



Town Council Agenda Report

Date: June 11, 2019 Item No. 10
To: Honorable Mayor and Town Council
Subject: CAL PORTLAND'S REQUEST TO ALLOW OVERHEAD POWER LINES

From: Douglas Robertson, Town Manager
Submitted by: Lori Lamson, Assistant Town Manager
Budgeted Item: Yes No N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Provide Staff with direction regarding the request to allow overhead utility lines for the Cal Portland mining and aggregates process facility at the Scheerer Quarry.

SUMMARY:

On May 22, 2019, the Town received a request from Cal Portland Company, (see attached letter), to allow the installation of approximately 3,600 feet of overhead power lines from Outer Highway 15 along Falchion Road to the existing processing facility of the Scheerer Quarry.

Cal Portland recently acquired the mine from TXI Riverside Cement Co. A power line along Falchion existed under the previous ownership. During this time, the activity at the mine was much less, not requiring the amount of power provided. Southern California Edison removed the service line due to lack of use. Now with new ownership and steady mining activity, the need for power is necessary to modify power generation from the current generators to a permanent power supply.

Per the attached letter, Cal Portland is requesting that Council find that the installation of the new service line is an unusual circumstance because the power line previously existed; no service connections off the line will be developed by others, the power line will be operated solely in conjunction with the Cal Portland facility; and, it will be removed or disconnected upon completion of service to the Scheerer Quarry facility.

Pursuant to the Town's Municipal Code, Section 14.28, "underground installation is required for all electrical lines energized at 34,500 volts or less, telephone, cable, antenna television and similar service wires or cables which:

- (a) Provide direct service to the property being developed; or

- (b) Are existing and located within the boundaries being developed; or
- (c) Are existing between the property line and the centerline of the peripheral streets of the property being developed...”

The Code also indicates the following:

“Notwithstanding the provisions of this Chapter, ... The Council may grant special permission, on such terms as the Council may deem appropriate, in cases of unusual circumstances, without discrimination as to any person or utility, to erect, construct, install, maintain, use or operate poles, overhead wires and associated overhead structures.”

This power line would be providing direct service to the existing quarry operation. Any future development along Falchion Road, utilizing this service line, would be responsible for the undergrounding of the service line at that time. If the adjacent parcels along Falchion Road have not been developed by the time the quarry operations have been completed, the overhead service line will be removed.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No impact

ATTACHMENTS:

Letter from Cal Portland dated May 22, 2019
Location Maps showing the location of the service line along Falchion Road



May 22, 2019

Town of Apple Valley
Ms. Lori Lamson, Asst. Town Manager
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Apple Valley, California 92307

SUBJECT: Special Permission for Proposed Construction of Poles and Overhead Wires: Request for Town Council Recognition of Unusual Circumstances Under Town of Apple Valley Code of Ordinances (the "Code") Chapter 14.38, "Underground Utility Facilities," Section 14.38.060, "Emergency or Unusual Circumstances," APN's 0472-031-10-0000, 0472-031-11-0000, 0472-051-05-0000, 0472-051-06-0000 Within the Town of Apple Valley

Dear Ms. Lamson:

CalPortland Company owns and operates a mining and construction aggregates processing facility within the Town of Apple Valley located generally near the intersection of Apple Valley Road and Falchion Road commonly known as the Scheerer Quarry. Although there is currently no grid electrical power provided to the Scheerer Quarry by Southern California Edison, it is our understanding that electrical power had been supplied in the past via poles and overhead wires along the south side of Falchion Road. CalPortland is proposing to reinstall poles and overhead wires along Falchion Road in order to operate the facility with grid electrical power instead of diesel-powered generators. At this time, CalPortland has submitted an application to Southern California Edison and they are beginning the planning and engineering portion of the project.

The Scheerer Quarry occupies Parcel Numbers 0472-031-10-0000, 0472-031-11-0000, 0472-051-05-0000, and 0472-051-06-0000 within the Town of Apple Valley. There is currently an existing overhead powerline running along the east side of Outer Highway 15 Road, with its terminus located at the southeast intersection of Outer Highway 15 Road and Falchion Road. The proposed powerline would connect to the existing line at the intersection of Outer Highway 15 Road and Falchion Road, and extend eastward approximately 3,700 feet to the Scheerer Quarry property. The terminal pole of the proposed powerline would be located within Parcel Number 0472-051-05-0000. It is our understanding based on communications with Southern California Edison that there is a 40-foot road dedication along the south side of Falchion Road where the proposed powerline would be located.

CalPortland is hereby requesting special permission to allow this overhead powerline to be installed along the south side of Falchion Road, recognizing the unusual circumstances under which such installation need not be underground, as permitted under Code Section 14.38.060 which states:

"The Council may grant special permission, on such terms as the Council may deem appropriate in cases of unusual circumstances, without discrimination as to any person or utility, to erect, construct, install, maintain, use or operate poles, overhead wires and associated overhead structures."

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The Unusual Circumstances that CalPortland believes to exist are:

- The proposed powerline will reoccupy the same location in which a previous overhead powerline was located.
- The proposed powerline will be owned by Southern California Edison, but will be installed for the exclusive use at the CalPortland Scheerer Quarry. There will be no further service connections or extensions by others.
- The powerline can be removed or disconnected in the future if service to the Scheerer Quarry is no longer needed.

We trust this information meets your current needs but please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (626) 513-6533 with any questions or comments, or should you need any further information.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Chad W. Warren'.

Chad W. Warren, C.E.G.
Aggregates Manager
Southern California Materials Division

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