

CITY OF RIVERSIDE

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Minutes of: Regular Meeting of the Board of Public Utilities

Date of Meeting: September 4, 2015

Time of Meeting: 8:30 a.m.

Place of Meeting: Utility Operations Center  
2911 Adams Street (at Lincoln and Adams Streets)  
Riverside, California

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG WAS GIVEN**

**Roll Call**

Present:	Susan Cash (Chair)	Dave Austin (Vice-Chair)
	Darrell Ament (arrived late)	Ron Cole
	Nick Ferguson	Jennifer O'Farrell
	Justin Scott-Coe	Andrew Walcker

Absent: None.

**PRESENTATION**

**1 EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARDS**

General Manager Girish Balachandran recognized Customer Communications Coordinator, Marjorie Mitchell for her contributions and work preparing the Utility 2.0 presentations for the ongoing strategic planning meetings with the Public Utilities Board and City Council over the past 7 months.

Interim Assistant General Manager, Todd Jorgenson recognized Water Supervisors Mike Perez, Johnny Vargas and Pipefitter Erick Shackelford as well as the whole field crew that worked on the recent 30" water main break on Mission Inn Avenue. He commended them for their dedication in assisting the Press Enterprise regain enough water pressure to run the presses as well as their tireless dedication of fixing the pipe.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Chair Susan Cash called the public hearing meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Chair Susan Cash stated to the audience that the Board of Public Utilities was holding a public hearing to receive public input regarding the ADOPTION OF "ONE WATER ONE WATERSHED 2.0" INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT (IRWM) PLAN FOR FUNDING THROUGH PROPOSITION 84 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES VIA SANTA ANA WATERSHED PROJECT AUTHORITY (SAWPA). Comments of any individual would be limited to three minutes and would be heard in order of sign up.

**Roll Call of Board of Public Utilities** – All Board Members were present – Board Member Ament arrived late after roll call.

### **Staff Presentation**

Prior to receiving public input, the Board requested staff to provide a summary of the ADOPTION OF "ONE WATER ONE WATERSHED 2.0" INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT (IRWM) PLAN FOR FUNDING THROUGH PROPOSITION 84 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES VIA SANTA ANA WATERSHED PROJECT AUTHORITY (SAWPA), which was presented by Interim Assistant General Manager/Water Todd Jorgenson.

### **Comments from the Audience**

Ms. Erin Snyder, resident of the Northside community, commented that she was in support of this plan.

### **Close Public Hearing**

There were no other comments regarding this matter, so the Board of Public Utilities closed the public hearing.

Motion – Scott-Coe. Second – O'Farrell.

Ayes: Cash, Austin, Ament, Cole, Ferguson, O'Farrell, Scott-Coe, and Walcker.

Absent: None.

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Following discussion, the Board of Public Utilities:

1. Conducted a public hearing on Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority's One Water One Watershed 2.0 Integrated Regional Water Management Plan; and
2. Recommended that the City Council adopt the One Water One Watershed 2.0 Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.

Motion – Austin. Second – O'Farrell.

Ayes: Cash, Austin, Ament, Cole, Ferguson, O'Farrell, Scott-Coe, and Walcker.

Absent: None.

### **MINUTES**

3 The workshop minutes from the Board of Public Utilities meeting held on July 29, 2015 were approved as submitted.

Motion – Scott-Coe. Second – O'Farrell.

Ayes: Cash, Austin, Ferguson, O'Farrell, Scott-Coe, and Walcker.

Abstain: Ament and Cole.

Absent: None.

4 The regular minutes from the Board of Public Utilities meeting held on August 7, 2015 were approved as submitted.

Motion – Scott-Coe. Second – Austin.

Ayes: Cash, Austin, Ament, Ferguson, O'Farrell, Scott-Coe, and Walcker.

Abstain: Cole.

Absent: None.

### CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

5 Public Comment:

Mr. Jason Hunter commented on TRR and relationship to the general fund.

