

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**FROM:** TLMA – Transportation Department

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
July 23, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Underground Utility District No. 45, Stetson Avenue, Santa Fe Street to Dartmouth Street, East Hemet area.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors, after the close of the Public Hearing:

1. Approve "Report Regarding Proposed Underground Utility District No. 45," dated May 25, 2007, prepared by the Transportation Department and filed with the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors; and
2. Adopt Resolution No. 2007-070 establishing Underground Utility District No. 45.

**BACKGROUND:** By Resolution No. 2007-069, adopted on June 19, 2007, the Board of Supervisors set a Public Hearing for July 31, 2007, to consider the establishment of Underground Utility District No. 45. All notices required by Chapter 13.16 of the Riverside County Code have been given. The "Report Regarding Proposed Underground Utility District No. 45," dated May 25, 2007 (the "Report") has been prepared by the Transportation Department and filed with the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors.

Adoption of Resolution No. 2007-070 establishes Underground Utility District No. 45.

  
George Johnson  
Director of Transportation

**FINANCIAL DATA**

Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 5,000,000	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	No
Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	2007/2008

**SOURCE OF FUNDS:** CPUC Rule 20-A

Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:**

APPROVE

BY:   
Tina Grande

County Executive Office Signature

Prev. Agn. Ref.:

District: 3

Agenda Number:

9.15

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL  
 JUN 8 2007  
 Departmental Concurrence  
 BY:   
 Dale A. Gardner  
 Dep't Recomm.:  Consent  Policy  
 Per Exec. Ofc.:  Consent  Policy

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2007-070**

3 **RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
4 **OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE ESTABLISHING**  
5 **UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 45**

6 WHEREAS, a public hearing, after due notice, has been held as required by  
7 Chapter 13.16 of the Riverside County Code upon a proposal to establish an  
8 underground utility district in the area hereinafter described, and all interested persons  
9 have had the opportunity to be heard;

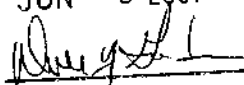
10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, FOUND, DETERMINED AND  
11 ORDERED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside, State of California in  
12 regular session assembled on July 31, 2007, that the public necessity, health, safety  
13 and general welfare require the removal of poles, overhead wires, and associated  
14 overhead structures and the underground installation of wires and facilities for supplying  
15 electric, communication and similar associated services, except those electrical facilities  
16 exceeding 34,500 volts, in the County of Riverside Underground Utility District No. 45,  
17 which is hereby established, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 13.16 of the  
18 Riverside County Code, for that purpose within the boundary description, a copy of  
19 which is attached hereto, marked Exhibit "A", and is hereby referred to and made a part  
20 hereof as fully as if it were set out at length herein.

21 Reference is made to Map File No. 923-WW, which is filed in the Office of the  
22 County Surveyor, Riverside County, and entitled: "In the County of Riverside, State of  
23 California, Underground Utility District No. 45, Stetson Avenue".

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, FOUND, DETERMINED AND ORDERED by the  
25 Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside, State of California, in regular session  
26 on July 31, 2007, that the County of Riverside Underground Utility District No. 45 meets  
27 the utility undergrounding criteria set forth by Decision No. 73078 of the California  
28 Public Utilities Commission, and serves the general public interest, for the reasons that  
29 such undergrounding will eliminate a concentration of overhead electric facilities and  
30 that the road is extensively used by the general public. Said Underground Utility District

1 is anticipated to be completed within 48 months of adoption of this Resolution  
2 establishing said District.

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# COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

## TRANSPORTATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY



*George A. Johnson, P.E.  
Director of Transportation*

### Transportation Department

#### REPORT REGARDING PROPOSED UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 45

**Stetson Avenue  
Santa Fe Street to Dartmouth Street**

May 25, 2007

In 1967, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) issued its decision No. 73078, known as CPUC Rule 20-A, which requires private electric and communication utilities in the State of California to set aside a certain amount of monies each year for the conversion of existing overhead distribution lines to an underground location.

