

May 21, 2003

Honorable Mayor and Members of  
the Hermosa Beach City Council

Regular Meeting of  
May 27, 2003

**ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF PETITION TO START UNDERGROUND  
UTILITY DISTRICT PROCESS IN THE AREA FROM AVIATION BLVD. SOUTH  
TO 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY TO THE EASTERN CITY  
LIMITS OR PROSPECT**

**Recommendation:**

That the City Council acknowledge receipt of the petition to start the underground utility district process from the described area; and,

Direct staff to obtain a cost estimate from SCE, Verizon and Adelphia to perform the preliminary engineering and feasibility review and return to the City Council with the information.

**Background:**

I have received a petition from property owners in the described area to start the process of undergrounding the utility services in the area. As you know, the first step is to obtain a cost from SCE and the other utilities to perform the preliminary engineering. The City has, in the past, paid for this work and then has been reimbursed from proceeds from the successful district.

The proposed area is larger than the others that we have been involved in before. There may be some additional streets that will want to be included and, assuming they bring in their petition soon, they could be added. It is also possible, based on utility system requirements, that the areas would need to be expanded. This can also be done after the preliminary engineering is done.

Staff will work with utilities on getting a cost to do the preliminary engineering and return to the City Council with a recommendation to appropriate funds to accomplish the work.

A copy of the petition is available for review in my office. The petition contains the 60% signature requirement set up by City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen R. Burrell  
City Manager