An e-comment from Mr. Kevin Dawson requesting meetings be video recorded and posted online for public viewing. Board Chair Cash asked to make note in the minutes that the Board of Public Utilities meetings are now being video recorded and can be seen at <http://riversideca.gov/transparency/meetings/>.

### CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar with the exception of Item 8, **THE HIGH VOLTAGE ELECTRIC SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN RALPH'S GROCERY COMPANY AND THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE**, which was moved to the Discussion Calendar.

Motion – Ferguson. Second – Cole.

Ayes: Cash, Austin, Ament, Cole, Ferguson, O'Farrell, Scott-Coe, and Walcker.

Absent: None.

### Electric Items

6 INSTALLATION OF UNDERGROUND ELECTRICAL FACILITIES NEAR DAN KIPPER DRIVE AND Sycamore Canyon Boulevard for the CT Sycamore Center Development – WORK ORDER NO. 1516861 FOR \$114,000

The Board of Public Utilities approved the estimated capital expenditure of \$114,000 for Work Order No. 1516861 for the installation of underground electrical facilities for the CT Sycamore Center Development.

7 SUB-TRANSMISSION LINE RELOCATION FOR PLAZA SUBSTATION – WORK ORDER NO. 1501810 FOR \$160,000

The Board of Public Utilities approved the estimated capital expenditure of \$160,000 for Work Order No. 1501810 for the Sub-transmission Line Relocation for the Plaza Substation.

Other Items

**8 MOVED TO DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

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**8 THE HIGH VOLTAGE ELECTRIC SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN RALPHS GROCERY COMPANY AND THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE**

Vice Chair Austin and Board Member Walcker requested this item be placed on the discussion calendar for more detail clarification.

Following discussion, the Board of Public Utilities recommended that the City Council approve a First Amendment to High Voltage Electric Service Agreement between Ralphs Grocery Company and the City of Riverside, extending the term for three years.

Motion – Austin. Second – Cole.

Ayes: Cash, Austin, Ament, Cole, Ferguson, O'Farrell, Scott-Coe, and Walcker.

Absent: None.

**9 RIVERSIDE RESTORATIVE GROWTHPRINT CLIMATE ACTION PLAN/ ECONOMIC PROSPERITY ACTION PLAN (RRG-CAP/EPAP)**

Customer Relations Manager Kevin Palmer introduced the project team that has put the draft RRG-EPAP together with community input. Senior Planner Doug Darnell from Community Development and Jeff Caton from Environmental Science Associates who provided information that explained how Riverside has made a plan to capitalize on the co-benefits of environmental protection and economic development.

Following discussion, the Board of Public Utilities received this update on the Riverside Restorative Growthprint (RRG), including the Economic Prosperity Action Plan (RRG-EPAP) and Climate Action Plan (RRG-CAP).

Motion – Cole. Second – Ferguson.

Ayes: Cash, Austin, Ament, Cole, Ferguson, O'Farrell, Scott-Coe, and Walcker.

Absent: None.

**10 ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY WATER TESTING PURCHASE ORDER REQUIREMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015/2016**

Following discussion, the Board of Public Utilities approved the Fiscal Year 2015/16 annual purchase order requirements for environmental laboratory testing in the estimated amount of \$600,000.

Motion – Ferguson. Second – Cole.

Ayes: Cash, Austin, Ament, Cole, Ferguson, O'Farrell, Scott-Coe, and Walcker.

Absent: None.

11 PLANNED ROUTINE PROJECTS OVER \$500,000 FOR ELECTRIC AND WATER CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015/16 – \$24,992,000

Engineering Manager George Hanson and Interim Assistant General Manager Todd Jorgenson presented a map-based overview of the projects that will be coming back to Board over the next year that are over \$500,000. This presentation was an effort to build context for future Board items that will be placed on the consent calendar. By allowing the Board to see the overall scope for the year it will provide a more streamlined path to approval, as these items will be placed on the consent calendar in the future. The Board will have the opportunity to move any item to discussion if desired.

Following discussion, the Board of Public Utilities received this report highlighting planned Electric and Water capital improvement projects over \$500,000 for a combined total of \$27,992,000 for fiscal year 2015/16.

