

RIVERSIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES

Board Memorandum

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

DATE: NOVEMBER 13, 2017

ITEM NO: 2

SUBJECT: EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARD TO ENERGY DELIVERY FIELD FORCES THAT PROVIDED MUTUAL AID TO CITY OF COLTON PUBLIC UTILITIES AND IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT

ISSUE:

Recognition of the Energy Delivery field forces that provided mutual aid assistance to City of Colton Public Utilities and Imperial Irrigation District following extreme weather events.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Public Utilities recognize the following employees for their excellent work assisting with repair of critical infrastructure at other utilities:

From Electric Field for assisting Imperial Irrigation District:

- Brian Bozarth, Electric Crew Supervisor
- Darin Hefner, Electric Crew Supervisor
- James Judnick, Powerline Technician
- Dennis McDonnell, Powerline Technician
- Dexter Cole, Powerline Technician
- Matthew Richardson, Apprentice Powerline Technician

From Electric Operations for assisting City of Colton:

- Ken Coffey, Electric Substation Supervisor
- Dave Angelo, Substation Electrician
- Richard Melton, Substation Electrician
- Tyler Trippany, Substation Electrician
- Bobby Thompson, Apprentice Substation Electrician
- Tom Fichtel, Apprentice Substation Electrician

DISCUSSION:

Through our membership in Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA) and our involvement with the California Utilities Emergency Association (CUEA), Riverside Public Utilities can receive and respond to requests for mutual aid during and after emergency events such as storms or wildfires. We have responded with personnel and equipment twice in recent months. Once was to the City of Colton after a severe thunderstorm caused a system-wide outage and damaged critical infrastructure. Our

Electric Substation crew assisted with the removal and replacement of a 69kV Circuit Breaker which failed due to a lightning strike. The second response was to the Imperial Irrigation District after a windstorm resulted in the toppling of 80 utility poles. Our Electric Powerline crew assisted with the demolition of failed poles, the installation of replacement poles, and re-hanging the powerlines and associated equipment on a critical portion of an IID 92kV transmission line. Both utilities have expressed their gratitude for our response and the high level of professionalism and knowledge our personnel brought to the effort.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated in recognizing this staff.

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