

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Date: November 7, 2001

Board Meeting Date: November 20, 2001

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors
FROM: Neil R. Cullen, Director of Public Works
SUBJECT: **Mirada Road Underground Utility District – Half Moon Bay Area**

RECOMMENDATION

After holding a public hearing, adopt a resolution establishing an underground utility district on Mirada Road from approximately Medio Avenue to Alameda Avenue.

Previous Board Action

Adopted a resolution fixing a time and place for a public hearing on the formation of an underground utility district on Mirada Road.

Key Facts

1. We are proposing to underground utilities as part of the project to install a pedestrian bridge over the Arroyo de en Medio on Mirada Road in order to improve the existing coastal path in this area.
2. Undergrounding utilities will facilitate construction and improve the views from the path. The cost of undergrounding utilities can also be used as the “local match” required for the TEA grant.
3. Section 4.40 et. seq. of the County Ordinance Code requires a public hearing before an underground utility district can be formed.

Discussion

We are currently working with the Planning staff of the Environmental Services Agency to process the necessary environmental documents and to obtain a Coastal Development Permit for the proposed pedestrian bridge over the Arroyo de en Medio on Mirada Road. We have also worked with P.G. & E. to remove the overhead utility wires to facilitate construction and to improve the visual appearance of the area. The district as proposed covers the unincorporated area from approximately Medio Avenue to Alameda Avenue, and all the poles (approximately six [6]) in the unincorporated area will be removed. Guy or support poles are located on the opposite side of Mirada Road within the corporate limits of the City of Half Moon Bay, and we will work with the City to also have these poles removed. Electric transformers will be located above ground in cabinets, which is allowed by PUC 20A rules.

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The conversion of any electrical service on private property, except for up to 100 feet of trench, electrical conductor and conduit to provide electrical service to a property, is the responsibility of the property owner and notices were sent to affected property owners in the area indicating the impact of the proposed underground utility district and notifying them of the public hearing. However, all the properties in the proposed district except one are currently served via underground service from the utility poles, and therefore we do not anticipate that these property owners will incur any costs associated with this proposed district.

Fiscal Impact

The cost for undergrounding all overhead facilities within the road right-of-way and up to 100 feet of trench, electrical conductor and conduit on private property to provide electrical service to a property is estimated at \$105,000 and is proposed to be financed with the County's PUC 20A funds or by the utility service providers.

The proposed pedestrian bridge is estimated to cost \$148,000 and will be initially financed with 1/2 Cent Transportation funds. TEA funds in the amount of \$148,000 which are received on a reimbursable basis will be used to reimburse the ½ Cent Transportation Fund.

There is no impact to the General Fund.

A form of resolution has been approved by County Counsel.



Neil R. Cullen
Director of Public Works

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cc: Milt Mares, County Counsel

Resolution No. _____

Board of Supervisors, County of San Mateo, State of California

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**Resolution Establishing an Underground Utility District on Mirada Road from
Approximately Medio Avenue to Alameda Avenue in the Half Moon Bay Area**

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, this Board is authorized to form underground utility districts after holding a public hearing in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.40 et. seq. of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code; and

WHEREAS, this Board by adopting Resolution No. 64881 authorized a public hearing to held Tuesday, November 20, 2001, at 9:15 a.m., to determine whether the public necessity, health, safety or welfare require the formation of an Underground Utility District on Mirada Road (District) and the removal of poles, overhead wires and associated overhead structures within the area, said District being shown on that certain plat entitled "Map Showing Proposed Boundary for Underground Utility District for Mirada Road," as shown on Exhibit "A" and described in Exhibit "B" attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, a notice of said hearing has been given to all affected property owners as shown on the last equalized assessment roll and to all utilities concerned in the manner and within the time required by law; and

WHEREAS, said hearing has been duly and regularly held and all persons interested have been given an opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, this Board has considered the testimony given at said hearing and any written comments relative to the formation of said District that have been received:

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that:

1. The establishment of the Underground Utility District on Mirada Road as previously described is in the general public interest as the undergrounding of electric, communication, or similar or associated facilities to be accomplished as a result of the formation of said District pursuant to Section 4.40 et. seq. of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code, an Ordinance of the County of San Mateo establishing regulations and procedures for the removal of overhead utility facilities and the installation of underground facilities in Underground Utility District, will avoid or eliminate an unusually heavy concentration of overhead electric, communication or similar or associated distribution facilities, in addition to improving the scenic value of the area for the benefit of the general public.

2. The public necessity, health, safety, and welfare require the establishment of an underground utility district pursuant to said Ordinance which Underground Utility District shall be within a certain portion of unincorporated Half Moon Bay as more particularly shown on that certain map entitled "Map Showing Proposed Boundary for Underground Utility District for Mirada Road," which Underground Utility District shall be, and is hereby, established in the area described herein and as shown on said map, which Underground Utility District shall be designated "Underground Utility District for – Mirada Road in the Half Moon Bay Area."

