



CITY OF TEMPE
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Council Meeting Date: 7/30/2013
Agenda Item: 5E3

ACTION: Adopt a resolution to enter into a facility relocation agreement with the Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District in connection with the Salt River Project Municipal Aesthetics Program. (Resolution No. 2013.91)

FISCAL IMPACT: This agreement has no fiscal impact to the General Fund. The costs associated with the aesthetic improvements to the undergrounding of the Salt River Project power distribution facility is entirely covered by the Salt River Project Municipal Aesthetics Program.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 2013.91.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Salt River Project (SRP) Municipal Aesthetics Program provides funding from SRP to offer municipalities the opportunity to have aesthetic improvements made to new or existing SRP water and power distribution, transmission, and substation facilities. Undergrounding of overhead 12KV power lines with associated overhead telecommunication lines is one of four types of available aesthetic improvements offered by SRP. The program started in 1989 and has resulted in converting approximately 18.5 miles of overhead lines to underground lines. On the City's arterial and collector streets, there remains approximately 49.7 miles of 12KV power lines which are candidates for undergrounding.

SRP has initiated improvements in the Papago Gardens subdivision for reliability of their system and the aesthetic undergrounding would eliminate new overhead power lines. For undergrounding of overhead power lines, SRP typically requests for either an easement or relocation agreement be executed in conjunction with the improvements. The obligation for the City of Tempe to pay for relocation of the facility per the agreement would only be triggered if a future Capital Improvement Project conflicts with the underground electrical conduit and necessitates a relocation. This is because SRP funds are being used to initially bury the lines. Staff recommends for the relocation agreement to be associated with this aesthetic improvement.

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution and Facility Relocation Agreement.

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