



RIVERSIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES

Board Memorandum

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES – WATER COMMITTEE

DATE: JANUARY 12, 2022

SUBJECT: WATER RESOURCES FACT SHEET

ISSUE:

Consider receiving an overview of the Water Resources Fact Sheet.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Public Utilities Water Committee receive an overview of the Water Resources Fact Sheet.

BACKGROUND:

In conjunction with the City Manager's Office - Office of Communications, Water Resources staff prepared the herein Water Resources Fact Sheet to continue the conversation about Riverside's current and future water sources. The document clearly characterizes the projects and investments needed to ensure that a clean, reliable, and expanded water supply remains available for future generations in Riverside, and to highlight the importance of collaboration with partners within the Santa Ana River Watershed in developing regional and cost effective demand management measures and water supply projects. In addition, the Water Resources Fact Sheet provides a concise summary of the upcoming water supply projects and programs identified in the 2020 update to the Urban Water Management Plan, which the City Council adopted on June 22, 2021. The topics covered in the Fact Sheet are the City of Riverside's groundwater extraction rights per the 1969 Judgment, projected water supply and demand over the next 20 years, sustainability challenges, and the need for future water supply projects to meet those challenges and future demands within the City.

DISCUSSION:

RPU Water staff will provide an informational overview of the Water Resources Fact Sheet.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

The Water Resources Fact Sheet supports Envision Riverside 2025 Strategic Plan Priority No. 5 *High Performing Government* and Goal No. 5.5 - Foster a culture of safety, well-being, resilience and sustainability across the City Organization.

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

1. Community Trust – With this item, RPU is being transparent in making decisions based on sound policy, inclusive community engagement, involvement of City Boards & Commissions, and timely and reliable information. These future water supply projects will serve the public interest, benefit the City's entire population, and result in greater public good.
2. Equity – RPU is supportive of the City's racial, ethnic, religious, sexual orientation, identity, geographic, and other attributes of diversity. RPU's future water supply projects will improve the entire system and its reliability, thereby providing and equitable benefit to all in the City.
3. Fiscal Responsibility – Riverside is a prudent steward of public funds and ensures responsible management of the City's financial resources while providing quality public services to all. Future water supply projects outlined on the Fact Sheet will adhere to the competitive bidding process when ready for construction. In addition, the additional water extraction rights acquired from these projects will be significantly more economical than importing water from Metropolitan Water District.
4. Innovation – These future projects will be inventive and timely in meeting the community's changing needs and prepares for the future through collaborative partnerships and adaptive processes.
5. Sustainability & Resiliency – These projects will help ensure RPU can provide reliable water service to all its customers in the City.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact for this informational update on the Water Resources Fact Sheet.

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Attachments:
1. Fact Sheet
2. Presentation