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Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake & Sandy Board Meeting Information Last Update: December 9, 2024

Agenda Item: Eminent domain (condemnation) proceedings

Background: Eminent domain is regulated in Utah Code Title 78B, Part 6, Chapter 5. When an eminent domain action is elevated to the Board, the property owner is invited to attend. This document summarizes the hearing.

Prior to board meeting, the District has

- 1. Made a reasonable effort to negotiate purchase with the property owner.
- 2. At least 14 days before voting on the taking:
 - a. Provided the property owner the "Your Guide to Just Compensation" booklet from the Utah Office of the Property Rights Ombudsman, and
 - b. Provided the property owner(s) a written statement as required in the statute.
- 3. Prepared a project background, including alignment analysis; a summary of communications with the property owner; and a recommendation.
- 4. Provided written notice at least 10 business days before the public meeting to each owner of affected property that allows the property owner the opportunity to be heard on the proposed taking.
- At Board meeting
 - 1. Staff presents a brief background on the action.
 - 2. Staff answers questions from the Board.
 - 3. The Chair invites the property owner to briefly address the board.
 - 4. Board deliberates. The Board may request additional detail of staff or the property owner.
 - 5. Chair calls for a motion.
 - 6. Property owner is addressed with the result.

The Board can

- 1. Authorize the condemnation action to be filed immediately.
- 2. Authorize the condemnation action with a delay in filing.
- 3. Postpone the condemnation action (will require a separate hearing at a later date).
- 4. Not authorize the condemnation action.
- 5. Other options as considered by the board.

Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake & Sandy Board Meeting Information Last Update: December 3, 2024

Agenda Item: Consider approval of eminent domain (condemnation) proceedings for select SLAR easements

Objective: Authorize eminent domain (condemnation) proceedings for select SLAR easements.

Background: The SLAR will be constructed parallel to the SLA between the LCWTP and Fort Union Boulevard in Cottonwood Heights. Multiple pipeline alignments were considered for the project during preliminary design, with the final alignment ultimately selected for its proximity to the 10 Million Gallon Reservoir and its constructability, particularly through natural hazard areas and slopes.

Of the 64 identified easements, 11 have yet to be acquired. Eminent domain was approved previously for four of the remaining properties. The District desires to complete easement acquisition quickly to meet the contractor's schedule and District funding commitments.

Eminent domain is regulated in Utah Code Title 78B, Part 6, Chapter 5. The code requires the District to provide written notice to each owner of property at least 10 business days before a board meeting at which a condemnation vote may occur. Notice of the eminent domain hearing was received on December 2 to the following property in anticipation of the December 16 board meeting:

• Ludlow, Parcel 24

Before considering condemnation, the project team must reasonably negotiate with the property owner and non-condemnation closure is unlikely. The project team makes this finding for the above property.

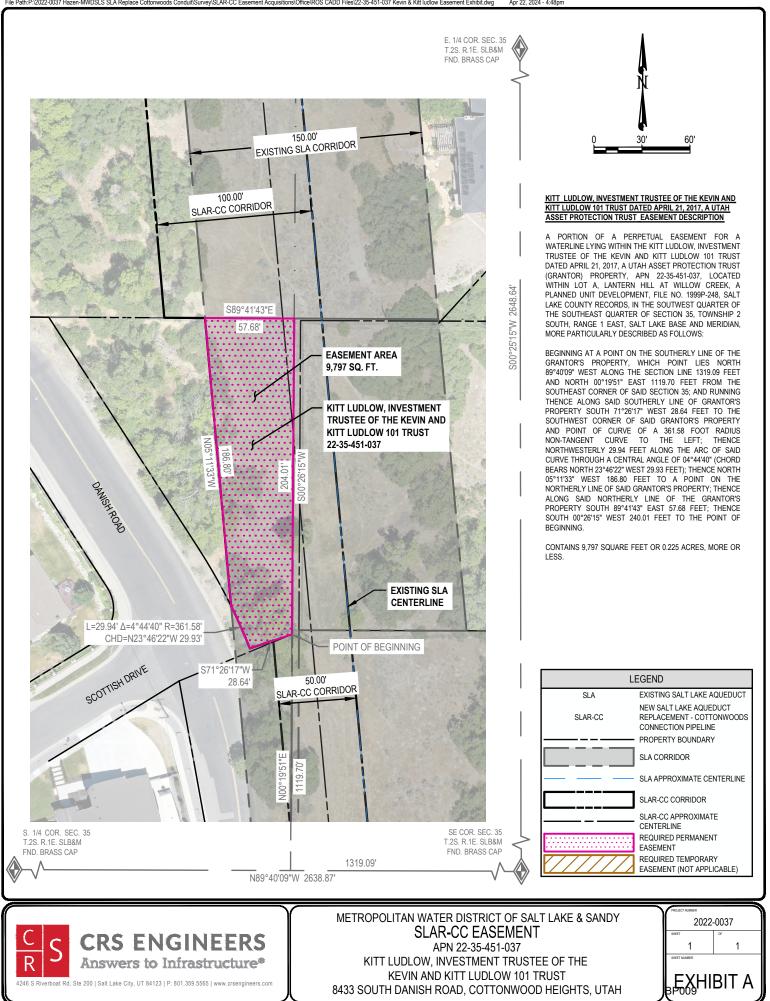
Once a condemnation case has been filed, the District can file a motion seeking an order of immediate occupancy that will allow the District to enter and use the property while the case is pending. These are granted fairly routinely, but they involve briefing with the property owner having the opportunity to file an opposition within 21 days of the complaint being served and a hearing before the Court.

Committee Activity: The Engineering Committee discussed this item on November 19, 2024.

Recommendation: Authorize eminent domain proceedings for Ludlow, Parcel 24.

Attachment:

• Exhibits and Engagement Summary for Parcel 24.



File Path:P:/2022-0037 Hazen-MWDSLS SLA Replace Cottonwoods Conduit/Survey/SLAR-CC Easement Acquisitions/Office/ROS CADD Files/22-35-451-037 Kevin & Kitt ludlow Easement Exhibit.dwg Apr 22, 2024 - 4:48pm

Parcel 24 – Ludlow

5/1/24 District approved Just Compensation (JC). 6/1/24 Offer sent to property owner. 6/11/24 Contact made to confirm receipt of offer and status – no status. 6/27/24 Contact attempt to continue negotiations – no response. 7/15/24 Contact made to continue negotiations – meeting set. 7/18/24 Virtual meeting held. Property owner suggested a fee title purchase. Property owner preparing a counter offer. 7/19/24 District developed a fee title offer. Hold until counter offer received. 7/22/24 Contact attempt – no response. 7/30/24 Contact attempt – no response. 8/1/24 Contact made – still working on counter offer. 8/12/24 District sends fee-title offer to property owner. 8/13/24 Contact made – counter offer of fee-title made by property owner. 8/21/24 Contact made – District working through counter offer details. 10/2/24 Legal Counsel found title issues with property – HOA common space in CC&R's. 10/16/24 Contact made – property owner claims he can clean up title if District will purchase. 10/21/24 The District did not agree with the property owners' proposed purchase price for the parcel and negotiations returned to acquisition of the easement only. 11/04/24 Contact made – property owner prefers a purchase, not an easement. 11/11/24 Receive counteroffer from property owner. 11/14/24 Receive redlines to easement agreement from property owner. 11/15/24 Four options letter received by property owner. 11/25/24 District returns comments on redlined easement agreement. 11/26/24 Contact made – property owner shares disappointment in District response to redlines.