By Minute Order dated April 27, 1999, agenda item no. 3.35, the Board of Supervisors approved Rule 20-A project selection methodology whereby technically sound and cost effective candidate projects are identified by the Transportation Department and the owning utility company for each Supervisorial District, and projects are to be funded over time so as to achieve relative spending equity among the five Supervisorial Districts, with final project selection to be made either by or after consultation with the respective Board member. Consistent with that Board action, the proposed project is supported for implementation by the office of the Third District Supervisor, Supervisor Stone.

The Transportation Department recommends that the Board establish the Underground Utility District No. 45 (the "District"), on Stetson Avenue from the Hemet City Limits on Santa Fe Street to 200 feet easterly of the centerline of Dartmouth Street, a distance of approximately 8,124 feet, which is a qualifying project in the Third Supervisorial District, under the CPUC Rule 20-A guidelines.

The boundaries of the proposed underground utility district are as shown on the attached Underground Utility District Map, on file with the County Surveyor, and numbered 923-WW (referred to as the "Underground Utility District").

The estimated cost of converting the electrical facilities to an underground location within the Underground Utility District is \$5,000,000, to be funded from the County of Riverside's CPUC Rule 20-A trust account, held by Southern California Edison. This estimated cost includes the cost of converting the affected property owner's meter panels to accept service from an underground location. No costs are to be borne by any property owners that may be affected by the project.

Construction should be completed within forty-eight months of the creation of the Underground Utility District. The Edison Company will perform or administer all of the design and construction work required for the conversion of their facilities.

The other affected utility companies, Time-Warner Communications and Verizon Communications, will be required by the establishment of the Underground Utility District to relocate their overhead facilities to an underground location within the District's boundaries and to finance all conversion costs. These utility companies have been advised of the proposed establishment of this Underground Utility District and have been requested to coordinate their design and construction activities with the Edison Company in order to reduce overall costs.

This CPUC Rule 20-A utility undergrounding project will remove all overhead conductors and wood poles within the project limits. Any existing street lights on wood poles will be replaced with ornamental granite street light poles.

Stetson Avenue is a primary road, serving as a parallel route to State Highway 74, and serves local schools, residences and the Ramona Pageant. The removal of the high concentration of aerial electric and communication conductors, including service lines which cross the road, would greatly enhance the appearance of the road.

The Edison Company has proposed to the City of Hemet that the City initiate a similar project on Stetson Avenue within City limits.

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**Typical Overhead Utilities on Eastbound Stetson Avenue**



**Eastbound Stetson Avenue at San Jacinto Street**

**EXHIBIT "A"**  
**UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT NUMBER 45**

A STRIP OF LAND FOR UNDERGROUND UTILITY PURPOSES 100.00 FEET IN WIDTH LYING WITHIN SECTIONS 13, 14, 23 AND 24, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST, SAN BERNARDINO MERIDIAN, BEING 50 FEET NORTHERLY AND SOUTHERLY OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LINE:

**BEGINNING** AT THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINE OF STETSON AVENUE WITH THE CENTERLINE OF SANTA FE STREET AS SHOWN BY MAP 826-DD ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY SURVEYOR, RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, SAID POINT ALSO BEING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 14 AND SAID POINT IS HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS POINT "A";

THENCE S 89°59'05"E ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF STETSON AVENUE, SAID CENTERLINE BEING THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF SAID SECTION 14, A DISTANCE OF 1320.23 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE INTERSECTION OF SAN JACINTO STREET;

THENCE S 89°56'49"W CONTINUING ALONG SAID CENTERLINE OF STETSON AVENUE AND SAID SOUTHERLY LINE OF SECTION 14, A DISTANCE OF 1320.95 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE INTERSECTION OF GIRARD STREET;

THENCE S 89°56'22"W CONTINUING ALONG SAID CENTERLINE OF STETSON AVENUE AND SAID SOUTHERLY LINE OF SECTION 14, A DISTANCE OF 1322.09 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE INTERSECTION OF YALE STREET;

