



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: MAY 10, 2022
FROM: PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL
SUBJECT: BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES OUTSIDE ORGANIZATION APPOINTMENTS

ISSUE:

Appoint representatives from the Board of Public Utilities to Western Municipal Water District Joint Committee and San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Advisory Commission on Water Policy as follows:

Western Municipal Water District Joint Committee: Deborah Cherney
David Crohn
Todd Corbin

San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Advisory Commission on Water Policy: Gil Oceguela

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council appoint representatives from the Board of Public Utilities to Western Municipal Water District Joint Committee and San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Advisory Commission on Water Policy.

BOARD RECOMMENDATION:

On April 11, 2022, the Board of Public Utilities voted unanimously to receive assignments for Fiscal Year 2022/23 standing committees of the Board of Public Utilities made by the Board Chair; and to recommend that City Council appoint representatives to outside organizations as outlined in the report.

BACKGROUND:

Appointing representatives from the Board of Public Utilities to outside organizations is the purview of the City Council upon recommendation by the Board (Ref. Standing Rules 9).

DISCUSSION:

The following appointments to outside organizations are recommended for City Council consideration:

City of Riverside/Western Municipal Water District Joint Committee Meeting	San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Advisory Commission on Water Policy
Deborah Cherney David Crohn Todd Corbin	Gil Ocegüera

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This item contributes to **Strategic Priority No. 4 - Environmental Stewardship** and **Goal 4.2 – Sustainably manage local water resources to maximize reliability and advance water reuse to ensure safe, reliable, and affordable water to our community.**

This item aligns with each of the five Cross-Cutting Threads as follows:

1. **Community Trust** – RPU representation on outside water organizations and their boards ensures that Riverside’s voice is heard in regional issues and that Riverside’s residents are represented in regional decision-making that affects the City and results in greater public good.
2. **Equity** – RPU representation on outside water organizations and their boards ensures that all Riverside residents are represented in regional issues that may impact water supply, quality, and access.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – RPU benefits from outside water organization appointments by exploring potential partnerships that can produce cost savings and ensure that regional water issues are addressed in a way that maximizes benefit and utilities funds responsibly.
4. **Innovation** – RPU representation on outside water organizations and their boards supports regional collaboration and learning both within the City organization and the region to ensure that best practices are utilized, and provides opportunities to participate in regional efforts to ensure water availability, quality, and co-benefits for the City.
5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** – RPU representation on outside water organizations and their boards contributes to meeting Riverside’s water needs through the ability to participate in regional decision-making that impacts Riverside’s water resources as well as participate in watershed protection efforts that support clean air, habitat, and endangered species in addition to preserving Riverside’s water supply.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact in appointing committee and outside organization assignments.

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