer to purchase an overhead transmission line easement over this land for \$1,600. The easement will contain approximately 75,070 square feet, as shown on Exhibit "A", of the easement.

The overhead transmission line currently exists and crosses County-owned land and, therefore, it is in the public's interest to memorialize PG&E's obligations to maintain the line and indemnify the County for failure to maintain the line. Further, the easement is in an area of the County property not currently used and it will not impact access or conflict with or substantially interfere with use of that portion of the property by County because the line already existed.

ALTERNATIVES

The Board may decline to sell the easement to PG&E. PG&E's overhead transmission line will remain in place without an easement. Failing to approve the sale limits PG&E's obligations to maintain the line and fails to indemnify the County for failure to maintain the line.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

County Counsel has approved the easement document as to form. Risk Management has approved the easement document. The recommendation has been reviewed by the County Administrative Office.

FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient appropriations to administer the easement sale are included in the Adopted Fiscal Year 2023-24 Roads Budget. Gas Tax revenue will cover the costs.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1: Draft Resolution
- 2: Exhibit 1
- 3: Easement Deed