



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PUBLIC POWER AUTHORITY FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS REVIEW FOR FISCAL YEARS 2014, 2015, and 2016

Office of Organizational
Performance and Accountability

Governmental Affairs Committee
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BACKGROUND

1. On December 6, 2017, the Governmental Affairs Committee requested the Office of Organizational Performance and Accountability (OOPA) perform an assessment of Riverside Public Utilities (RPU) financial transactions related to the Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA).
2. The specific objective was to determine if SCPPA transactions were consistent with SCPPA contract guidelines, and applicable City procurement policies and practices for fiscal years 2014, 2015, and 2016.



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DISCUSSION

Our review concluded that RPU's procurement of energy efficiency programs and other SCPPA member services have been conducted in compliance with the terms of the SCPPA agreement and applicable City procurement policies and practices.



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RPU PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS

RPU implemented the following internal controls to ensure transparency and accountability:

1. An RPU SCPPA Procurement form is submitted to the RPU Chief Financial Officer to ensure budget availability;
2. An SCPPA task order to accept services is approved by the RPU General Manager (or designee);
3. RPU Board of Utilities and City Council approval is required for SCPPA purchases over \$50K. Purchases between \$25K and \$50K are approved by the City Manager; purchases up to \$25K are approved by the RPU General Manager; and
4. The Board of Public Utilities and the City Council receive a bi-annual report of all SCPPA financial transactions for the most recent period. The last report (for SCPPA expenditures) was submitted to the Board on February 26, 2018 and the City Council March 26, 2018.



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RECOMMENDATION

That the Governmental Affairs Committee receive, review, provide input on, and recommend to the City Council approval of the Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA) Financial Transactions Review for fiscal years 2014, 2015, and 2016.



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