3. The public necessity, health, safety and welfare require the removal of poles, overhead wires and associated structures, and the underground installation of wires and facilities for supplying electric, communication or similar or associated service in the Underground Utility District hereinabove described.

4. April 14, 2002, is hereby fixed as the date by which all affected property owners within said area must be ready to receive underground utility service, unless the County shall, at a later date, reduce or extend the time herein provided. The County does hereby order the removal of all poles, overhead wires and associated overhead structures, and the underground installation of wires and facilities for supplying electric, communication or similar or associated service within Underground Utility District for - Mirada Road in the Half Moon Bay Area by July 14, 2002, unless the County shall, at a later date, reduce or extend said time.

5. Should the County reduce the time established in Section 4 hereof within which the affected property owners and the utility companies are to be ready to receive or complete the installation of underground utility services, the property owners and utilities affected by said reduction of time shall be given supplemental notice of the date prior to which the property owners are to be ready and the utility companies are to have completed the underground services, at least ninety (90) days in advance of said date. Should the County extend the time for the property owners or utilities to be ready to receive, or to complete, the underground facilities, the affected property owners and utilities shall be notified of the date to which the time has been extended at least sixty (60) days prior to the date fixed in Section 4 hereof.

6. The electric utility undertaking underground installation of its facilities shall use the underground conversion allocation computed pursuant to decisions of the Public Utilities Commission in the State of California for the purpose of providing to each premise in

the district requiring it, a maximum of 100 feet of individual electric service trenching and conductor (as well as backfill, paving and conduit, if required). Each property owner in this district shall be responsible for the installation and maintenance of the conduit and termination box located on, under, or within any structure on the premises served.

7. The Director of Public Works will hereby cause notification to be given to all affected utilities and all persons owning real property within Underground Utility District for - Mirada Road in the Half Moon Bay Area of the adoption of this Resolution within ten (10) days after the date of such adoption. The Director of Public Works shall further cause notification to be given to said property owners of the necessity that if they or any person occupying such property lying within any subdistrict hereinafter established desire to continue to receive electric, communication or other similar or associated service, they or such occupant shall, by the date fixed in this Resolution as it relates to any such subdistrict or by the date subsequently fixed for any other subdistrict or subdistricts, or at the time fixed in any reduction or extension of said date or dates, provide all necessary facility changes on their premises so as to receive such service from the lines of the supplying utility or utilities at a new location, subject to applicable rules, regulations and tariffs or the respective utility or utilities on file with the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California. Such notification shall be made by mailing a copy of this Resolution, together with a copy of said Ordinance, to all affected property owners as such are shown on the last equalized assessment roll, and to the affected utilities, and by mailing a copy of subsequent Resolutions establishing subdistricts to all property owners and utilities affected by the establishment of any subdistricts.

