

RESOLUTION NO. 99-40

**A RESOLUTION OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SEEK AN ALLOCATION OF KERN
COUNTY RULE 20 FUNDS TO APPLY TO UNDERGROUNDING
UTILITIES ON NORTH CHINA LAKE BOULEVARD FROM INYOKERN
ROAD TO 1000' NORTH OF DRUMMOND AVENUE**

WHEREAS, The Public Utilities Commission Rule 20 requires that electric utilities set aside a portion of their revenues for the purpose of undergrounding overhead utility lines. These revenues are allocated to accounts of the public agencies within whose jurisdiction the revenues occur. Counties that have an allocation available may share that allocation with cities that have deserving projects ; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ridgecrest and the County of Kern pooled their allocated Rule 20 money to accomplish two phases of a three phase program for undergrounding utilities along China Lake Boulevard. The first two phases were executed in 1995 and 1996. A third phase remains to be done to complete undergrounding of utilities along China Lake Boulevard, and

WHEREAS, the County of Kern has now accumulated additional allocations and is receptive to the idea of sharing those allocations to permit the construction of Phase 3 of the undergrounding program for China Lake Boulevard. Southern California Edison has given the County an estimate of \$2,550,000 for accomplishing the work. Kern County has sufficient allocations to fund this final phase. The City's contribution to the project would be to take the lead in coordinating the project with the utility company and to work with the owners to solicit their cooperation with the project. There is only one service along this section that would have to be converted from overhead service to underground, and

WHEREAS, continuing the program of undergrounding would enhance the appearance of this major thoroughfare through the City in keeping with the objectives of the Rule 20 Program.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council authorizes the Mayor to request the reallocation of a portion of Kern County's Rule 20 allocation to the City of Ridgecrest, and directs the staff to pursue the undergrounding project.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of April, 1999, by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Darnell, Council Members Carter, Holloway, Morgan, and Rollins

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None


Donna Darnell, Mayor

ATTEST:


Harry Jensen
City Clerk