



Utilities Undergrounding Program

Re-Naming Undergrounding Project Phases

WHY DID WE CHANGE THE NAMES?

The Utilities Undergrounding Program (UUP) has been experiencing many residents reaching out due to the undergrounding project phase names and how they align with where their project stands. This has especially been the case for “unallocated” and “allocated” projects, but overall the names needed to be updated to align with the actual project status. The table below outlines the previous terms used to define the phases of UUP projects alongside the new phase names. We believe these new names will significantly lessen the confusion around UUP projects.

PHASES

PREVIOUS LANGUAGE	NEW LANGUAGE	PHASE DEFINITION / MEANING
Unallocated Allocated	Identified in Master Plan	All projects in this category are identified in the City's Master Plan as having overhead lines that need to be undergrounded. There is not a known timeline for the work to begin. This is where projects wait to be selected via the prioritization criteria.
Project Development	Preliminary Studies	A project moves to this phase once it has been identified as a block that will be worked on in the immediate future based on the prioritization criteria. This means that preliminary work is being performed. This work includes developing a site map, doing environmental reviews, and eventually bringing the project to City Council so that it can become an Underground Utility District; or what is also known as District Creation.
Design Phase	Design	A Notice to Proceed (NTP) is sent to SDG&E to start work on this project, which means it is funded. The first step is the design work.
Construction	Undergrounding Construction	After design is completed the project moves to construction of undergrounding the overhead facilities.
(New)	Post-Undergrounding Improvements	After construction of the overhead lines is complete, there is additional CIP work, which involves different types of public improvements such as curb ramps, trees, streetlights, and paving.
Completed	Undergrounded Community	Once all work is completed, including all CIP work and paving, the project can now be considered an Undergrounded Community.