

GLOSSARY

“**Acquisition**” means the process of acquiring real property or a needed interest in real property.

“**Appraisal**” means a written statement independently and impartially prepared by a qualified appraiser setting forth an opinion of defined value of an adequately described property as of a specific date, supported by the presentation and analysis of relevant market information.

“**Cave in**” means the separation of a mass of soil or rock material from the side of an excavation, or the loss of soil from under a trench shield or support system, and its sudden movement into the excavation, either by falling or sliding, in sufficient quantity so that it could entrap, bury, or otherwise injure and immobilize a person.

“**Community Facility**” means a facility provided in connection with a community service and includes recreation, healthcare, education, governance, institutional and religious facilities.

“**Competent Authority**” means the entity that is required to approve the technical aspects of the projects and the design.

“**Competent Person**” means someone who is capable of identifying existing and predictable hazards in the surroundings, or working conditions, which are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous.

“**Conveyance**” means the undivided right to possession by one or more persons transferred to one or more different persons.

“**Corridor Depth**” means the minimum depth of cover for underground utilities and is measured from the street surface to the top of the conduit/duct/pipe, if direct buried, or top of the concrete if the conduit/duct/pipe is concrete encased.

“**Dwelling**” means the place of permanent or customary and usual residence of a person, according to local custom or law, including a single family house, a single family unit in a two family, multi family, or multi purpose property; a unit of condominium or cooperatives housing project; a non housekeeping unit; a mobile home; or any other residential unit.

“**Easement**” means the right to use/or control all or part of a property for a defined purpose. It can be permanent or temporary.

“**Excavation**” means digging, boring, post driving, or any other operation that penetrates below the surface of the ground. This includes the removal of trees, bushes, sidewalks, etc. that could damage buried utilities.

“**Improvement**” means the additions to or betterments of real property that enhance its value or involve the expenditure of labour or money and are designed to make the real property more useful or valuable as distinguished from ordinary repairs.

“**Main Road**” means a road outside of an existing or planned urban area, except an urban freeway, which forms part of the main road network.

“**Manual**” means Right of Way Utilities Distribution Manual