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Staff Report

City of Manhattan Beach

TO: Honorable Mayor Montgomery and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: David N. Carmany, City Manager

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

DATE: January 18, 2011

SUBJECT: Status Update of Underground Utility Assessment District (UUAD) 6

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 15th Street. 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. We are currently in the final stages of individual property cutovers, overhead wire and pole removals.

District 6 Project Timeline

<i>November 21, 2005</i>	District approved by 63% of homeowners who cast ballots and legal formation approved by City Council Resolution 6008.
<i>Dec 2005 to May 2006</i>	Delay due to a lawsuit brought by District 6 property owners.
<i>June 2006 to Sept 2006</i>	Bonds sold and construction bids solicited.

District 6 Project Timeline (continued)

<i>Oct 2006 to Oct 2007</i>	Technical redesign due to changes in underground infrastructure.
<i>Nov 2007 to Oct 2008</i>	Civil construction (trenching, underground infrastructure, and equipment).
<i>Nov 2008 to Present</i>	Cabling, residential service conversions, and individual cutovers.
<i>Aug 3, 2010</i>	Status update report presented to City Council
<i>Sept 30, 2010</i>	Time Warner Cable reports their work is complete
<i>Oct 19, 2010</i>	Status update report presented to City Council
<i>Dec 20, 2010</i>	Verizon reports their work is complete

DISCUSSION:

District 6 Update - Southern California Edison

Southern California Edison has been working to resolve two (2) remaining service locations. This week they discovered a third which has yet to be cutover and are now working to resolve this as well. City staff is assisting by coordinating City inspections and electrical releases. As of Friday, January 14, 2011, overhead wires exist on 15th Place, 17th Place, 18th Place, and Ocean Drive. Edison anticipates removal of the remaining transformers and wires on 15th Place as well as removal of the utility poles on 19th Place, 20th Place, and 21st Place during the week of January 17-21. Overhead infrastructure removal along Ocean Drive should be completed the week of January 24th. Temporary street closures will be required during this process and the permit requires them to notify affected residents no less than 72-hours prior to any work.

CONCLUSION:

District 6 should see all overhead infrastructure removed and completion (including pole removal) by the end of this month. This is in line with the City Council directive of a January 2011 completion. City staff will continue to meet with each utility company on a regular basis to monitor progress and make status updates available on the City web site.

All three utilities were invited to attend this meeting and be available for questions.

Attachments:

1. Underground Utility Assessment District #6 Report: Utility Conversion & Overhead Infrastructure Removal – As of January 14th, 2011 (map)

cc: Robert V. Wadden, City Attorney

Underground Utility Assessment District #6 Utility Conversion & Overhead Infrastructure Removal

Report Date: 1/14/2011

Source: Utility Company Data

