

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

- 4 THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA RIVERSIDE’S PROPOSAL FOR RIVERSIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES’ WATER INNOVATIONS GRANT TO FUND RESEARCH FOR ELECTRO-OXIDATIVE ROUTE TOWARDS NITRATE REMOVAL FROM DRINKING WATER RESOURCES USING ACTIVATED CARBON AS ELECTROACTIVE SUBSTRATE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000

Deputy City Attorney Susan Wilson noted that the corrected agreement was distributed to the Board because the first page of the agreement was revised to reference the Water Innovations Grant Program, not the Energy Innovations Grant Program, and that sections 12 and 14 were revised to change the term “energy-savings” to “water savings”.

Board Member Foust requested this item be placed on the Discussion Calendar for more clarification to why RPU provides grants. Assistant General Manager Bacich and General Manager Balachandran explained that the Water Reclamation Surcharge includes stipulations on the use of these funds to provide support for research and development activities as long as the grants are working toward stated goals and that the grant making activity is part compliance and taking advantage of the knowledge center at UCR, an intellectual capital in the community, by providing support for activities that can apply to the utility industry.

Following discussion, the Board of Public Utilities recommended that the City Council approve the University of California, Riverside request for a Water Innovations Grant in the amount of \$50,000 to be paid in three installments funded in Fiscal Year 2016-17, to research Electro-oxidative Route towards Nitrate Removal from Drinking Water Resources using Activated Carbon as Electroactive Substrate.

Motion – Scott-Coe. Second – O’Farrell.

Ayes: Austin, Scott-Coe, Foust, O’Farrell, and Walcker.

Absent: David Crohn (excused absence due to vacation)
Darrell Ament (unexcused absence)
Ron Cole (arrived late)