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Special Meeting on Street Light Selection for Proposed Piedmont Pines Undergrounding Project

OAKLAND, CA—Piedmont Pines property owners are invited to attend a special Street Light Selection meeting in preparation for the upcoming formal vote on forming a Special Assessment District for the first phase of the project. The meeting, hosted by the City of Oakland Public Works Agency Electrical Services Division and Councilmember Jean Quan, District 4, will be held Wednesday, November 9, 2005 from 6:30 to 8 pm at Montera School Auditorium, 5555 Ascot Avenue, Oakland, CA 94611.

Residents of Piedmont Pines have been patiently waiting to move forward with establishing an underground utilities district since 1987. The project is now in the formal planning stages and anticipated to begin in 2008. The Board of Piedmont Pines Neighborhood Association and City staff are proposing a three-phased approach:

Phase I: June 2008 – January 2011

Ascot, Burton, Wilton and portions of Skyline, El Patio and Mountain

Phase II: August 2008 – October 2012

Chelton, Chatsworth, Keswick, Kimberly and portions of Beaconsfield, Chelsea, Darnby and Carisbrook

Phase III: August 2010 – January 2015

Mountaingate, Skyline, Castlepark Way, Castle, Weybridge and Osborne

Logistical details are quite complex and take several years to complete before actual digging can begin. One of these details is the choice of street lights, which needs to be selected prior to the April 2006 formal vote on forming the Special Assessment District for Phase I of the Underground Utility District No. 232. The same street lights will be installed throughout all three phases. Once the type of street lights is determined, the City can provide a realistic cost estimate as part of the ballot.

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