



City of Colusa California

STAFF REPORT

DATE: May 7, 2024
TO: Mayor and Members of Council
FROM: David Swartz, City Engineer, and Jesse Cain, City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Relinquishment of City Public Utility Easement along Highway 20

Recommendation: Council approve Resolution 24- ____ for the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the Quitclaim in favor of the Department of Transportation relinquishment of the existing PUE.

BACKGROUND ANALYSIS:

To release the encroachment permit for the Colusa Town Center Project, so they can begin construction, Caltrans requires the land included in their highway easement to be free and clear of all encumbrances. Attached to this report is an exhibit which highlights the easement areas within the Caltrans highway easement that need to be quitclaimed. This area is noted as a PUE, (public utilities easement). Similarly, the developer is working on quitclaiming the PG&E easement concurrently.

There is an existing City 10' ROW and easement per Book 526 OR 588 as shown in the attached Map that will need to be quitclaimed. Following the highway easement recordation (which Caltrans has specified will occur after construction completion), Caltrans will be completing a Consent to Common Use Agreements (CCUA) for these highway easement areas. I've included a snip below of Caltrans' right of way manual with the explanation of the CCUA as well as attached an example of the CCUA Form. Caltrans has assured us that the City will retain all of its original rights except it makes its use compatible with highway traffic safety.

Following the conclusion of the quitclaim, Caltrans will require the developer to submit a Title Report that is free of the encumbrance.

BUDGET IMPACT: none

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Council to approve Resolution 24-____ approving the City Manager and City Clerk to sign and record the quitclaim of the PUE to the State Department of Transportation.

ATTACHMENT: