

City of Piedmont  
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

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DATE: June 16, 2003  
FROM: Ann Swift, City Clerk  
SUBJECT: **Formation of the Piedmont Hills Underground Utility District**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

Accept testimony from the public regarding the proposed boundary of the Piedmont Hills Underground Utility District and order any necessary changes in the map in preparation for formal actions to take place on August 18, 2003 or at some other date established by the city council.

**BACKGROUND:**

On February 3, 2003, council received petitions from residents living on a number of streets in eastern Piedmont including Sotelo, Glen Alpine, Calvert Court, LaSalle and Crest Road. Council accepted their petitions for formation of an underground assessment district and directed that all of the properties be amalgamated into a single entity titled the Piedmont Hills Underground Utility District. A copy of a map showing the tentative boundaries for this district is attached. All property owners in the proposed district have received a notice of this meeting, a copy of which is attached.

Since that time, a steering committee has been working with Harris and Associates, the Engineer of Work, to develop preliminary cost estimates for engineering and to raise funds which can be deposited with the city to cover such costs. Proponents in the district will be at this meeting to report on their fundraising efforts.

Prior to taking formal action to finalize the district's boundaries, council is holding this public hearing to answer questions from the public and to determine if any properties currently excluded from the district wish to be included. You will recall that during the formation of the Dudley/Blair District, the residents of Calvert Court who wished to be included in that district were not. The intention of this public hearing is to encourage public participation in defining and establishing this district. The Engineer of Work, bond counsel and city staff are available to answer questions from the council and public.

Council may order changes in the boundary map to add or delete properties based on public testimony at this meeting. After receiving public testimony, council should direct the Engineer of Work to make any necessary changes to the boundary map and set a date for

another public meeting at which time council will approve the final boundary map, pass a resolution of intention, approve a Preliminary Expense Agreement and appoint Orrick, Herrington and Sutcliff as bond counsel for the district.

**Staff proposes that this meeting be held no sooner than August 18, 2003 in order to allow the necessary staff work to occur and senior management staff to attend.** A district wide notice will be sent to all property owners advising of the date of that meeting.

CITY OF PIEDMONT  
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June 3, 2003

To All Interested Homeowners:

SUBJECT: Piedmont Hills Underground Utility District

**On Monday, June 16, the Piedmont city Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Piedmont Veterans' Building to discuss the formation of the subject underground utility district in your neighborhood.** Although the council will take no formal action regarding the district at this meeting, you are invited to attend and learn more about this proposal. The city attorney, bond counsel, engineer and other staff members will be in attendance and answer questions from the public.

Attached is a copy of the map for the Central Piedmont Underground Utility District showing which houses are now scheduled to be included in the district. Also enclosed is a preliminary cost estimate for the overall project. Specific costs per parcel are not yet available and are being developed by the Engineer of Work. **A second council meeting will be held on July 7, 2003 to discuss the report regarding individual assessments and take action on formation of the district.**

You are invited to attend this meeting and learn more about the proposed district. Should you have questions before the meeting, please feel free to contact Larry Rosenberg at 420-3050 or Ann Swift at 420-3041.

Sincerely,

CITY OF PIEDMONT

Ann Swift  
City Clerk