



**SAN BENITO COUNTY  
AGENDA ITEM  
TRANSMITTAL FORM**

**Vincent  
Ringheden**  
District No. 1

**Richard  
Way**  
District No. 2  
- Chair

**Robert  
Scagliotti**  
District No. 3

**Robert  
Gibson**  
District No. 4

**Bobbie  
Thomason**  
District No. 5  
- Vice-Chair

---

**Item Number: 8.4**

**MEETING DATE:** 02/18/2026

**DEPARTMENT:** RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

**AGENDA ITEM PREPARER:** Steve Loupe

**SUBJECT:**

**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY - S. LOUPE, PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATOR**  
**Receive update regarding the Rule 20A request for PG&E to underground existing overhead electrical utilities near the intersection of Southside Road and Enterprise Road.**

**AGENDA SECTION:**

REGULAR AGENDA

**BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:**

In 1967, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) passed the Electric Tariff Rule 20. This tariff allows customers of investor-owned utilities, such as PG&E, to request the conversion of overhead electric distribution lines to underground service.

The tariff is broken into three sections: A, B, and C. These sections have different project qualifications and varying levels of ratepayer contributions. \*The Electric Tariff Rule 20 defines and governs the use of work credits. Work credits are not monies. One work credit is equal to one U.S. dollar. Municipalities can use work credits to pay for the full or partial cost of a project. If municipalities do not have enough work credits for a project, they must use community funds to make up the difference.

Rule 20A projects are undergrounding projects that provide a benefit to the general public. They are funded by ratepayers' contributions up to the community's available work credits.

Eligible Rule 20A projects must meet at least one public interest criteria as described below:

- Undergrounding will avoid or eliminate a heavy concentration of overhead electric facilities.
- The proposed work area is frequently used by the general public.
- The work area experiences heavy pedestrian or vehicular traffic.
- Wheelchair access in the proposed work area is not compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- The proposed work area is near a public recreation area or an area of cultural or historical interest.
- The proposed work area is considered an arterial street or major collector. The California Department of Transportation defines these eligible work areas.

The County has received correspondence from PG&E noting that the County has a Rule 20A Work Credit Balance = \$3,868,263.

The Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors have directed staff to utilize PG&E Rule 20A work credits for the conversion of overhead electric distribution lines to underground service near the intersection of Enterprise Road and Southside Road.

**STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 1. Operational Development & Excellence**

No

**STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 2. Planning And Sustainable Growth**

Yes

**STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 3. Technology**

Yes

**STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 4. Community Engagement**

No

**STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 5. Health & Safe Community**

Yes

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive update regarding the Rule 20A request for PG&E to underground existing overhead electrical utilities near the intersection of Southside Road and Enterprise Road.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Rule 20A request\_Boundary Map\_.pdf