

2. Authorize the City Manager or his designee, to execute any documents necessary to complete and submit the Compliance Filing.

Motion – Scott-Coe. Second – Cole.

Ayes: Austin, Scott-Coe, Cole, Crohn, Foust, O'Farrell, and Walcker.

Absent: None.

- 11 ACCEPT AN IN-KIND DONATION FROM THE TORO COMPANY NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000 AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING FROM THE AUDUBON INTERNATIONAL SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM FOR \$2,500 TO BE UTILIZED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE DEMONSTRATION GARDEN AT STREETER PARK (JANET GOESKE CENTER) TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$52,500

Public Benefit/Customer Relations Manager Kevin Palmer gave an overview of this report and introduced Mr. Mike Baron, representative of the Toro Company, who also gave input and answered questions regarding their in-kind donation.

The Board complimented The Toro Company for their partnership with the City and their financial contribution to the project.

Following discussion, the Board of Public Utilities recommended that the City Council:

1. Accept the donation of high-efficiency irrigation materials from the Toro Company in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for use in constructing the demonstration garden at Streeter Park (Janet Goeske Center);
2. Accept a grant in the amount \$2,500 from Audubon International Sustainable Communities Program for the demonstration garden at Streeter Park (Janet Goeske Center); and
3. Authorize an increase in estimated revenues in the amount of \$2,500 and appropriate expenditures in the same amount to a project account as assigned by the Finance Department.

Motion – Cole. Second – O'Farrell.

Ayes: Austin, Scott-Coe, Cole, Crohn, Foust, O'Farrell, and Walcker.

Absent: None.

- 12 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY AUTHORIZING INITIATION OF EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEEDINGS TO ACQUIRE ELECTRICAL FACILITIES AND REAL PROPERTY INTERESTS FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON WITHIN THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE ANNEXATION AREAS 95 AND 99 AND APPROVAL OF WORK ORDER NO. 170409 FOR \$444,000.

Electric Engineering Manager George Hanson gave a presentation explaining the background of the City of Riverside annexation areas 95 and 99 and answered questions from the Board.

It was requested that the Board approve only Recommendations No. 1 and No. 2 at this time and defer for a later date Recommendation No. 3: *"Approve Work Order No. 170409 in the amount of \$444,000 for deposit into the State Condemnation Fund for the eminent domain process."*

Also the Board requested the past LAFCO minutes regarding this subject be included in the City Council report and brought back to the Board as an informational source.

Following discussion, the Board of Public Utilities:

1. Recommended that the City Council consider adoption of a Resolution of Necessity authorizing the initiation of eminent domain proceedings to acquire electrical facilities and real property interests from Southern California Edison within the City of Riverside Annexation Areas 95 and 99; and
2. Recommended that the City Council find that the transfer of ownership is exempt from CEQA.

Motion – Scott-Coe. Second – Walcker.

Ayes: Austin, Scott-Coe, Cole, Crohn, Foust, O'Farrell, and Walcker.

Absent: None.

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

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

Board Member David Crohn reported that on Wednesday, October 19, he attended a tour at the Inland Empire Utility Agency.

##### **14 ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES CONSIDERATION AS REQUESTED BY A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**

- Public Benefit Program – bottled water program

#### **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

Deputy General Manager Kevin Milligan announced that this meeting was Assistant General Manager/Resources Reiko Kerr's last meeting as she will be retiring from the City of Riverside and taking a position at LADWP. Each Board Member expressed their farewell wishes and that they wished her all the best and will miss her.

Also it was noted that tentatively on January 23, 2017, before the regular meeting at 6:30 pm that night, there would be a workshop at 2:00 pm regarding the rate setting principles and an update on Utility 2.0.

##### **15 Aliso Canyon Update**

##### **16 Open Work Orders over \$200,000 and Closed Work Orders – Summary Report for September 2016**