



RIVERSIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES

Board Memorandum

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

DATE: MAY 11, 2026

SUBJECT: BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES 2026 ANNUAL WORKPLAN – FINAL ADOPTION

ISSUE:

Consider adopting the Board of Public Utilities 2026 Annual Workplan.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Public Utilities adopt the 2026 Annual Workplan.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 9, 2026, the Mobility and Infrastructure committee with two members present voted unanimously to approve the Board of Public Utilities 2026 Annual Workplan.

BACKGROUND:

The City Manager's Office requests each board and commission to develop an Annual Workplan to ensure the work of boards and commissions align with the City Charter. Each workplan will be taken to the respective City Council Standing Committee for review and approval with the work plans earmarked to begin in March 2026 and conclude in February 2027. Per Resolution 23976, the Board of Public Utilities (Board) is under the purview of the Mobility and Infrastructure Committee.

DISCUSSION:

On February 9, 2026, staff presented the Board with the Final review of the 2025 Annual Workplan (Workplan) and identified topics of interest or action items members wanted to undertake during the 2026 workplan period. At the meeting, the Board discussed the items to include in the 2026 Workplan and provided direction to staff to prepare a final version for consideration.

On April 9, 2026, Board Chair Siana presented, the following Action Items to the Mobility and Infrastructure Committee for review. The following Action Items were approved by the Board to be included in the Board's 2026 Workplan. The majority of the items are continued from 2025 through 2026 since they are ongoing activities. The timelines for discussion of requested topics

will be updated regularly and provided to the Board, keeping with the practice established in 2025.

Board of Public Utilities' 2026 Annual Workplan

Action Item 1

- **Develop an awareness of utility policy and operational matters through reviewing Board duties, administration, and engagement. Key topics will be scheduled in advance and shared identified as part of the documents prepared for Action Item 3.**
- - CONTINUED: Review of purchasing policies and Board authority
 - CONTINUED: Overview of the requirements and impacts of California's Proposition 218.
 - CONTINUED: Continue practice of providing educational opportunities related for the Board including facility tours and continued opportunities for the Board to engage with RPU staff.
 - NEW ITEM: Review and discuss RPU's Mission, Vision, and Values that are part of the Board Standing Rules.

Action Item 2

- **Review and recommend to City Council amendments to utility specific legislative policy; develop recommendations to positions on upcoming bills and actively advocate for grant opportunities. Periodic updates will be provided along with an annual summary.**

At a minimum, receive quarterly verbal updates from staff with an annual summary of the legislative session.

Action Item 3

- **Review, discuss and make recommendations relative to the various water, electric, and operational policy and planning documents prepared by the department as presented throughout the year including the Biennial RPU budget, five-year Capital Improvement Plan and updates from and on key performance indicators for work completed by City internal services. Anticipated dates for future discussion topics, projects and events will be shared.**

Action Item 4

- **Remain engaged and develop advisory reports, as needed, on major utilities' projects and activities.**

Major projects RPU is or will be undertaking will be identified as part of the documents prepared for Action Item 3 and will include projects that are underway or anticipated and that will have a significant impact on the utilities and its customers.

Action Item 5

- **Enhance community engagement and align with the City's Community Engagement Policy.**

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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