TO: HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL
FROM: CITY MANAGER DEPARTMENT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
DATE: JULY 11, 2005 CMR: 311:05
SUBJECT: 1741 EDGEWOOD DRIVE – SUMMARY VACATION OF PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT

RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommends that Council approve the attached Resolution Summarily Vacating a 10-foot public service easement for utilities located at 1741 Edgewood Drive.

DISCUSSION
The property owners have requested that the City vacate the 10-foot wide public utility easement (PUE) for overhead electric facilities located on the east side of their property at 1741 Edgewood Drive. The owners have merged the two lots through a Certificate of Compliance and plan to redevelop the site with a new single-family residence. The overhead utilities have been relocated in Edgewood Drive as part of the Underground 40 Utility District project and there are no other public facilities located within the easement. Staff has notified the City Utilities, Public Works and Planning departments of the proposal to vacate the PUE, and all concur with the vacation. The PUE would not be useful as a non-motorized transportation facility due to its limited use and size. This side yard 10-foot PUE is also not necessary for any present or future use, it may be summarily vacated in accordance with Section 8333 of the California Streets and Highways Code.

RESOURCE IMPACT
The easement vacation-processing fee of $1,200, as set forth in the Municipal Fee Schedule, has been paid by the property owners.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS
The recommendation does not represent any change to City policies. The Planning Department has determined that the vacation of the 10-foot PUE is in conformity with the Palo Alto Comprehensive Plan.
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW
The proposed summary vacation of the 10-foot PUE 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.

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ATTACHMENTS
Attachment A: Summary Vacation
Attachment B: Location Map

cc: Property Owner, 1741 Edgewood Drive