

## CITY OF GRASS VALLEY Public Works Department

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Patrick Perkins, Principal Engineer Department of Public Works 950 Maidu Avenue, Suite 170 Nevada City, CA 95959

**Subject:** Rule 20A Intra County Donation

Dear Mr. Perkins:

As a follow up to your department's June 3, 2024 letter and our previous discussions regarding a potential Rule 20A Intra County Donation of County of Nevada work credits, the City of Grass Valley respectfully submits the following letter of request.

The City of Grass Valley has identified a promising electrical utility undergrounding project in the City area adjacent to South Auburn Street and La Barr Meadows Road, beginning near the intersection of McKnight Way and extending to the City limits, adjoining the Nevada County Operations Center at 12350 La Barr Meadwos Road. The project meets Rule 20A program eligibility criteria in that it involves a street with a high volume of public traffic and is listed as a arterial roadway as defined in the Governor's Office of Planning and Research Guidelines.

We believe that the proposed undergrounding would have mutual benefits to the City and County through the hardening of electric facilities which ultimately serve the Operations Center, as well as facilitating civic improvements such as bike lanes or paths, intersection improvements, roadway widening and corridor safety along the recently annexed City portion of La Barr Meadows Road.

Project costs are estimated at \$3million. With a combination of the City's nearly \$1million in Rule 20A work credits and a donation of \$1.5million County of Nevada work credits, a fully funded project is within reach and the City would plan to identify remaining funding necessary to deliver the project. City Staff have been actively working with PG&E representatives to establish the La Barr Meadows Rd undergrounding as the City's "active" Rule 20A project.

The City of Grass Valley formally requests the County of Nevada to initiate proceeding to complete an Intra County donation of \$1.5million in PG&E work credits to the City, in support of the La Barr Meadows Road undergrounding project. We appreciate your consideration of this request. If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 530-274-4353 or bjornj@cityofgrassvalley.com

Sincerely,

Bjorn P. Jones, PE City Engineer

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