



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: November 12, 2019

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TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve a Grant of Easement between Washoe County (Grantor) and Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy (Grantee) for the construction, maintenance and repair of utility facilities, over, under, across and through a portion of Washoe County property APN 530-931-13, located between the end of Calle de la Plata Road and Sha Neva Road in Sparks, Nevada. (Commission District 4.)

SUMMARY

NV Energy has proposed locating a new electric power line across an existing stormwater drainage channel owned by Washoe County. The property, APN 530-931-13, is located between the ends of Calle de la Plata Road and Sha Neva Roads in Sparks, Nevada, immediately south of the Martin Murrieta Sand and Gravel pit. The construction of the underground electric power line on Washoe County property requires a Grant of Easement between Washoe County (Grantor) and NV Energy (Grantee). NV Energy will be solely responsible for the operation and maintenance of the new electrical power line and will also be responsible for any impacts, immediate or future, to the area associated with the power line crossing within the existing drainage channel.

The Washoe County property is completely encumbered with the stormwater drainage channel and associated access road. Existing utility crossings are present and staff fully supports the use of this portion of the property for the construction of the new powerline.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Safe, secure and healthy communities.

PREVIOUS ACTION

None related to these easements.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

BACKGROUND

NV Energy recently approached the Washoe County Engineering and Capital Projects division of the Community Services Department to request the granting of an easement for a new electric power line in the Spanish Springs area. This easement is an extension of the existing easement NV Energy, recorded in 2005 by document number 3257797. Specifically, the electric power line will be located on a property owned by Washoe County, immediately north of the Spanish Springs Regional Airport between the end of Calle de la Plata and the end of Sha Neva Road in Sparks, Nevada.

The land identified for the electric power line is owned by Washoe County and is completely encumbered with an existing stormwater drainage channel and access road for service vehicles. NV Energy has proposed that a portion of the new electric power line be constructed below the bottom of the drainage channel and cross at a right angle.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve a Grant of Easement between Washoe County (Grantor) and Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy (Grantee) for the construction, maintenance and repair of utility facilities, over, under, across and through a portion of Washoe County property APN 530-931-13, located between the end of Calle de la Plata Road and Sha Neva Road in Sparks, Nevada.

POSSIBLE MOTION

If the Board agrees with staff's recommendation, a possible motion could be, "Move to approve a Grant of Easement between Washoe County (Grantor) and Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy (Grantee) for the construction, maintenance and repair of utility facilities, over, under, across and through a portion of Washoe County property APN 530-931-13, located between the end of Calle de la Plata Road and Sha Neva Road in Sparks, Nevada."