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AGENDA: MARCH 14, 2000

February 29, 2000

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

701 Ocean Street

Santa Cruz, California 95060

SUBJECT: RULE 20A UNDERGROUND UTILITY PROJECTS SCHEDULE

Members of the Board:

Section "A" of the California Public Utilities Commission's Electric Rule 20 required electric utility companies to allocate a portion of the electric rates collected in California to the state's cities and counties to underground overhead utilities. This provision has enabled Santa Cruz County to undertake a number of such projects over the past several years. By agreement with the County Supervisors Association of California, the League of California Cities, and Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) your Board has adopted annual resolutions assigning Rule 20A funds to specific projects.

Presented herewith for your consideration is our annual Rule 20A project schedule update. The status of the current scheduled projects is as follows:

1. PORTOLA DRIVE - 35TH AVENUE TO 41ST AVENUE

Construction of underground utility facilities has been completed. We now are working with PG&E to complete street lighting improvements along this route.

2. DAVENPORT - CENTRAL AREA

Davenport County Sanitation District will complete the sewer project in early 2000. Design of underground utility facilities has been completed by PG&E. Public Works is working with PG&E to finish the design for street lights and finalize right of way requirements. Construction of the undergrounding project is projected to commence in the third quarter of 2000. Estimated cost is \$800,000.

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3. SEACLIFF - COMMERCIAL AREA

The exact underground district boundaries and resolution have not been established yet. PG&E and Public Works are scheduled to finalize the boundaries for the underground project in February. Business owners in the area have expressed concern regarding the costs to convert building electrical services to underground power distribution. If the businesses support the project and Rule 20A findings can be made to establish the district, preliminary engineering is projected to begin in the second quarter of 2000, with construction in the fourth quarter of 2000. Estimated cost is \$550,000.

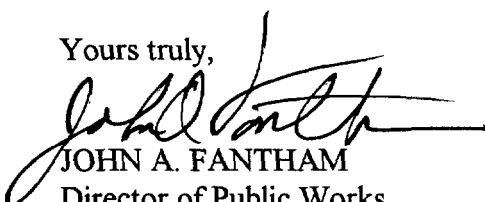
4. EAST CLIFF DRIVE - 12TH AVENUE TO 18TH AVENUE

The exact boundaries and resolution have not been established yet and could be extended to include 5th to 12th Avenue. Preliminary engineering is projected to begin later this year, and construction to begin in 2001. Estimated cost is \$500,000 (based on present boundaries).

All of the dates above are subject to revision by PG&E and Pacific Bell, dependent on their work load, **staffing**, and the status of all projects, including those in the cities of Santa Cruz County. As detailed in their letter of July 12, 1999 (copy attached) PG&E has advised us that there are **sufficient** Rule 20A monies to fund all four of the above projects on the projected schedule, In addition to funding already set aside for the Portola Drive and Davenport projects, and after allowing for the total amount estimated for the other two projects, they show a balance of some \$2.6 million of Rule 20A funds available for new underground utility projects. Public Works has prepared the attached list of proposed projects. As your Board is aware, historically we have rotated these projects throughout the various districts. Next year's project schedule to your Board will include new projects from the attached list based on priority and county-wide distribution of Rule 20A monies

It is therefore recommended that your Board accept and file this Rule 20A Underground Utility Projects Schedule report.

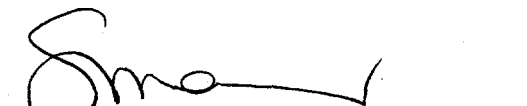
Yours truly,


JOHN A. FANTHAM
Director of Public Works

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Attachments

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:



County Administrative Officer

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Albert Troiano, Pacific Gas and Electric Company
Jack Gobbo, AT&T Cable Services
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**COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ
RULE 20A UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICTS**

CURRENT PROJECT LIST

<u>PLANNING AREA</u>	<u>PROJECT/ROUTE</u>	
NORTH COAST	CENTRAL DAVENPORT	2000
APTOS	SEACLIFF VILLAGE	2001
CORRALITOS	FREEDOM BLVD/CORRALITOS RD CORRALITOS TOWN CENTER	2003
CARBONERA	GRAHAM HILL ROAD	2004
LIVE OAK	EAST CLIFF DRIVE, 5th to 18th	2005
APTOS	RIO DEL MAR ESPLANADE	2006
PAJARO VALLEY	HOLOHAN ROAD, Green Valley to 152	2007

COMPLETED PROJECTS

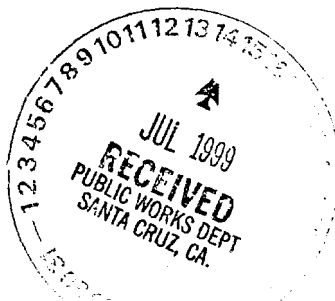
<u>PLANNING AREA</u>	<u>PROJECT/ROUTE</u>	
LIVE OAK	PORTOLA DRIVE	1999
SAN LORENZO VALLEY	BEN LOMOND	1997
SOQUEL	SOQUEL DRIVE	1994
NORTH COAST	EMPIRE GRADE ROAD	1992
SOQUEL	PORTER STREET	1990
APTOS	TROUT GULCH	1988
SAN LORENZO VALLEY	FELTON	1988

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Pacific Gas and
Electric Company

July 12, 1999



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615 Seventh Avenue
Santa Cruz, CA 95062

John A. Fantham, Director
Public Works Department
701 Ocean Street, Room 410
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Dear Mr. Fantham:

The 1999 Rule 20A allocation and annual summary of available electric underground conversion funds for the County of Santa Cruz is described below.

The total dollar amount allocated to communities served by PG&E in 1999 is \$61,331,658.

The County of Santa Cruz's allocation for 1999 is \$893,224.00. The following is a summary of your current Rule 20A accounting:

Balance of available funds, year-end 1998	\$4,330,910
plus 1999 Allocation	893,224
<u>Less committed project funds</u>	<u>-1,600,000</u>
<i>(Pot-to/a Dr., Davenport)</i>	
New balance of available funds	\$3,624,134

We recommend that you routinely review your balance of available funds to ensure that those funds are committed to active projects in the reasonable near future; otherwise a future reallocation, as provided in Rule 20A, could result in the forfeiture of those uncommitted funds.

For a conversion project under construction, our estimated cost was utilized in calculating "committed project funds." Projects started on or after January 1, 1982, are adjusted for actual cost upon completion in accordance with CPUC Decision 83-02-065.

If you have any questions regarding this notification, please call my office at (831) 479-3116.

Sincerely,

Matt Imel
Service Planning Supervisor

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