

# BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES MINUTES

MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2025, 6:30 P.M. ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER 3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92522

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- PRESENT: Chair Rebeccah Goldware, Vice Chair Brian Siana, and Board Members Peter Wohlgemuth, Warren Avery, Gary Montgomery, Tom Evans, and Mikael Becker
- ABSENT: None

Chair Goldware called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

## PUBLIC COMMENT IN-PERSON/TELEPHONE

Fire Chief, Steven McKinster, recognized staff from the Riverside Public Utilities Department for their support regarding the Fire Department's radio communication system.

## COMMUNICATIONS

## BOARD MEMBERS DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Board Member Montgomery declared a conflict of interest regarding the item for Bid 8163 to Fritts Ford Riverside, for the purchase of eleven (11) 2025 Ford F150 XL 2-Wheel-Drive SuperCabs.

## CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Board Member Avery and seconded by Vice Chair Siana to approve the Consent Calendar as presented below affirming the actions appropriate to each item except for the Riverside Public Utilities 2025 Wildfire Mitigation Plan and the agreement with Robert Allen Shepherd items removed from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion. The motion carried unanimously with Board Member Montgomery recusing himself from item to approve Bid 8163 to Fritts Ford of Riverside, for the purchase of eleven (11) 2025 Ford F150 XL 2-Wheel-Drive SuperCabs.

## MINUTES

The minutes of May 12, 2025, were approved as presented.

## ABSENCE

The Board of Public Utilities excused the absence of Board Member Becker from the Board of Public Utilities meeting held April 28, 2025.

## ABSENCE

The Board of Public Utilities excused the absence of Board Member Evans from the Board of Public Utilities meeting held April 28, 2025.



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PURCHASE OF EXTENDED WARRANTIES FOR VEHICLE REPAIRS

The Board of Public Utilities (1) approved the purchase of extended warranties for repairs to five vehicles with Altec Capital Services, LLC, in the amount of \$61,510; and (2) authorized the City Manager to sign all documents necessary to effectuate the transaction and make minor non-substantive changes.

BID 8164 - PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF AQUEOUS AMMONIA - RIVERSIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES POWER PLANTS

The Board of Public Utilities awarded Bid 8164 to Airgas Specialty Products, Inc., Lawrenceville, Georgia, for the purchase and delivery of 19 percent aqueous ammonia for the Riverside Public Utilities Power Plants for a three-year term ending on June 30, 2028, in the amount of \$198,000.

AGREEMENT AMENDMENT - CONSTRUCTION OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS - MISSION SQUARE PARKING GARAGE - 3750 UNIVERSITY AVENUE

The Board of Public Utilities recommended that the City Council (1) approve the First Amendment to the Charging Station Site License Agreement with Electrify America for the construction of eight (8) electric vehicle charging stations at the Mission Square Parking Garage located at 3750 University Avenue; and (2) authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Charging Station Site License Agreement including making non-substantiative changes.

AGREEMENT - CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY - SALE OF PARTIAL FEE SIMPLE INTEREST AND SIXTY-MONTH TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT - PORTION OF CITY-OWNED VACANT LAND – MOUNT VERNON BRIDGE PROJECT

The Board of Public Utilities recommended that the City Council (1) approve the Agreement for Conveyance of Property for the sale of a partial fee simple interest and a sixty-month temporary construction easement on a portion of City-owned vacant land, identified as Assessor's Parcel Number 0276-122-06, located on the East side of South Mt. Vernon Avenue on the South side of the Union Pacific Rail Line in the City of Colton; and (2) authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the Agreement with the City of Colton, including making minor and non-substantive changes, and to sign all documents necessary to complete the transaction.

BID 8163 - PURCHASE OF 2025 FORD F150 XL 2-WHEEL-DRIVE SUPERCABS

The Board of Public Utilities recommended that City Council award Bid 8163 to Fritts Ford, Riverside, for the purchase of eleven (11) 2025 Ford F150 XL 2-Wheel-Drive SuperCabs for the Public Utilities Water Field and Operations Sections for a total amount of \$566,617.30.



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#### **DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

RIVERSIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES 2025 WILDFIRE MITIGATION PLAN

Following discussion, it was moved by Board Member Evans and seconded by Board Member Becker to recommend that the City Council approve the Riverside Public Utilities 2025 Wildfire Mitigation Plan for submittal to the Wildfire Safety Advisory Board in accordance with California Public Utilities Code Section 8387. The motion carried unanimously.

