

*City of Arts & Innovation*

## BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES MINUTES

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 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, 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.

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

### PUBLIC COMMENT IN-PERSON/TELEPHONE

There was no one wishing to address the Board of Public Utilities.

### COMMUNICATIONS

#### RECOGNITION OF GAR LABORATORIES, INC.

The Board of Public Utilities recognized GAR Laboratories, Inc., for co-hosting facility policy tour with Southern California Public Power Authority and other utility industry visitors on July 24, 2025.

#### BOARD MEMBERS DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared at this time.

### 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. The motion carried unanimously.

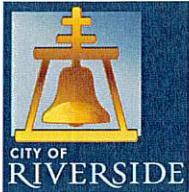
### MINUTES

The minutes for the meeting of August 25, 2025, were approved as presented.

### DISCUSSION CALENDAR

#### RECOMMEND CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE COST OF SERVICE AND RATE DESIGN STUDY RESULTS - WATER TREATMENT FACILITIES PER- AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES REGULATIONS

Following discussion, it was moved by Board Member Avery and seconded by Board Member Wohlgemuth to recommend that the City Council (1) receive the cost of service and rate design study results and recommendations for water treatment facilities to meet Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) regulations; (2) approve establishing a Water Treatment Designated Reserve in the Water Utility Fund to set aside proceeds received from PFAS settlements to fund capital costs for water treatment plants; (3) recommend staff offset the capital cost of the water Treatment Facility 1, utilizing an Ion Exchange (IX) WTP, to meet PFAS



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regulations with PFAS settlement proceeds; (4) receive an update on Request for Proposal 2415 for Design and Construction Management services for the first PFAS treatment plant, Treatment Facility 1, using an Ion Exchange (IX) WTP, and recommend staff return with an update on the project design and timeline; (5) recommend staff return to the Board of Public Utilities to review a Water Treatment Surcharge for water treatment facilities, not covered by PFAS settlement proceeds, to meet Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) regulations within one year; and (6) suggest that staff amend the presentation to City Council to include additional funding sources and rate table discussions. The motion carried unanimously.

### BOARD MEMBER/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

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

Board Member Tom Evans thanked Public Works staff for paving Tyler Street between Indiana Avenue and Balmoral Court.

#### 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 as of July 31, 2025; (2) Financial Results as of May 31, 2025; (3) Southern California Public Power Authority Agenda and Minutes; (4) a list of upcoming City Council and Board meetings; and (5) Electric/Water Utility Acronyms.

The Board of Public Utilities adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DIANA ALEGRIA  
Deputy City Clerk