



RESOLUTION No. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO FORM RED DOG ROAD UNDERGROUND UTILITIES DISTRICT AND SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR GATHERING PUBLIC INTEREST IN UTILITY UNDERGROUNDING – DISTRICT I

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, in accordance with County Code Section 2.14.010 and 2.14.070, proposes to initiate the proceedings to establish an underground utility district for the Red Dog Road area as shown on the Proposed Red Dog Road Underground Utilities District Boundary Map; and

WHEREAS, California Public Utilities Commission Electric Rule 20A (“Rule 20A”) governs utility undergrounding of overhead wires at the request of local governments; and

WHEREAS, the proposed underground utilities district has been approved as a planned project under the 2024 Annual Capital Improvement Plan – Rule 20A Utility Undergrounding Project as approved by the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated by Pacific Gas and Electric that the construction project will cost approximately \$5.8 million; and

WHEREAS, the project is intended to be a three-year phased construction project beginning in 2028 and being completed in 2031; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that Rule 20A funds will be available to complete the project as a three-year phased project; and

WHEREAS, the underground district will require the removal of poles, overhead wires and associated overhead structures within the proposed designated areas and the underground installation of wires and facilities for electric, communication and similar associated services; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Truckee has expressed interest in receiving Rule 20A funds from Liberty Energy; and

WHEREAS, The City of Grass Valley has expressed interest in receiving Rule 20A funds from PG&E.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopts a Resolution of Intention to establish the Red Dog Road Underground Utilities District as described.
2. Authorizes the Director of Public Works or their designee to negotiate agreements and modify the proposed district boundary and act on behalf of the Board of Supervisors as necessary for the formation of the Red Dog Road Underground Utilities District.
3. Sets a public hearing for September 10, 2024, at 10:00 in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, Eric Rood Administrative Center, Nevada City, California, to take testimony on the establishment of the Red Dog Road Underground Utilities District and the boundaries thereof.

4. Directs the Clerk of the Board or their designee to notify by mail all affected property owners as shown on the latest equalized assessment roll and all affected utilities by mail of the time and place of such public hearing at least ten days prior to the date of said hearing.
5. Directs the Nevada County Director of Public Works or their designee to conduct a public information meeting prior to the public hearing to gather public input on whether the public necessity, health, safety, or welfare requires removal of overhead utilities and installation of underground utilities in the designated area.
6. Directs the Nevada County Director of Public Works or their designee to notify by mail all affected utilities and property owners as shown on the latest equalized assessment roll of the time and place of the public information meeting at least ten days prior to the date of said meeting.
7. Directs the Nevada County Director of Public Works or their designee to continue negotiations with the Town of Truckee to facilitate providing Rule 20A work credits from Liberty Utilities to the Town of Truckee.
8. Directs the Nevada County Director of Public Works or their designee to continue negotiations with the City of Grass Valley to facilitate providing Rule 20A work credits from PG&E to the City of Grass Valley.