

*City of Arts & Innovation*

## BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES MINUTES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2025, 6:30 P.M.  
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER  
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92522

PRESENT: Chair Rebecca Goldware, Vice Chair Brian Siana and Board Members Peter Wohlgemuth, Jordan Wright, Warren Avery, Gary Montgomery, Tom Evans, and Mikael Becker

ABSENT: None

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

Vice Chair Siana led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### PUBLIC COMMENT IN-PERSON/TELEPHONE

Malissa McKeith spoke regarding water management plan, water rates, water surcharge, potable water, and ground water.

### COMMUNICATIONS

#### BOARD MEMBERS DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared at this time.

### CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Vice Chair Siana and seconded by Board Member Becker to approve the Consent Calendar as presented affirming the actions appropriate to each item. The motion carried unanimously.

### MINUTES

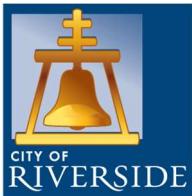
The minutes for the meeting of October 27, 2025, were approved as presented.

### 2024 POWER SOURCE DISCLOSURE REPORT

The Board of Public Utilities received and ordered filed the 2024 Power Source Disclosure Report, 2024 Power Content Label, Independent Accountant's Report and Riverside Public Utilities California Energy Commission Renewable Portfolio Standard Annual Compliance Report submitted to the California Energy Commission update.

### THIRD AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT C06-207 FISCAL YEAR 2025-2035

The Board of Public Utilities recommended that the City Council (1) approve the Third Amendment to Agreement C06-207 Fiscal Year 2025-2035 Western Municipal Water District Water Conservation Funding Agreement between Western Municipal Water District and Riverside Public Utilities for a term through June 30, 2035; and (2) authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the Third Amendment to Agreement C06-207 Western Municipal Water District Water Conservation Funding Agreement between Western Municipal Water District and Riverside Public Utilities for a term through June 30, 2035, including making minor and non-substantive changes.



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### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PUBLIC POWER AUTHORITY SEMI-ANNUAL EXPENDITURE REPORT - FISCAL YEAR 2024-25

The Board of Public Utilities (1) received and ordered filed the Southern California Public Power Authority semi-annual expenditure report for Fiscal Year 2024-2025; and (2) recommended that the City Council receive the Southern California Public Power Authority semi-annual expenditure report for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

### DISCUSSION CALENDAR

### PIERCE STREET WATER PIPELINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT REJECT BIDS AS NONRESPONSIVE - AWARD BID RPU-8208 - CHANGE ORDER AUTHORITY FOR BID RPU-8208 - CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FOR WORK ORDER 2416374

Following discussion, it was moved by Board Member Avery and seconded by Vice Chair Siana to (1) reject the bids submitted by All Cities Engineering, Inc., Riverside, and DVD Construction, Santa Ana, as nonresponsive; (2) award a contract for the construction of the Pierce Street Bid RPU-8208 for the Pierce Street Water Pipeline Replacement Project to Big Ben, Inc., Irvine, in the amount of \$2,099,287.50; (3) authorize 10 percent change order authority in the amount of \$209,928.75 for Bid RPU-8208 for the construction of the Pierce Street Water Pipeline Replacement Project; (4) approve the capital expenditure for Work Order 2416374 in the amount of \$3,047,000 which includes design, construction, construction support, contract administration, inspection and construction change order authority costs for the Pierce Street Water Pipeline Replacement Project; and (5) authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute construction agreements and any other documents necessary to effectuate the project described in staff report, as well as the ability to make minor non-substantive changes in accordance with all purchasing policies. No one spoke regarding the matter. The motion carried unanimously.

### DRIFTWOOD DRIVE WATER PIPELINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT - WORK ORDER 2108106 FOR ENGINEERING, CONSTRUCTION, AND PAVING COSTS

Following discussion, it was moved by Board Member Wohlgemuth and seconded by Board Member Becker to approve Work Order 2108106 in the total amount of \$2,787,000 for all engineering, construction, and paving costs for the Driftwood Drive Water Pipeline Replacement Project. No one spoke regarding the matter. The motion carried unanimously.

### RIVERSIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES FISCAL AND CASH RESERVE POLICY ANNUAL UPDATE

Following discussion, it was moved by Board Member Avery and seconded by Vice Chair Siana to (1) receive and order filed the Riverside Public Utilities Fiscal and Cash Reserve Policy annual update; and (2) recommend that the City Council approve the updated Riverside Public Utilities Fiscal and Cash Reserve Policy to establish the California Employers' Pension Prefunding 115 Trust – Unfunded Accrued Liability Reserve, include the approved Water Treatment Reserve (water fund only) and to clarify certain existing policy definitions. No one spoke regarding the matter. The motion carried unanimously.



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### PUBLIC BENEFITS LOW-INCOME PROGRAM INCOME VERIFICATION PROCESSES OVERVIEW

Following discussion, it was moved by Board Member Evans and seconded by Board Member Becker to receive, and order filed an overview of Public Benefits Low-Income Program Income Verification Processes. No one spoke regarding the matter. The motion carried unanimously.

### RIVERSIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES UPDATED ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND DEMAND REDUCTION TEN-YEAR TARGET

Following discussion, it was moved by Board Member Montgomery and seconded by Board Member Wright to (1) recommend that the City Council approve the Riverside Public Utilities updated Energy Efficiency and Demand Reduction ten-year target of 0.36 percent of annual projected retail energy sales for the period beginning 2026 through 2035. No one spoke regarding the matter. The motion carried unanimously.

### CONTINUED FROM OCTOBER 27, 2025 - BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES STANDING RULES AND POLICY GUIDE

Following discussion, it was moved by Board Member Avery and seconded by Board Member Becker to (1) review and discuss the Board of Public Utilities Standing Rules and Policy Guide; and (2) request staff return to the Board with a red-lined version of recommended changes: (a) under Standing Rules Section 1: Power, Duties, and Functions replace "Director of Public Utilities" with "General Manager"; (b) under Policy B-1: Role of the Chair for Public Meeting add "Collaborates with Management to ensure items requested by Board Members for future meeting discussion are scheduled for discussion on a timely basis," "Ensures Management provides the Board with a list of 'Items for Future Discussion' that includes a projected date for discussion,;" (c) under Standing Rules Section 7 B include that the Chair also has the ability to alter the time for public comments, add "requests to be heard may be submitted to the RPU Board Secretary any time prior to the conclusion of public comment on the agenda item" to replace "must be submitted to the RPU Board Secretary before the scheduled meeting time. Requests must not be accepted during the meeting so as not to disrupt the meeting." Add "In the further interest of time, speakers may be asked to limit their comments to new materials and not repeat what a prior speaker said. Organized groups may choose a single spokesperson who may speak for the group. Speakers may not concede any part of their time to another speaker." No one spoke regarding the matter. The motion carried unanimously.

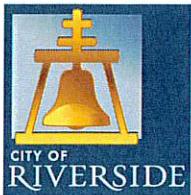
### BOARD MEMBER/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

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

No reports were given at this time.

#### ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES CONSIDERATION

No items were requested at this time.



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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) Board Work Plan status as of November 17, 2025; (2) Board Member requests per Minute Order; (3) WA-12 Agricultural Service Water Rate report for September 30, 2025; (4) Accounts Receivable and Delinquencies as of September 30, 2025; (5) Southern California Public Power Authority Agendas and Minutes; (6) list of upcoming City Council and Board meetings; and (7) Electric/Water Utility Acronyms.

The Board of Public Utilities adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DIANA ALEGRIA  
Deputy City Clerk