

City of Hesperia STAFF REPORT



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TO: Mayor and Council Members
Chair and Board Members, Hesperia Water District

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SUBJECT: Consideration of the US-395 Utility Agreement with San Bernardino County Transportation Authority

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the City Council and Board of Directors of the Hesperia Water District approve a utility agreement with the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) for the reimbursement associated with the relocation of a portion of waterline within the City of Hesperia on US-395 Highway.

BACKGROUND

The San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) is developing plans to relieve congestion and enhance the safety and operational efficiency of United States 395 (US-395). This project would widen US-395 from 2 lanes to 4 lanes, with a continuous median, for approximately 7 miles between I-15 and SR-18 (Palmdale Road).

The City of Hesperia has a portion of waterline within the project limit that is shallow and requires to be relocated and/or lowered to accommodate SBCTA's project.

ISSUES/ANALYSIS

Due to prior rights, the City will be reimbursed by SBCTA for the actual costs per the terms of the agreement for the design and construction associated with the relocation of the waterline in conflict with the US-395 project. The agreement will allow the City of Hesperia to recover 100% of the costs to relocate and/or lower the City's waterline.

CITY GOAL SUPPORTED BY THIS ITEM

Future Development - Facilitate balanced growth to ensure cohesive community development and pursue economic development.

FISCAL IMPACT

This agreement allows the City to be fully reimbursed for all actual costs associated with the relocation of the waterline within the US-395.

ALTERNATIVE(S)

1. If the Council chooses not to approve this agreement, then this will stop the construction of SBCTA's project and the widening of the 395 until a solution can be reached.
2. Provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. SBCTA Utility Agreement