AGREEMENT - HOLDING TANK COST REIMBURSEMENT - 3625 PLACENTIA LANE - CONTINUED Following discussion, it was moved by Board Member Avery and seconded by Board Member Evans to continue the item to a future Board of Public Utilities meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

## CODE OF ETHICS AND CONDUCT ANNUAL REVIEW

Following discussion, it was moved by Board Member Avery and seconded by Board Member Wohlgemuth to receive and order filed the annual review of the Code of Ethics and Conduct for its effectiveness with no changes. The motion carried unanimously.

# WORK ORDER 2521744 - AGREEMENT AMENDMENT - CUSTOMER INFORMATION SYSTEMS UPGRADE PROJECT AND IMPLEMENTATION SERVICES

Following discussion, it was moved by Board Member Avery and seconded by Board Member Evans to (1) approve the Eleventh Amendment to Information System Agreement for the Customer Information systems Upgrade Project and Implementation Services with System and Software Inc., in the amount of \$1,358,712; (2) approve project implementation 10 percent change order authority in the amount of \$104,490; (3) approve Work Order 2521744 in the amount of \$1,463,202; and (4) authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the Agreement, including making minor and non-substantive changes. The motion carried unanimously.

## APPROVE EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 PURCHASE ORDERS

Following discussion, it was moved by Board Member Evans and seconded by Board Member Avery to (1) approve the expenditure for 14 Fiscal Year 2025-26 Annual Purchase Orders for Electric and Water operations, with an estimated amount of \$3,622,023; (2) approve the expenditure for 20 Fiscal Year 2025-26 Annual Purchase Orders for Central Stores for orders benefiting Electric and Water operations, with an estimated amount of \$23,768,660; (3) approve a not to exceed 20 percent allowance for Producer Price Index (PPI) increases for 20 Fiscal Year 2025-26 Annual Purchase Orders for Central Stores for orders benefiting Electric and Water operations; (4) approve the expenditure for 65 Fiscal Year 2025-26 Existing Contract Purchase Orders with an estimated total amount of \$18,200,801; (5) approve the expenditure for 25 Fiscal Year 2025-26 Annually Recurring



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Expenditures for SHARE, memberships and subscription expenses are either greater than \$50,000 per year or could over a number of years, cumulatively exceed \$50,000 for multiyear expenses, with an estimated total amount of \$5,402,166; (6) approve the expenditure for 84 Fiscal Year 2025-26 Purchase Orders with cumulative multiple year costs equal to or greater than \$50,000 with an estimated total amount of \$3,157,557; (7) Approve the expenditure for the legal budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26 for the law firm of Thompson Coburn in an amount not to exceed \$792,000; and (8) approve an increase in the annual legal budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for the law firm of Thompson Coburn in an amount not to exceed \$792,000; and (8) approve an increase in amount not to exceed \$72,000 for a revised total budget of \$792,000. The motion carried with Chair Goldware, Vice Chair Siana, and Board Members Avery, Montgomery, Evans, and Becker voting aye and Board Member Wohlgemuth voting no.

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES STANDING RULES AND POLICY GUIDE - AD HOC COMMITTEE Following discussion, it was moved by Board Member Avery and seconded by Board Member Becker to (1) receive and order filed the report on the top priorities for review of the Board of Public Utilities Standing Rules and Policy Guide; and (2) request staff agendize items for the Board of Public Utilities to review and recommend amendments to board standing rules and policy guide. The motion carried unanimously.

## BOARD MEMBER/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

SYSTEMATIC REPORTING ON MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, AND SEMINARS BY BOARD MEMBERS AND/OR STAFF There were no reports given at this time.

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ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES CONSIDERATION There were no items requested at this time.

## 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) WA-12 Agricultural Service Water Rate report for April 30, 2025; (2) Electric Contractor Panel Updates as of March 31, 2025; (3) Electric and Water Contractor and Consultant Panel updates for March 2025; (4) Financial Results as of December 31, 2024 - Accounts Receivable and Delinquencies as of March 31, 2025; (5) Southern California Public Power Authority Agenda and Minutes; (6) a list of upcoming City Council and Board meetings; and (7) Electric/Water Utility Acronyms.

The Board of Public Utilities adjourned at 9:43 p.m.



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Respectfully submitted, 2

DIANA ALEGRIA Deputy City Clerk