



## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL**

### **ESTABLISHMENT OF CIVIC CENTER UTILITY UNDERGROUND DISTRICT - MANILA AVENUE FROM SAN PABLO AVENUE TO RICHMOND STREET AND KEARNEY STREET FROM MANILA AVENUE TO SCHMIDT LANE TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.**

Notice is hereby given that the El Cerrito City Council will conduct a public hearing in the Council Chambers, located at El Cerrito City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Avenue, Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., or thereafter, to consider the establishment of the Civic Center Underground Utility District along Manila Avenue from San Pablo Avenue to Richmond Street and Kearney Street from Manila Avenue to Schmidt Lane pursuant to Chapter 14.08 of the El Cerrito Municipal Code. Undergrounding of electrical and telecommunication utilities along Manila Avenue from San Pablo Avenue to Richmond Street and Kearney Street from Manila Avenue to Schmidt Lane is in the general public interest because these streets pass through a civic area providing access to and from the El Cerrito City Hall, Public Safety Building (housing the Police Department and Fire Station 71), and a California Department of Motor Vehicles office location. Manila Avenue is also a collector street.

PG&E, under Electric Traffic Rule 20 filed with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), annually allocates work credits to communities, either cities or unincorporated areas of counties, to convert overhead electric and telecommunication facilities to underground facilities. On April 25, 2019, the CPUC passed Resolution E-4971 ordering PG&E to reallocate \$554,000 of unused Work Credits from communities that have not participated in the Rule 20A program over the past eight years to the City of Live Oak. As of March 31, 2019, the City of El Cerrito has 2,620,596 of Rule 20A Work Credits of which 9,023 or approximately 0.34% could be reallocated since El Cerrito has not been active in the past eight years. The number of credits subject to reallocation could also increase if additional communities become active and the City of El Cerrito does not.

CPUC Resolution E-4971 allows communities to become active (and avoid reallocation of their Rule 20A Work Credits) by forming an undergrounding district within 90 days of the resolution's effective date (i.e., by July 25, 2019). In order to establish an active Rule 20A project, the City must identify an undergrounding project that is in the general public interest and pass a resolution forming an underground utility district.

For further information, please contact the Public Works Department at (510) 215-4382 or [engineer@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us](mailto:engineer@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us).

Anyone wishing to speak at the public hearing may submit a speaker card to the City Clerk at the start of the Council meeting up until the closure of the public hearing. Written comments may be submitted via email to [CityClerk@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us](mailto:CityClerk@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us), mailed or delivered directly to the City Clerk, 10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito CA 94530, and be received by Monday, July 8, 2019 in order to ensure delivery to all Councilmembers and inclusion in the agenda packet. Comments received thereafter will be submitted to the City Council as supplemental communications at the meeting. For further information on the public hearing, contact the City Clerk at (510) 215-4305.

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