



## CITY OF BANNING STAFF REPORT

**TO:** CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Douglas Schulze, City Manager

**PREPARED BY:** Art Vela, Public Works Director

**MEETING DATE:** November 12, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of Resolution 2024-180, Approving an Easement Purchase and Sale Agreement with Southern California Edison for an Easement in the City of Banning Water Canyon

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt Resolution 2024-180.

**BACKGROUND:**

Southern California Edison (SCE) owns and maintains an electrical distribution system in the City of Banning Water Canyon located along the northern boundary of the City and within an existing easement. The distribution system was damaged during the Apple Fire, which started on July 31, 2020. As part of the repair of the damaged system SCE relocated approximately 1,800 feet of overhead lines and associated power poles along an existing maintenance road on the City's property (see "Proposed Easement Aerial Image"). The relocated alignment allows for a more protected distribution system and for ease of access and maintenance by SCE. SCE has requested the issuance of a permanent easement by the City for these facilities.

**JUSTIFICATION:**

In order to maintain permanent access to the relocated facilities, SCE must obtain a permanent easement by the City. The City's attorney's office has reviewed the Grant of Easement prepared by SCE and has prepared the attached Easement Purchase and Sale Agreement.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

SCE will pay the City \$4,700, which is an amount established by an appraisal conducted in compliance with Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

Do not approve Resolution 2024-180 and provide staff with alternative direction, if any.

**BUDGETED?:**

No

**CONTRACT/AGREEMENT:**

Yes

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. [Resolution 2024-180 Easement Purchase and Sale Agreement.docx](#)

2. [Exhibit A PSA SCE Water Canyon Easement.pdf](#)
3. [Banning Apple Fire Appraisal.pdf](#)
4. [Proposed Easement Location.pdf](#)
5. [Proposed Easement Aerial Image.pdf](#)