



Board of Public Utilities

2025 Workplan

Mission

The mission of the Board of Public Utilities is to carry out Charter delegated responsibilities to review and approve expenditures, operations, and policies of the Electric and Water utilities.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

The Board of Public Utilities 2025 Workplan aligns with the following Envision Riverside 2025 Strategic Priorities.

- 1. Review and update the Board Standing Rules and Board Policy Guide including review of Board duties, administration and engagement. Key topics will be scheduled in advance and shared on RPU's master calendar.**



High Performing Government Goal 5.3

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Specific topics requested by the Board include:

- Review of Board Standing Rules (early in the year)
- Review of the Board Policy Guide
- Review of purchasing policies and Board authority
- Overview of the requirements and impacts of California's Proposition 218
- Development of a structured practice providing educational opportunities related for the Board including facility tours and continued opportunities for the Board to engage with RPU staff.

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.



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

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.



Infrastructure, Mobility & Connectivity

Goal 6.3

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



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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.

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



High Performing Government

Goal 5.4

Achieve and maintain financial health by addressing gaps between revenues and expenditures and aligning resources with strategic priorities to yield the greatest impact.
