

STAFF REPORT
City of Lancaster

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Date: July 23, 2013

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Robert C. Neal, Director of Public Works

Subject: **Underground Utility District No. 2013-01**
Avenue I from 20th Street West to 10th Street West

Recommendation:

Adopt **Resolution No. 13-46**, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, declaring its intention to create Underground Utility District No. 2013-01.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Background:

In 2011, the City was successful in obtaining Metro Call for Projects Transportation Enhancement grant funding for the Avenue I Corridor Improvements (F5803). This project will enhance streetscape within existing right-of-way via road diet and will include landscaping, bike path, buffer, sidewalk, bus stop improvements, centerline medians, and ADA accessibility. Grant funding will become available in FY15-16.

In anticipation of these improvements, and in order to improve the safety and appearance of Avenue I from 20th Street West to 10th Street West, staff recommends undergrounding the existing overhead utilities and removing associated utility poles. The project boundary extends approximately 5,480 feet (1.04 miles).

Each year, Southern California Edison (SCE) provides Rule 20(A) funding to the City of Lancaster to pay for undergrounding existing overhead SCE utilities. The City has banked several years of allocations and currently has a 2013 allocation balance of \$2,300,000.00. Annual allocation is \$258,000.00. To finance the anticipated \$3,600,000.00, the City will utilize their future annual Rule 20(A) allocation for the next five years.

Rule 20(A) work on Avenue I from 20th Street West to 10th Street West is scheduled to be completed by December 31, 2015.

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Resolution No. 13-46