



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Public Works

Agenda Section: Consent

SUBJECT:

Report of Pacific Gas & Electric Rule 20A Work Credits and Status of Undergrounding Projects

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Receive and file the 2020 Rule 20A Allocation and Work Credit Balance Report from Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E).

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

PG&E's Rule 20A Utility Underground Fund and General Fund

DISCUSSION:

The County of Humboldt currently has \$1,788,110 in work credits available through PG&E for undergrounding of overhead utility lines (Attachment 1). The funds are derived from tariffs that are calculated based upon 50% of the number of PG&E's overhead electric meters and 50% of the total electric meters within each community. The funds can only be used for the purpose of undergrounding utilities and only when meeting criteria established by the California Public Utilities Commission.

In 2013, the Board of Supervisors revised the County's Utility Conversion Plan (Attachment 2). The plan identifies future undergrounding projects and prioritizes them. Since that time, one project has been completed. In 2016, the School Road (East) undergrounding project was constructed.

PG&E is in the process of working on the Garberville Underground project. This project was approved by your Board on Oct. 15, 2019. It is currently being scheduled for construction in 2021.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no impact to the General Fund in providing this status report.

When a project is constructed, funding is primarily paid directly through PG&E's Rule 20A program. Certain expenses incurred by the county, such as county inspection costs, are funded by the General Fund and are reimbursed through the Rule 20A program.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports your Board's Strategic Framework by providing for and maintaining infrastructure .

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

PG&E

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Board Discretion.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1 - PG&E Rule 20A credit summary dated 06/26/2020

Attachment 2 - Utility Conversion Plan revised 2013

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: C-6, C-19, C-16

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