

City of Arts & Innovation

# BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES MINUTES

MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2025, 6:30 P.M. ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER 3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92522

### PRESENT: Chair Pro Tem Peter Wohlgemuth, and Board Members Sandra Polichetti, Gary Montgomery, Tom Evans, and Mikael Becker

ABSENT: Chair Rebeccah Goldware, Vice Chair Brian Siana, and Board Member Warren Avery

Deputy City Clerk, Diana Alegria, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Board Member Wohlgemuth led the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

A nomination was made by Board Member Evans to elect Board Member Wohlgemuth as Chair Pro Tem. Following discussion, motion was made by Board Member Montgomery and seconded by Board Member Evans to close nominations and elect Board Member Wohlgemuth as Chair Pro Tem. The motion carried unanimously with Chair Goldware, Vice Chair Siana, and Board Member Avery absent.

Chair Pro Tem Wohlgemuth presiding.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT IN-PERSON/TELEPHONE

There was no one wishing to address the Board of Public Utilities.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS UPDATE

Assistant General Manager, Tracy Sato, provided the Riverside Public Utilities efforts update.

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Utility Principal Analyst, Robert Ennis, provided the Riverside Public Utilities quarterly legislative update.

BOARD MEMBERS DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST There were no conflicts of interest declared at this time.

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Board Member Montgomery and seconded by Board Member Evans to approve the Consent Calendar as presented below affirming the actions appropriate to each item. The motion carried unanimously with Chair Goldware, Vice Chair Siana, and Board Member Avery absent.

#### MINUTES

The minutes of March 10, 2025, were approved as presented.



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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PUBLIC POWER AUTHORITY SEMI-ANNUAL EXPENDITURE REPORT The Board of Public Utilities (1) received and ordered filed the Southern California Public Power Authority semi-annual expenditure report for the period of July 2024 through December 2024; and (2) forwarded a recommendation to the City Council to receive the Southern California Public Power Authority semi-annual expenditure report.

#### **DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

2025 ANNUAL BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES WORKPLAN ADOPTION

Following discussion, it was moved by Board Member Montgomery and seconded by Board Member Becker to adopt the Board of Public Utilities 2025 Annual Workplan. The motion carried unanimously with Chair Goldware, Vice Chair Siana, and Board Member Avery absent.

## RIVERSIDE FIRE DEPARTMENT REBATE FOR PURCHASE OF PUMP-POD

Following discussion, it was moved by Board Member Montgomery and seconded by Board Member Polichetti to approve a rebate to Riverside Fire Department for the purchase of a Pump-Pod in the amount of \$15,604. The motion carried unanimously with Chair Goldware, Vice Chair Siana, and Board Member Avery absent.

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD'S ADOPTION OF "MAKING CONSERVATION A CALIFORNIA WAY OF LIFE" REGULATION UPDATE

Following discussion, it was moved by Board Member Becker and seconded by Board Member Polichetti to receive and order filed the update on the State Water Resources Control Board's adoption of "Making Conservation a California Way of Life" regulation. The motion carried unanimously with Chair Goldware, Vice Chair Siana, and Board Member Avery absent.

## BOARD MEMBER/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

SYSTEMATIC REPORTING ON MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, AND SEMINARS BY BOARD MEMBERS AND/OR STAFF

General Manager, David Garcia, reported on the American Public Power Association Legislative Rally attended by staff in February 2025 and the upcoming California Municipal Utility Association Conference in April 2025.

## ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES CONSIDERATION

Board Member Evans requested the formation of an Ad Hoc committee regarding water use and budget rates to meet State mandates, a presentation regarding the 1965 judgement and water rights, and requested staff prepare a list be provided to Board Members of all future items requested.



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### GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Following discussion and without formal motion, the Board of Public Utilities received and ordered filed the General Manager's reports including: (1) Accounts Receivable and Delinquencies as of January 31, 2025; (2) Electric and Water Contractor and Consultant Panel updates for January 2025; (3) Power Supply Report for January 2025; (4) Water Supply Report for January 31, 2025; (5) Customer Engagement Report updates through January 2025; (6) a list of upcoming City Council and Board meetings; and (7) Electric/Water Utility Acronyms.

The Board of Public Utilities adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DIANA ALEGRIA Deputy City Clerk