



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL **DATE: FEBRUARY 23, 2016**
FROM: PUBLIC UTILITIES **WARDS: ALL**
SUBJECT: BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES' ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT TO RIVERSIDE CITY COUNCIL – 2015

ISSUE:

The issue for City Council consideration is acceptance of the annual activities report of the Public Utilities Board for calendar year 2015.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council receive and file this report.

BACKGROUND:

The Board of Public Utilities Chairperson Susan Cash will present the Board activities report to the City Council. Chairperson Cash's written report follows:

Significant subject matter which occupied the Board during 2015 (not in priority order) includes:

1. Strategic Planning, "*Utility 2.0*", February through August, including 2 joint meetings with the City Council
2. Computer Information System (CIS) implementation, corrections, and solutions
3. Water Drought Policy and RPU recommendation for and response to State Water Resources Control Board Mandatory Emergency Response Regulations
4. Plaza Substation construction and upgrade of surrounding electrical systems
5. San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station Decommissioning
6. Mission Square Office Complex purchase recommendation
7. Audits: Northside property transactions, RPU performance and financial audits ("deep dive").
8. Reviews: fiscal policy review, cost allocation review, and Hometown Connections Organizational Review
9. Continued Riverside Transmission Reliability Project (RTRP) implementation

10. Utilities Reserves Policy recommendation
11. Long-range planning for RPU property holdings on the Northside, including Pellissier Ranch
12. Strategic Technology Roadmap including twenty-two new technology initiatives
13. Water utility infrastructure replacement and renewal
14. Electric utility infrastructure replacement and renewal
15. Change of time and day of RPU Board meetings to evening.

The principal tasks that lie ahead for the Board in 2016 include:

1. Implementation of Utility 2.0 strategic plan as conceptually approved by the City Council, including ongoing public outreach
2. Implementation of the Phase 1 Fiber Business Plan as approved by the Board
3. Development and implementation of plans for LED street lights and automated metering infrastructure for commercial and industrial accounts.
4. Review of financial 10-year Proforma
5. Oversight of the City's renewable power portfolio
6. Oversight of continued progress of the RTRP to bring a second electrical grid connection to the City
7. Consideration of financial and rate plans to support ongoing utility capital and operations
8. Receipt of audit reports and development of appropriate actions for improvement, including financial and performance audits

The City Council and staff can continue to support and facilitate the work of the Board of Public Utilities in the following ways:

1. Review and improve the agenda approval process to meet the Sunshine Ordinance, the move to twice monthly evening meetings, and the utilities need for timeliness.
2. Reaffirm and clarify the governance process and the relationship between the City Council and boards and commissions, including consideration of one or two joint meetings per year between the RPU Board and City Council.
3. Ensure timely appointments of members to the Board of Public Utilities with a diversity of Board talent.
4. Appreciate, celebrate, and recognize the good work and value of Riverside Public Utilities to reinforce that working and serving the City is a desirable undertaking.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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Attachment: Presentation