Motion – Ferguson. Second – Scott-Coe

Ayes: Cash, Austin, Ament, Cole, Ferguson, O'Farrell, Scott-Coe, and Walcker.

Absent: None.

12 ACCEPTANCE OF THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION GRANT FOR INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE AT CITY HALL

Engineering Manager George Hanson and Principal Engineer Efren Mejia gave a thorough presentation on the new Electric Vehicle charger that will be commissioned at City Hall. The charger is part of an effort to build a larger regional electrical vehicle charging infrastructure that assists EV commuters with providing fast charging capability from Los Angeles to Palm Springs. This charger is capable of a full charge in a 30 minute time frame but also pulls 10 times the power from an average home when in use. The charger will allow RPU to conduct a pilot study to determine how this type of load growth will impact the grid when employed on a larger scale and allows the ability for applicable rates to be studied.

Following discussion, the Board of Public Utilities recommended that the City Council:

1. Accept a \$50,000 CEC grant through SCPPA for the installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure at City Hall;
2. Approve the use of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) allowance proceeds to pay for Riverside Public Utilities' share of capital infrastructure in the estimated amount of \$28,225 for Work Order No. 1508874; and
3. Approve the use of Public Benefits Funds to pay for energy consumption by electric vehicle customers during a 16 month period of research and development in the estimated amount of \$15,000.

Motion – Ferguson. Second – Cole.

Ayes: Cash, Austin, Ament, Cole, Ferguson, O'Farrell, Scott-Coe, and Walcker.

Absent: None.

## **BOARD MEMBER/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

- 13 SYSTEMATIC REPORTING ON CONFERENCES/SEMINARS BY BOARD MEMBERS AND/OR STAFF
- 14 ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES CONSIDERATION AS REQUESTED BY A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
  - CIS Update
  - Update on Jurupa Valley Lawsuit - RTRP

## **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

General Manager Girish Balachandran provided the following:

- RPU Finance 101 City Council Workshop presentation was held on September 1. He provided hard copies of the presentation for the board and indicated that the presentation is also available on the web site at:  
<http://www.riversideca.gov/utilities/admin-strategicplan.asp>
- Indicated that the Board Meetings are now being streamed live and archived through the City Clerk's website at: <https://riversideca.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>
- Update on the new Customer Information System that was implemented in February. He explained that 97-99% of the customers are receiving accurate bills. There are about 1500 customers that participate in Net Metering Agreements with solar power that are still experiencing billing problems, and an additional 500-700 customers that have errors in their refuse and sewer billing. He acknowledged that although this is not ideal the problems are being worked through by an extremely dedicated staff.
- Update on SB350 and ongoing changes that may require the California Energy Commission to review Integrated Resources Plans which can impact local control. He indicated that as it sits RPU will be opposing it.

- 15 Drought Update
- 16 Safety Update
- 17 State and Federal Legislative and Regulatory Update - Update on pending legislation that may impact the Water and/or Electric Utility
- 18 Committee Reports – Electric Committee, Water Committee and Customer Relations/Finance Committee
- 19 Monthly Power Supply Report – July 2015
- 20 Electric / Water Contract Panel Update – July 2015
- 21 Open and Closed Work Orders – July 2015
- 22 Water Highlights – July 2015
- 23 Monthly Update of Goals
- 24 SCPPA Monthly Agenda / Minutes – July 16, 2015

- 25 SCPPA Miscellaneous Billings – July 2015
- 26 City Council Agendas – August 11, 2105, August 12, 2015 (Special), August 25, 2015, and August 28, 2015 (Joint meeting w/ RPU)
- 27 Upcoming Meetings
- 28 Electric / Water Utility Acronyms

#### UPCOMING MEETING

Chair Cash adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:55 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Public Utilities is to be held on Friday, September 18, 2015 @ 8:30 a.m. in the Art Pick Council Chambers in Riverside, California.

By:

  
Girish Balachandran, Secretary  
Board of Public Utilities

Approved by: City of Riverside Board of Public Utilities

Dated October 2, 2015