THENCE S 89°54'27"E CONTINUING ALONG SAID CENTERLINE OF STETSON AVENUE AND SAID SOUTHERLY LINE OF SECTION 14, A DISTANCE OF 1320.02 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE INTERSECTION OF COLUMBIA STREET, SAID CENTERLINE INTERSECTION ALSO BEING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 14 AND THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 13;

THENCE S 89°50'49"E CONTINUING ALONG SAID CENTERLINE OF STETSON AVENUE, SAID CENTERLINE OF STETSON AVENUE ALSO BEING THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF SAID SECTION 13, A DISTANCE OF 1320.10 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE INTERSECTION OF CORNELL STREET;

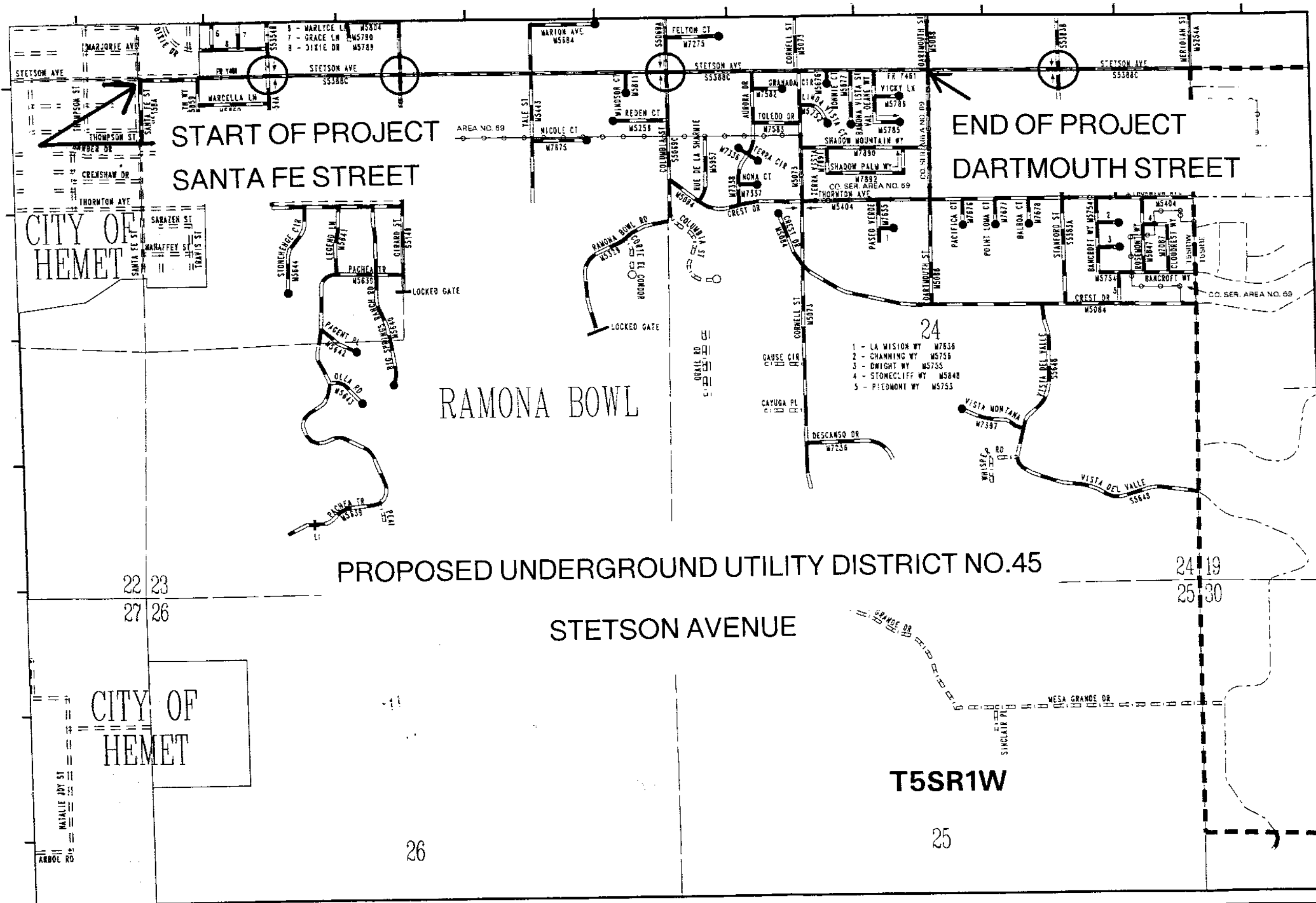
THENCE S 89°50'54"E CONTINUING ALONG SAID CENTERLINE OF STETSON AVENUE AND SAID SOUTHERLY LINE OF SECTION 13, A DISTANCE OF 1320.33 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE INTERSECTION OF DARTMOUTH STREET;

