



Staff Report

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CC - CONSENT ITEM: Quitclaim of Storm Drain Easement through 5880 Adams Boulevard from Adams Boulevard to La Cienega Boulevard.

Meeting Date: October 14, 2024

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Fiscal Impact: Yes [] No [X]

General Fund: Yes [] No [X]

Attachments: Yes [X] No []

Public Notification: E-Mail: (10/09/2024) Meetings and Agendas - City Council; E-Mail: (09/16/2024) Private Development Team for the Project at 5880 Adams Blvd

Department Approval: Yanni Demitri, Public Works Director/City Engineer (09/26/2024)

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the City Council quitclaim the storm drain easement which runs through the property at 5880 Adams Boulevard, from Adams Boulevard to La Cienega Boulevard.

BACKGROUND

The property owner of 5880 Adams Boulevard is proposing building renovations and during the City's Project Review Committee's entitlement process, it was discovered that an existing abandoned storm drain runs from Adams Boulevard to La Cienega Boulevard underneath the building at the subject location. (Attachment 1)

The storm drain was constructed and then subsequently abandoned by Los Angeles County before it was incorporated by Culver City. It was also discovered that the easement for this storm drain pipe was never formally quitclaimed. The owner of the property has requested the City quitclaim the storm drain easement. The purpose of the quitclaim would be for Culver City to give up its rights to this storm drain easement (so the City would not be able to benefit from this easement in the future). This quitclaim would be formally recorded in the County recorder's office.

DISCUSSION

City staff asked the private property development team to video tape the storm drain line in order to determine if it is in fact abandoned. Video footage showed the storm drain line is clogged with debris and has not been maintained and shows no signs of conveying storm drainage.

Culver City has no interest in this abandoned storm drain pipeline, and there will never be a reason for it to be used again. There are other storm drain pipelines in the area that adequately convey storm waters to the Ballona Creek Channel. For these reasons, staff recommends that the City Council approve the quitclaiming of the storm drain easement on the private property at 5880 Adams Boulevard.

If the City Council agrees to quitclaim the easement, City staff will require the property owner to infill the storm drain line with a cement slurry to keep it from collapsing.

The property owner's civil engineering consultant prepared the documents needed to quitclaim the storm drain easement. The easement document has been reviewed and approved by Engineering staff. (Attachment 2).

FISCAL ANALYSIS

There is no fiscal impact associated with quitclaiming this storm drain easement.

ATTACHMENTS

- 2024-10-14-ATT 1-CC Abandoned Storm Drain Plan
- 2024-10-14-ATT 2-CC Quitclaim Legal Description, Plat and Signature Documents

RECOMMENDED MOTIONS

That the City Council:

Quitclaim the storm drain easement within 5880 Adams Boulevard from Adams Boulevard to La Cienega Boulevard as shown and described in Exhibits A and B of Attachment ATT-2.