



Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney  
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**REPORT RE:**

**DRAFT ORDINANCE APPROVING RESOLUTION 026 205 OF THE BOARD OF  
WATER AND POWER COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF  
EASEMENT TO THE COUNTY OF INYO FOR PUBLIC ROADWAY PURPOSES**

The Honorable City Council  
of the City of Los Angeles  
Room 395, City Hall  
200 North Spring Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Council File No. 26-0626

Honorable Members:

This Office has prepared and now transmits for your consideration the enclosed draft ordinance, approved as to form and legality. This draft ordinance would approve Resolution 026 205, dated April 28, 2026, authorizing the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) to sell a public roadway easement (Easement) over City of Los Angeles (City) property, located in Inyo County, California, to the County of Inyo (County) for and in consideration of \$1,000.

Background

The County is requesting to purchase, for a negotiated market price of \$1,000, an easement from LADWP for the County's Carroll Creek Road Bridge Replacement Project (Project), which involves rerouting Carroll Creek Road and replacing County Bridge No. 48C0011 over the Los Angeles Aqueduct (Aqueduct). The existing County Bridge No. 48C0011, located where Carroll Creek Road crosses the Aqueduct in Inyo County, has been deemed by Caltrans to be functionally obsolete according to national bridge standards. As part of the Project, the County has requested to (1) obtain LADWP's consent to build a new bridge within and over the Aqueduct right-of-way,

located on property owned in fee by the United States of America, and (2) purchase a road easement from LADWP and the City for rerouting Carroll Creek Road to the new bridge crossing.

LADWP's consent to build a new bridge within the Aqueduct right-of-way located on property owned by the United States of America has been given using a non-objection letter agreement between LADWP and the County. An easement deed will be used to convey an easement to the County for the new road.

LADWP and the County entered into a Right of Entry Agreement on December 17, 2024, permitting the County to enter City property and commence the Project, with the understanding LADWP may convey an interest in real estate only with the express written permission of its Board and the Los Angeles City Council. Under the Right of Entry Agreement, the County assumes all risks associated with such advance entry, including that the County may be required to remove all improvements and restore the property to its original condition if the easement deed is not approved by the Board and the Los Angeles City Council.

Upon completion of the Project, the County has agreed to abandon and quitclaim to the City and LADWP that portion of an easement and right-of-way for public road purposes recorded February 9, 1976, on file in Official Records Book 216, Page 148, in the office of the County Recorder of Inyo County, that is no longer required for County purposes, including for portions of rerouted Carroll Creek Road.

#### Charter Requirements

The enclosed draft ordinance is transmitted for your approval pursuant to Charter Section 675(d)(2), after approval by the Board of Water and Power Commissioners of the Department of Water and Power.

#### CEQA Findings

Determine item is in compliance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15070-15075 (MND adopted on February 27, 2019). In accordance with CEQA, a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) was prepared to analyze the impacts associated with the construction and operation of the Project. On February 27, 2019, the Inyo County Planning Department approved the Project, adopted the MND, and filed a Notice of Determination.

#### Recommendation

Based on the foregoing, it is requested that the City Council adopt the enclosed draft ordinance. A copy of the Board Resolution is included in the Council file.

Council Rule 38 Referral

This draft ordinance has been presented to the Board of Water and Power Commissioners of the Department of Water and Power pursuant to Council Rule 38.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Deputy City Attorney John O. Benum at (213) 367-4535. A member of this Office will be available when you consider this matter to answer questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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