THENCE S 89°54'40"E CONTINUING ALONG SAID CENTERLINE OF STETSON AVENUE AND SAID SOUTHERLY LINE OF SECTION 13, A DISTANCE OF 200.00 FEET TO THE **POINT OF TERMINUS** OF SAID 100.00 FOOT STRIP OF LAND.

THE SIDELINES OF SAID STRIP OF LAND ARE TO BE LENGTHENED OR SHORTENED TO MEET AT THE CENTERLINE OF SANTA FE STREET, AT ALL ANGLE POINTS AND TO END AT POINTS PERPENDICULAR TO THE POINT OF TERMINUS.

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**BEGINNING** AT AFOREMENTIONED POINT "A";



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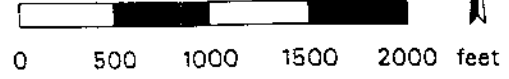
PROPOSED UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT NO.45

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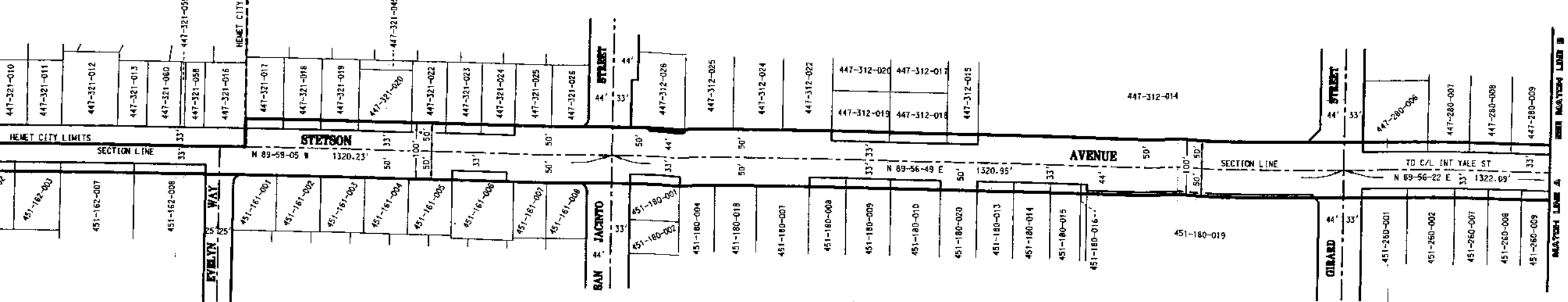
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  - 4 - STONECLIFF WY W5848
  - 5 - PIEDMONT WY W5755



