

RIVERSIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES

Board Memorandum

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

DATE: FEBRUARY 26, 2018

ITEM NO: 1

SUBJECT: EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARD TO THE RESPONSE TEAM THAT COMPLETED THE EMERGENCY REPAIRS AT LINDEN BOOSTER

ISSUE:

Recognition of response team within the Water division that completed the emergency repairs at Linden Booster.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Public Utilities recognize the following employees for their dedication and excellent work on successfully completing the emergency repairs at Linden Booster.

- Andy Lindsay – Utilities Water Superintendent
- Rick Small – Utilities Water Superintendent
- Jesse Serna – Utilities Water Supervisor
- Gene Conley – Utilities Water Maintenance Electrician
- Gus Moreno – Utilities Water Apprentice
- Joe Daniel – Utilities Water Works Pipefitter
- Marc Hernandez – Utilities Water Systems Operator II
- John Nicols – Utilities Senior Water Systems Operator
- Mike Perez – Utilities Water Supervisor
- Cliff Bellinghausen – Utilities Chief Water Systems Operator
- David Garcia – Water Quality Manager
- John Farley – Principal Engineer
- Fernando Romero – Utilities Associate Water Engineer
- Simon Lee – Utilities Senior Water Engineer
- Eric Escobar – Principal Engineer
- Matthew Sternisha – Utilities Senior Water Engineer
- Steve Gabrielson – Construction Inspector II
- Blake Yamamoto – Principal Engineer

DISCUSSION:

The Linden Booster emergency repair project demonstrates the high level of collaboration and team work between all groups within the Water division to quickly repair a broken valve on the suction side of the Linden Booster Station. This booster station is the distribution hub for water at higher elevations within the City of Riverside, boosting water from the Linden/Evans Reservoir Complex to both the Emtman and the Sugarloaf Reservoirs. The Booster is comprised of Four Pumps that support the entire elevated water distribution system throughout the city including supporting the current agreement with WMWD.

On January 16, 2018, a broken valve was identified on the suction side of one of the Linden Booster pumps and was quickly communicated to top management, who declared the event an emergency that required immediate attention. Upon the emergency declaration, members of the water team went to work and prepared construction plans and specifications for the repair by the following day. On January 18, a field meeting and job walk was conducted with two contractors. On January 22, price quotations were received from the contractors. On January 23, a Purchase Order was issued to the contractor with the lowest proposal. On January 24, a preconstruction meeting was held. On January 29, the booster station was completely shut down, the broken valve was replaced, and the station was re-energized and put back into operation. The emergency repair was completed within the span of 14 days. This is a true testament to the ability of staff to get a problem resolved in a very short period of time, while providing an uninterrupted water service in the most effective and efficient way.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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