



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
County Manager



Date: January 5, 2017
Board Meeting Date: January 24, 2017
Special Notice / Hearing: Once a Week for Two Weeks
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: John L. Maltbie, County Manager

Subject: Vacation (abandonment) of a sanitary sewer easement located at 2513 Alpine Road in Unincorporated Weekend Acres

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing the vacation of the 10 foot wide sanitary sewer easement that extends north-to-south across APN 074-303-060, also known as 2513 Alpine Road in Unincorporated Weekend Acres.

BACKGROUND:

The sanitary sewer easement ("Easement") petitioned to be vacated extends north-to-south across the parcel located at 2513 Alpine Road in Unincorporated Weekend Acres ("Property"). Subsequent to the Easement being dedicated to the County for the purposes of "construction, reconstruction, installation, maintenance repair, renewal and operation of a sanitary sewer line ..." the County constructed a sanitary sewer line within an adjacent easement approximately five to ten feet west of the Easement. As the Easement no longer serves a public purpose and the owner seeks to redevelop the property, vacation of the Easement is necessary.

The Public Streets, Highways, and Service Easements Vacation Law (California Streets and Highways Code, Section 8300 et seq.) allows the legislative body of a local agency to vacate any street, highway or public service easement within its jurisdiction which is determined to be unnecessary for present or prospective public use. The Board of Supervisors is the "legislative body" with authority to vacate this public service easement.

DISCUSSION:

Real Property managed the petition and vacation process which included discussions with the Department of Public Works to determine if the Easement is necessary for any

public purposes. The Department of Public Works researched the Easement and determined that it did not support any current or future public uses by the County.

Notices regarding the proposed vacation were sent to property owners within 500 feet of the Property and various utility and service agencies. One resident has expressed concerns regarding the proposed vacation. No utility or service agency indicated any material concerns over the proposed vacation of the Easement.

A General Plan Conformity request was processed by the Planning Department and the Planning Commission determined on November 30, 2016 that the vacation conforms with the General Plan.

Appropriate notices were posted as required by the Streets and Highways Code.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the resolution as to form.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no net county cost for this action.