TO: HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: CITY MANAGER
      DEPARTMENT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

DATE: MAY 1, 2006
      CMR: 203:06

SUBJECT: EDGEWOOD DRIVE – SUMMARY VACATION OF PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENTS

RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommends that Council approve the attached Resolution Summarily Vacating public service easements for utilities (PUEs) located at various addresses on Edgewood Drive. The subject properties and PUEs to be vacated are shown in the exhibits attached to the resolution.

DISCUSSION
As a follow up to the Underground 40 Utility District project, the PUEs used for overhead electric facilities located on the subject properties along Edgewood Drive are proposed to be vacated. The overhead utilities formerly located in the easements running along the rear and the sides of the subject properties on Edgewood Drive have been relocated under the street right-of-way as part of the Underground 40 Utility District project. There are no other public facilities located within the easement. Staff has notified the Utilities, Public Works and Planning departments of the proposal to vacate the PUEs and all concur with the vacation. The PUEs are not necessary for any present or future City use; they may therefore be summarily vacated in accordance with Section 8333 (c) of the California Streets and Highways Code.

RESOURCE IMPACT
The easement vacation-processing fee of $1,200 was charged to the Underground 40 Utility District Project.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS
The recommendation does not represent any change to City policies. The Planning Department has determined that the vacation of the subject PUEs is in conformity with the Palo Alto Comprehensive Plan.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW
The proposed summary vacation of the subject PUEs is categorically exempt from the review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Title 14 California Code of Regulations Section 15305 as a minor alteration in land use limitations.