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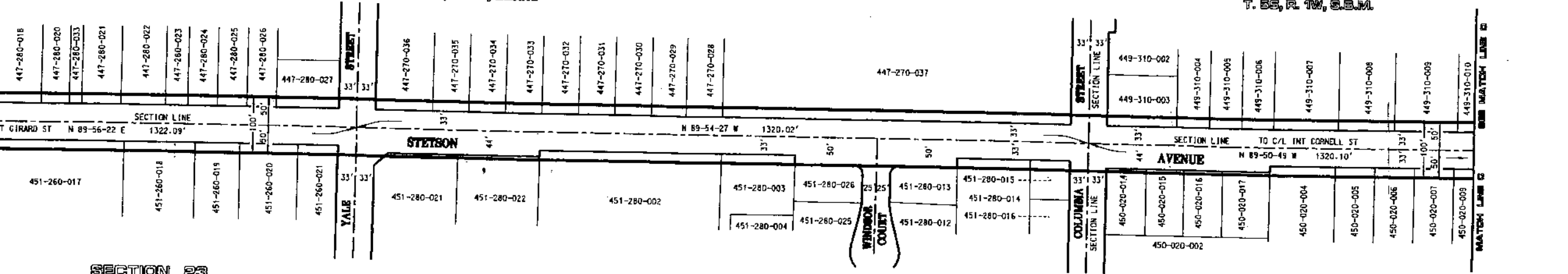
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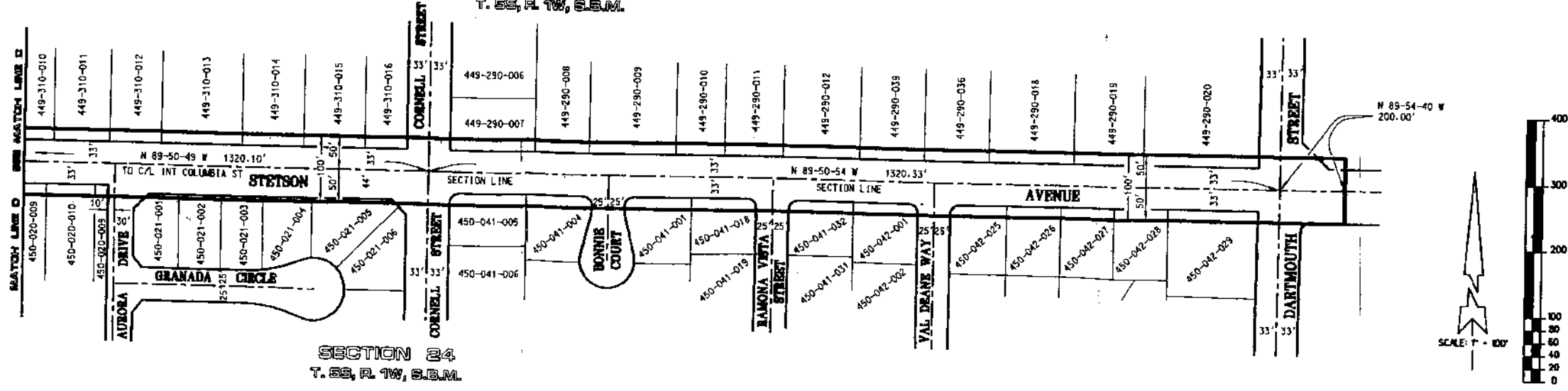
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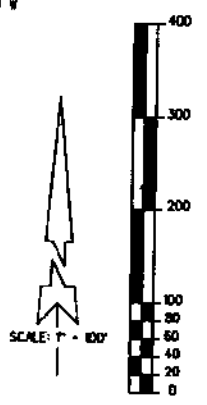
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NUMBER 826-00. ON  
SIDE COUNTY SURVEYOR.



SECTION 24  
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COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE  
TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT  
SERGIO A. JOHNSON, DIRECTOR  
SURVEY DIVISION



IN THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 45  
PROJECT: STETSON AVENUE

DRAFTED BY: D. DOERS  
PREPARED BY: D. DOERS  
CHECKED BY: C. BATHAM

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EXHIBIT "A"  
UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT NUMBER 45  
(CONTINUED)

THENCE S 89°59'05"E ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF STETSON AVENUE, SAID CENTERLINE BEING THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF SAID SECTION 14, A DISTANCE OF 660.14 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND ANNEXED TO THE CITY OF HEMET PER ORDINANCE NUMBER 513, DATED DECEMBER 15, 1965, RECORDS OF SAID RECORDER;

