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# Staff Report

## City of Manhattan Beach

**TO:** Honorable Mayor Ward and Members of the City Council

**THROUGH:** Richard Thompson, Interim City Manager

**FROM:** Jim Arndt, Director of Public Works  
Steve Finton, City Engineer  
Clay Curtin, Management Analyst

**DATE:** August 3, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Status Update of Underground Utility Assessment District (UUAD) 6 and Update from Southern California Edison, Time Warner Cable, and Verizon.

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the City Council receive and file this report.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATION:**

There are no fiscal implications in receiving this report.

### **BACKGROUND:**

District 6 is generally described as The Strand to Highland Ave., between Marine Ave. and 15<sup>th</sup> Street (see Attachment A). The District was formally approved on November 21, 2005, by 63% of voting homeowners and a resolution was passed by City Council authorizing the legal formation of the District.

Following nearly two years of initial delays due to a legal challenge and a technical redesign, civil construction began in late 2007. Civil construction concluded in late 2008 and then cabling, residential conversions, and cutovers began.

#### District 6 Project Timeline

**November 21, 2005** District approved by 63% of homeowners who cast ballots and legal formation approved by City Council Resolution 6008.

**Dec 2005 to May 2006** Delay due to a lawsuit brought by District 6 property owners.

**June 2006 to Sept 2006** Bonds sold and construction bids solicited.

#### District 6 Project Timeline (continued)

- Oct 2006 to Oct 2007* Technical redesign due to changes in underground infrastructure.
- Nov 2007 to Oct 2008* Civil construction (trenching, underground infrastructure, and equipment).
- Nov 2008 to July 2010* Cabling, residential service conversions, and individual cutovers.

**DISCUSSION:**

District 6 Update

A letter dated July 23, 2010, was sent to all District 6 property owners informing them of the August 3, 2010, City Council agenda item regarding this status update and an update from Southern California Edison, Time Warner Cable, and Verizon.

Currently only one property has been unresponsive and non-compliant in completing their private property service conversion. City staff has initiated legal proceedings to complete the work. The property was noticed on July 9, 2010, and following a thirty-day period, if the work has not been completed, the City Engineer will order the underground service conversion work completed as required by Manhattan Beach Municipal Code Section 7.28.100. The property owner will have the opportunity to pay and/or contest the charge at that time. If unpaid, the cost will be assessed as a lien on the property tax bill. This process should not result in any delays to completing the undergrounding project.

City staff has been meeting with Southern California Edison, Time Warner Cable, and Verizon on a regular basis and tracking progress of the District while working to resolve any individual conversion issues.

Time Warner Cable

Time Warner is completing individual property cutovers and plans to have all work completed in the next thirty (30) to sixty (60) days.

Southern California Edison

Southern California Edison is ninety percent (90%) complete with private property cutovers and is scheduling appointments with the remaining thirty (30) service locations. City staff is assisting by coordinating City inspections and electrical releases. Edison has reported that removal of portions of the overhead infrastructure will begin in the next thirty (30) to sixty (60) days. Electrical power lines and equipment will be removed and the existing poles topped off during that process.

Verizon

Verizon is currently in the cutover phase. They are completing this work on two separate systems, copper and fiber optic, and foresee completion within eight (8) months. Verizon has committed to meeting with City staff and providing monthly progress updates and all work is expected to be completed by March 31, 2011.

**CONCLUSION:**

District 6 will begin seeing portions of the overhead infrastructure removed in the next two months with final completion and pole removal currently expected by March 31, 2011. City staff will meet with each utility company on a monthly basis to monitor progress and make status updates available on the City web site.

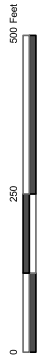
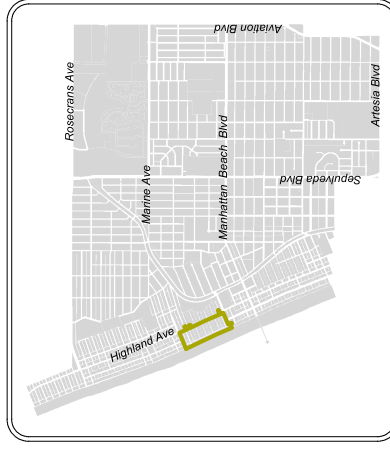
Attachments:

- A. District 6 boundary map

xc: Robert V. Wadden, City Attorney

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## Underground Utility Assessment District #6



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