

**City of Piedmont
California**



Date: May 7, 2007
To: Mayor & Council
From: Ann Swift, City Clerk
Subject: 20A Funds

The city currently has approximately \$460,000 in 20A funds. A question has been raised regarding what type of project might be able to be undertaken to utilize these funds.

Attached is a copy of the council meeting minutes from 1985 when the council discussed its last 20A project on Grand Avenue. As you can see, the priority projects after Grand Avenue were Moraga Avenue and Oakland Avenue. The current cost per linear foot is approximately \$400 (according to Sterling Pflaum at P.G. & E.). The chart below illustrates the total cost in today's dollars for each of these projects and the number of years that the city would need to accumulate 20A funds to pay for them. This is similar to the city's experience with the Grand Avenue project which required 15 years of 20A credit.

Project	Linear Feet	Cost	
Moraga Avenue	3,779	\$ 1,511,600	18 years
Oakland Avenue	5,719	\$ 2,287,600	28 years

The PUC defines a 20A project as follows:

“Rule 20A funds are only available when undergrounding is “in the public interest” for one or more of the following reasons:

- a. Such undergrounding will avoid or eliminate an unusual heavy concentration of overhead electric facilities;*
- b. The street or road or right-of-way is extensively used by the general public and carries a heavy volume of pedestrian or vehicular traffic; and*
- c. The street or road or right-of-way adjoins or passes through a civic area or public recreation area or an area of unusual scenic interest to the general public.*

The determination of “general public interest” under these criteria is made by the local government, after holding public hearings, in consultation with the electric utility. “

In addition, council should note that the homeowners in a 20A project must pay for their Individual Service Connection.