

City of Arts & Innovation

## BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES DRAFT MINUTES

MONDAY, MAY 8, 2023, 6:30 P.M.  
PUBLIC COMMENT IN-PERSON/TELEPHONE  
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER  
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92522

PRESENT: Chair Gildardo Ocegüera, Vice Chair Rebeccah Goldware, and Board Members David Crohn, Rosemary Heru, Nancy Melendez, Gary Montgomery, Brian Siana, and Peter Wohlgermuth

ABSENT: Member Nipunjeet Gujral

Vice Chair Goldware called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Chair Ocegüera and Board Member Crohn participated via teleconference pursuant to Assembly Bill 2449, under the provision of 'just cause', while traveling on official business and attending the Association of California Water Agencies 2023 Spring Conference in Monterey, California.

Member Heru led the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chair Ocegüera arrived during the following item.

### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Jason Hunter spoke regarding the Board and Department of Public Utilities.

### TRUJILLO WATER COMPANY SHAREHOLDERS ANNUAL AGENDA AND MEETING

Trujillo Water Company President Nancy Melendez called the annual meeting of the Trujillo Water Company Shareholders to order at 6:38 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

### TRUJILLO WATER COMPANY DIRECTORS ANNUAL AGENDA AND MEETING

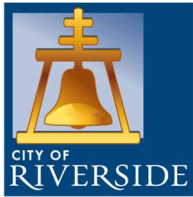
The Trujillo Water Company Directors Organizational meeting was called to order at 6:46 p.m. and adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

### CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Member Montgomery and seconded by Member Heru to approve the Consent Calendar as presented below affirming the actions appropriate to each. The motion carried unanimously with Member Gujral absent.

### MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of April 24, 2023, were approved as presented.



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### DISCUSSION CALENDAR

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT - FISCAL POLICIES RELATED TO USE OF BOND FINANCING FOR INTERNAL STAFF LABOR USED TO DESIGN, CONSTRUCT, AND ADMINISTER CAPITAL PROJECTS

Following discussion, it was moved by Member Heru and seconded by Member Melendez to (1) receive and order filed the report from the Ad Hoc Committee regarding the review, evaluation, and recommended changes to fiscal policies related to the use of bond financing to funding internal staff labor used to design, construct, and administer capital projects; (2) discuss Ad Hoc Committee findings and recommendations for any fiscal policy changes; and (3) request City Council authorization to review any policy reports or recommendations in accordance with Charter section 1202(i). The motion carried unanimously with Member Gujral absent.

STATE DROUGHT AND EMERGENCY DROUGHT REGULATIONS UPDATE

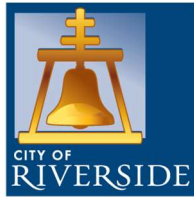
Following discussion, it was moved by Member Melendez and seconded by Member Siana to receive and ordered filed the update on the state drought and emergency drought regulations. The motion carried unanimously with Member Gujral absent.

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT - BID RPU-7975 - WORK ORDER 2221273 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE - GAGE 29-2R GROUNDWATER WELL REPLACEMENT PROJECT (PHASE II)

Following discussion, it was moved by Member Melendez and seconded by Member Siana to (1) award a construction contract for Bid RPU-7975 for the Gage 29-2R Groundwater Well Replacement Project (Phase II) to Canyon Springs Enterprises, Inc., Temecula, in the amount of \$3,244,651; (2) authorize 10 percent change order authority in the amount of \$324,465 for Bid No. RPU-7975 for the construction of the Gage 29-2R Groundwater Well Replacement Project (Phase II); (3) approve the capital expenditure for Work Order 2221273 in the amount of \$4,122,000 which includes all design, construction, construction support, contract administration, inspection and construction change order authority costs for the Gage 29-2R Groundwater Well Replacement Project (Phase II); and (4) authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute construction agreements and any other documents necessary to effectuate the project described herein, as well as the ability to make minor and non-substantive changes in accordance with all purchasing policies. The motion carried unanimously with Member Gujral absent.

RECOMMEND CITY COUNCIL APPROVE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 BUDGET AMENDMENTS - INCREASE EXPENDITURES IN ELECTRIC 510 FUND - ELECTRIC 511 PUBLIC BENEFIT FUND - WATER 520 FUND - WATER CONSERVATION 521 FUND

Following discussion, it was moved by Member Siana and seconded by Member Heru to recommend that the City Council (1) approve the Electric 510 Fund proposed Fiscal Year



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2023-24 budget amendments comprising of an increase in expenditures of \$4,449,943; (2) approve the Electric 511 Public Benefit Fund proposed Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget amendments comprising of an increase in expenditures of \$12,400; (3) approve the Water 520 Fund proposed Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget amendments comprising of an increase in expenditures of \$1,146,092; and (4) approve the Water Conservation 521 Fund proposed Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget amendments comprising of an increase in expenditures of \$1,060. The motion failed with Chair Ocegüera and Members Heru, Melendez, and Siana voting aye, Vice Chair Goldware and Members Crohn, Montgomery, and Wohlgemuth voting no, and Member Gujral absent.

### **PROPOSED ADJUSTMENTS TO ELECTRIC RULE APPENDIX A ELECTRIC FEES AND CHARGES SCHEDULE AND WATER RULE APPENDIX A WATER FEES AND CHARGES - RESOLUTION**

Following discussion, it was moved by Member Melendez and seconded by Member Wohlgemuth (1) that the Board of Public Utilities (a) receive and provide input on proposed adjustments to Electric Rule Appendix A Electric Fees and Charges Schedule and Water Rule Appendix A Water Fees and Charges; and (b) approve the Board of Public Utilities Resolution to amend Electric Rule Appendix A Electric Fees and Charges Schedule and Water Rule Appendix A Water Fees and Charges; and (2) recommended that the City Council (a) receive and provide input on proposed adjustments to Riverside Public Utilities' user fees and charges as part of the City's user fees and charges; and (b) set a public hearing for the adoption of the proposed adjustments to Riverside Public Utilities' user fees and charges as part of the City's user fees and charges. The motion carried unanimously with Member Gujral absent.

### **BOARD MEMBER/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

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

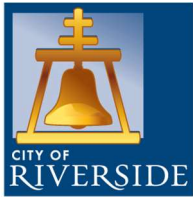
There were no reports given at this time.

#### **ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES CONSIDERATION**

There were no future 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 the (1) impact of COVID-19 Pandemic and Emergency Orders update; (2) WA-12 Agricultural Service Water Rate report as of March 31, 2023; (3) Riverside Public Utilities Electric and Water Financial Results through January 31, 2023 and Accounts Receivable and Delinquencies as of March 31, 2023; (4) Electric and Water Open Work Orders over \$200,000 and Closed Work Orders Summary



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Reports for March 2023; (5) Customer Engagement Program updates through March 2023; (6) Water Supply Report - March 2023; (7) Southern California Public Power Authority agendas and minutes; (8) list of upcoming City Council and Board of Public Utilities meetings; and (9) Electric and Water utility acronyms.

The Board of Public Utilities adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

LORENA VERDUSCO  
Deputy City Clerk