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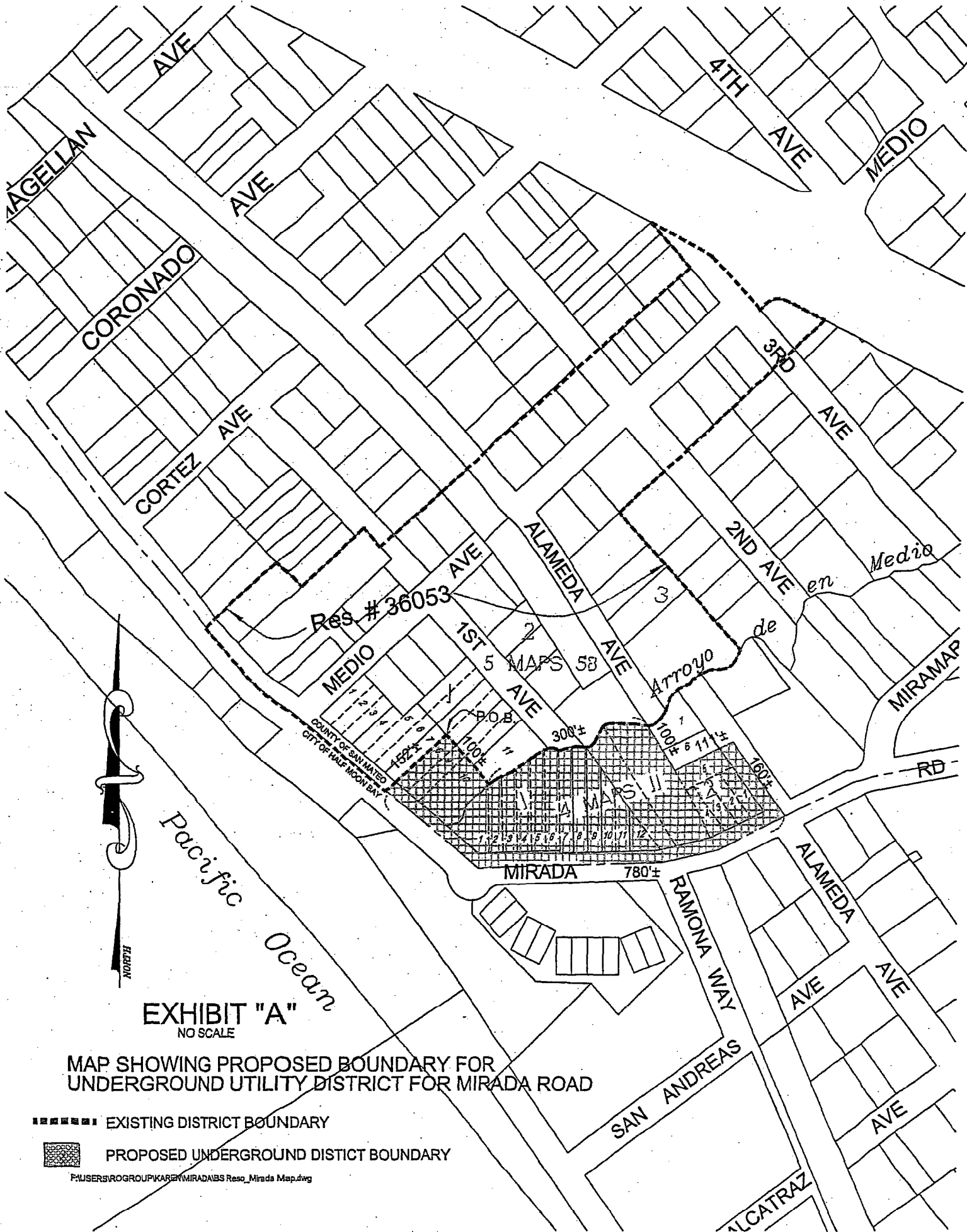


EXHIBIT "A"
NO SCALE

MAP SHOWING PROPOSED BOUNDARY FOR UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT FOR MIRADA ROAD

- EXISTING DISTRICT BOUNDARY
- ▨ PROPOSED UNDERGROUND DISTRICT BOUNDARY

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EXHIBIT "B"

PROPOSED BOUNDARY FOR UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT FOR MIRADA ROAD

Beginning at the northerly corner of Lot 8, Block 1 as said Lot and Block are shown on the map entitled "Map of Brophy's Beach, Half Moon Bay, San Mateo County", filed in the office of the County Recorder of San Mateo County, State of California on January 20, 1908 in Book 5 of Maps at Page 58; said point also being an angle point in the Underground Utility District established by Resolution No. 36053 passed and adopted on May 18, 1976; Thence from said Point of Beginning southeasterly along the northeasterly line of Lot 8 and continuing the northeasterly line of Lots 9 and 10, Block 1 and said district boundaries 100 feet more or less to the centerline of Arroyo en Medio as shown on the map entitled "Map of Miramar Beach", filed in the office of the County Recorder of San Mateo County, State of California on February 19, 1906 in Book "B" of maps at Page 55 and copied into Book 4 of Maps at Page 11; Thence northeasterly along said Arroyo de en Medio and said district boundaries 300 feet more or less to the intersection with the northwesterly prolongation of the southwesterly line of Lot 7, Block 2, as shown on said map; Thence leaving said district boundary, southeasterly along said northwesterly prolongation and continuing along the southwesterly line of Lot 7 and Lot 6, 100 feet more or less to the intersection with the northwesterly line of Lot 5, Block 2; Thence northeasterly along said line and its northeasterly prolongation 111 feet more or less to the centerline of Alameda Avenue (50 feet in width) as shown on said map; Thence southeasterly along said centerline 160 feet more or less to the centerline of Mirada Road (formerly called Balboa Boulevard) and a point in the city limit line of Half Moon Bay, as established City of Half Moon Bay Resolution No. 5-59 passed and adopted on July 15, 1959; Thence in a general southwesterly and northwesterly direction along said centerline of Mirada Road and continuing along said city limits as established by said Resolution 5-59 and Resolution No. 7-74, passed and adopted by the City of Half Moon Bay on January 22, 1964 a distance of 780 feet more or less to the intersection thereof with the southwesterly prolongation of the northwesterly line of said Lot 8, Block 1 (5 MAP 58) and an angle point in said district boundaries; Thence northeasterly along said prolongation and continuing along said northwesterly line and said district boundary, 152 feet more or less to the northerly corner of said Lot 8 and the Point of Beginning.