



RIVERSIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES

Board Memorandum

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

DATE: NOVEMBER 5, 2018

ITEM NO: 9

SUBJECT: NEW CHAIR OF THE AGRICULTURAL WATER RATES TASK FORCE

ISSUES:

Appoint a new Chair of the Agricultural Water Rates Task Force.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Public Utilities appoint a new Chair of the Agricultural Water Rates Task Force.

BACKGROUND:

On November 28, 2017, the Riverside City Council approved in concept the establishment of an Agricultural Water Rates Task Force (Ag Task Force), subject to the Brown Act, for one year while freezing agricultural rates at current levels. The role of the Ag Task Force was to develop rate alternative recommendations for the Board that address WA-3 and WA-9 rate revisions. The City Council further directed the Board to provide quarterly updates on Ag Task Force activities and final rate recommendations to the City Council Utility Services/Land Use/Energy Development Committee by July 1, 2019.

On March 29, 2018 the Board approved the 16 member Task Force, which included two community members from each of the seven Council Wards; and, a Chair and Vice-Chair. Boardmember Andrew Walcker was named Chair and Seth Wilson, with Riverside Food System Alliance, was named Vice Chair.

DISCUSSION:

On October 21, 2018 Boardmember Walcker submitted a resignation letter as the Chair of the Ag Task Force. A new Chair will need to be appointed by the Board of Public Utilities. The next Agricultural Water Rates Task Force meeting will be held on November 14, 2018. The Board may appoint a Board of Public Utilities Boardmember as the new Chair or, alternatively, appoint a current Task Force member as the Chair and appoint a Board of Public Utilities Boardmember as a member of the Task Force.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

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Attachment:

Letter of Resignation