



Proposed Capitola Village underground utilities

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CAPITOLA — Capitola Village will be without a few more telephone poles and wires if the proposed formation of the city's fourth underground utility district comes to pass.

Public Works Director Craig French is proposing the undergrounding of PG&E utilities near City Hall downtown. The City Council has already recommended that a resolution of intent be adopted and set a public hearing for July 12.

Cost of the proposed project is \$210,000. Project boundaries would include Monterey Avenue from El Camino Medio to Capitola Avenue, all of El Camino Medio and Capitola Avenue from Monterey to the railroad trestle near City Hall. Highly visible single poles on California and Stockton Avenues would also be removed.

The city will pay for the project through its annual \$35,000 allocation from PG&E, which is used in the conversion of overhead utilities to underground facilities, according to French. The city has ac-

cumulated \$105,000 and also requested a three-year advance of funds.

If approved, this will be Capitola's fourth such project. The first was Capitola Village from south of Capitola Avenue, the second was the wharf area and the third was Grace Street.

"Given the dollars we can apply to the project, the (proposed) boundaries represent the most generally beneficial project," said French.

The council's resolution of intent confirms the preliminary boundaries of the proposed project. The July 12 public hearing will allow affected property owners to speak.

The conversion of utilities in the busy downtown area will disrupt businesses, conceded French. As proposed, however, the construction timeline would begin in September with work scheduled to cease from Nov. 17 through the Christmas shopping season. Work will resume in January and completion is expected in early spring, 1985.