



City of Arts & Innovation

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES MINUTES

MONDAY, MAY 12, 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, 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

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

COMMUNICATIONS

BOARD MEMBERS DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Vice Chair Siana declared a conflict of interest regarding the First Amendment to Water Production, Conveyance, and Reciprocal Sales Agreement with Regents of the University of California item due to employment.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Board Member Avery and seconded by Board Member Montgomery to approve the Consent Calendar as presented below affirming the actions appropriate to each item. The motion carried unanimously with Vice Chair Siana recusing from the First Amendment to Water Production, Conveyance, and Reciprocal Sales Agreement with Regents of the University of California item.

MINUTES

The minutes of April 28, 2025, were approved as presented.

FIRST AMENDMENT TO WATER PRODUCTION, CONVEYANCE, AND RECIPROCAL SALES AGREEMENT

The Board of Public Utilities recommended that the City Council (1) approve the First Amendment to the Water Production, Conveyance, and Reciprocal Sales Agreement between the City of Riverside and the Regents of the University of California; and (2) authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute the First Amendment to the Water Production, Conveyance, and Reciprocal Sales Agreement between the City of Riverside and the Regents of the University of California including making minor non-substantive changes.

AGREEMENT FOR SECURITY CAMERA EQUIPMENT AND INSTALLATION

The Board of Public Utilities recommended that the City Council (1) approve the purchase of security camera equipment and installation services from Convergent Technologies, LLC,



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Anaheim, under Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Agreement 121024-CTL, in the amount of \$178,538 plus a contingency in the amount of \$85,000 for a total amount of \$263,538; and (2) authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to effectuate this purchase, including making minor and non-substantive changes.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

WORK ORDER 2202776 - BID SUB-875 FOR ONE SUBSTATION POWER TRANSFORMER - BID SUB-876 FOR ONE 15KV METALCLAD SWITCHGEAR

Following discussion, it was moved by Board Member Evans and seconded by Board Member Avery to (1) award Bid SUB-875 for the procurement of one substation power transformer to WEG Transformers USA, LLC, Washington, Missouri, in the amount of \$3,124,956; (2) approve a 10 percent contingency of \$312,496 for Bid SUB-875; (3) award Bid SUB-876 for procurement of one 15KV Metalclad Switchgear to Switchgear Power Systems, LLC, Winneconne, Wisconsin, in the amount of \$2,254,388; (4) approve a 10 percent contingency of \$225,439 for Bid SUB-876; (5) approve an increase to Work Order 2202776 in the amount of \$5,917,400, bringing the total Work Order amount from \$7,080,000 to \$12,997,400; and (6) authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the procurement described in the staff report, as well as the ability to make minor non substantive changes in alignment with all purchasing policies. The motion carried with Chair Goldware, Vice Chair Siana, and Board Members Avery, Montgomery, Evans, and Becker voting aye, and Board Member Wohlgemuth voting no.

2025-2026 ANNUAL WATER SUPPLY AND DEMAND ASSESSMENT

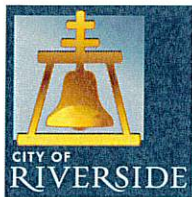
Following discussion, it was moved by Board Member Wohlgemuth and seconded by Board Member Evans to (1) approve the Riverside 2025-2026 Annual Water Supply and Demand Assessment; and (2) recommend that the City Council adopt the Riverside 2025-2026 Annual Water Supply and Demand Assessment. The motion carried unanimously.

INCREASE TO LEGAL BUDGET FOR PONGS V. CITY OF RIVERSIDE CASE APPEAL

Following discussion, it was moved by Vice Chair Siana and seconded by Board Member Becker to recommend that the City Council approve an increase to the legal budget for the law firm of Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 to continue to defend the City in the appeal of the case entitled Pongs v. City of Riverside, a reverse validation lawsuit challenging the validity of City-issued municipal bonds. The motion carried unanimously.

BID 8173 - MISSION SQUARE BUILDING HVAC RETURN FAN REPAIR

Following discussion, it was moved by Board Member Montgomery and seconded by Board Member Avery to (1) approve the Services Agreement from Informal Invitation for Bid 8173 for the Mission Square Building HVAC Return Fan Repair with ACCO Engineered Systems Inc.,



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Pasadena, in the amount of \$283,586; and (2) authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the agreement, including making minor and non-substantive changes. The motion carried unanimously.

BOARD MEMBER/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

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

General Manager, David Garcia, reported on the Seven Oaks Dam Tour held on May 1, 2025.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES CONSIDERATION

Board Member Montgomery requested that the lawsuits between Jason Hunter and Gage Canal be presented to the Board. Board Member Evans requested information on how RPU ensures customers receiving low-income assistance through the Public Benefit Funds qualify for assistance and a list of all future items requested.

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 for March 31, 2025; (2) Power Supply Report for March 2025; (3) Water Report for March 31, 2025; (4) Customer Engagement Report updates through March 2025; (5) Electric and Water Open Work Orders over \$200,000 and Closed Work Orders Summary Reports for March 2025; (6) Southern California Public Power Authority Agenda and Minutes; (7) a list of upcoming City Council and Board meetings; and (8) Electric/Water Utility Acronyms.

The Board of Public Utilities adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DIANA ALEGRIA
Deputy City Clerk