THENCE N 00°04'28"E ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID ORDINANCE NUMBER 513 AND THE EASTERLY LINE OF THE CITY OF HEMET, A DISTANCE OF 50.00 FEET TO A POINT 50.00 FEET NORTHERLY OF, AS MEASURED AT RIGHT ANGLES TO SAID CENTERLINE OF STETSON AVENUE AND THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF SAID SECTION 14;

THENCE N 89°59'05"W, PARALLEL WITH SAID CENTERLINE OF STETSON AVENUE AND SAID SOUTHERLY LINE OF SECTION 14, A DISTANCE OF 660.12 FEET TO A POINT OF INTERSECTION WITH THE CENTERLINE OF SAID SANTA FE STREET;

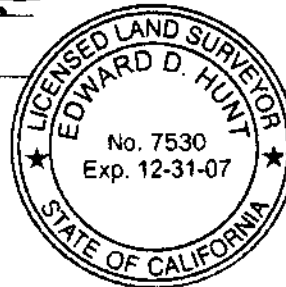
THENCE S 00°06'07"W ALONG SAID CENTERLINE OF SANTA FE STREET, A DISTANCE OF 50.00 FEET TO SAID POINT "A" AND THE **POINT OF BEGINNING**.

CONTAINING: 779,365 SQUARE FEET OR 17.892 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE TO MAP 826-DD AND MAP 923-WW, ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY SURVEYOR, RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA.

APPROVED BY: Edward D. Hunt

DATE: 1-27-2006



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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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P.O. Box 1147, 4080 Lemon Street  
Riverside CA 92502-1147

July 25, 2007

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To whom it may concern:

I am opposed to the Proposed Underground Utilities District no. 45 on Stetson Avenue in the east Hemet area of Riverside County for the following reasons:

1. It will potentially cause financial hardship in the daily use of the property at 40979 Stetson Avenue. The overhead poles are one of the last remaining challenges to widening Stetson Avenue and placing the utilities underground is a vital component for the widening of Stetson and in me losing a significant portion of the driveway. I presently set behind a 33 foot setback from centerline of Stetson Avenue, yet the map of the Proposed Underground Utilities District no. 45 sent with the recent July 12, 2007 letter from Cecilia Gil, Board Assistant to Nancy Romero, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, shows a straight 50' setback from centerline of Stetson Avenue. Structures and improvements have been placed in accordance with Riverside County standards for setbacks at the 33' benchmark. A fifty foot utility district would potentially be even more devastating to safe daily use of my property.
2. My electric meter is in a courtyard behind a breezeway that was required by the County of Riverside in 1991 that mitigated having a detached garage not allowed by the county of Riverside within a specific distance to the street. Running underground conduit would be an eyesore and a

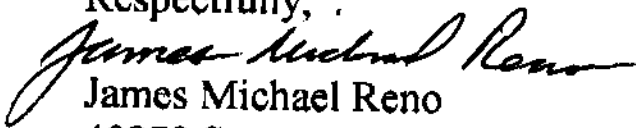
*James M. Reno*

tactical nightmare. An alternative newly placed meter-panel closer to the street would be further from the point of use and could create voltage drop issues and be considerably more convenient for vandals to de-energize the dwelling and disarming any alarms. Another hardship.

3. Presuming the utility lines follow where they are presently placed, I will lose the 19 birch trees I planted to afford some privacy in a portion of the frontage of 135 feet at the 40979 Stetson Avenue property. This is another hardship.

In conclusion, while this may seem a good idea to some, it will have far reaching financial and safety ramifications that could ultimately diminish my property's usefulness. Florida Avenue east of Columbia still has the dreaded overhead power lines. Why Stetson? Why now? This is a bad idea and a poor use of public and utility money.

Respectfully, .



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Faxed to the clerk of the board at(951) 955-1071 as well as a Copy sent via e-mail to Jeff Stone, Supervisor.