



REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Jason Simpson, City Manager
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Date: February 24, 2026
Subject: Grant of Easements to Southern California Edison at Canyon Hills Estates

Recommendation

Approve and authorize City Manager to process the easement documents in such final form as approved by the City Attorney and instruct staff to forward the documents to Southern California Edison for recordation.

Background

Southern California Edison (SCE) is the utility purveyor responsible for installation and maintenance of electrical facilities in the City of Lake Elsinore. For the Canyon Hills Estates Project (Tract 34249), SCE is requesting from the City for easements related to the undergrounding of distribution poles, power lines, and installation of a transformer adjacent to Cottonwood Canyon Road.

Discussion

Grant of Easement #1 is a 33-foot wide easement adjacent to Cottonwood Canyon Road. This easement allows for the placement of the transformer that will serve as part of the backbone electrical systems. This system will provide power to both the future Canyon Hills Heights development and the City park incorporated within. Grant of Easement #2 is a 6-foot wide strip easement that will allow for the undergrounding of the existing distribution poles and installation of the underground power lines.

Pursuant to Condition of Approval No. 83 for PA 2021-43 Canyon Hills Estates project, all new power line facilities are required to be underground. Southern California Edison (SCE) therefore

SCE Grant of Easement

requires an easement over the City-owned park parcel, APN 365-230-009, to accommodate new power alignments and undergrounding.

Fiscal Impact

There are no fiscal impacts to the City. All costs related to this easement shall be the responsibility of SCE.

Attachments

Attachment 1 – Grant of Easement No. 1

Attachment 2 – Grant of Easement No. 2