# STAFF REPORT City of Lancaster

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Date: November 12, 2008

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: James R. Williams, Director of Public Works

Subject: Underground Utility District No. 2008-1

10<sup>th</sup> Street West from Avenue K-8 to Avenue M

### **Recommendation:**

Adopt **Resolution No. 08-94**, declaring its intention to create Underground Utility District No. 2008-1.

## **Fiscal Impact:**

\$2,200,000.00. Source of funding: Rule 20A Allocation.

## **Background:**

City staff met with Southern California Edison (SCE) representatives to discuss the possibility of undergrounding the existing overhead facilities along 10<sup>th</sup> Street West from Avenue K-8 to Avenue M. The SCE project manager has completed the field review and has developed a preliminary time and cost estimate for the undergrounding project. The schedule calls for the removal of all poles no later than December 31, 2011. The proposed project was qualified under the intent of Rule 20A.

Each year, SCE provides Rule 20A 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 balance of \$2,900,000.00

In order to improve the safety and appearance of 10<sup>th</sup> Street West from Avenue K-8 to Avenue M, staff recommends undergrounding the existing overhead utilities and removing associated utility poles. The project boundary extends approximately 7,920 feet (1.5 miles). SCE has agreed to expend Rule 20A funds for this project.

#### **Attachment:**

Resolution No. 08-94

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