

RIVERSIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES

Board Memorandum

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

DATE: MARCH 11, 2019

ITEM NO: 8

SUBJECT: VACANT SECOND SEAT REPRESENTING WARD 2 ON THE AGRICULTURAL WATER RATES TASK FORCE; EXCUSE ABSENCE OF TASK FORCE MEMBER GILBERTO ESQUIVEL

ISSUES:

Accept the resignation of Agricultural Water Rates Task Force member Patricia Lock-Dawson vacating her seat representing Ward 2 and nominate and confirm Gurumantra Khalsa as the replacement for this vacancy and excuse absence of Task Force member Gilberto Esquivel.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board of Public Utilities:

1. Accept the letter of resignation from Task Force member Patricia Lock-Dawson vacating her seat representing Ward 2;
2. Nominate and confirm Gurumantra Khalsa as the replacement to fill the resulting vacancy to represent Ward 2; and
3. Excuse absence of Task Force member Gilberto Esquivel from the meeting of February 21, 2019.

BACKGROUND:

On January 4, 2019, Agricultural Water Rates Task Force member Patricia Lock-Dawson submitted a letter of resignation to Riverside Public Utilities. In her letter, Patricia requested that Gurumantra Khalsa be considered to fill the vacancy.

Rule 3, "Performance of Duties", of the Board-approved Agricultural Water Rates Task Force Guidelines and Participation Rules provides that the term of a Task Force member shall expire and the position vacated if the member has two consecutive absences. Task Force Member Esquivel has missed two consecutive meetings, on January 31, 2019 and February 21, 2019.

DISCUSSION:

It is important to keep the Task Force member seats full and represented at each meeting. Gurumantra Khalsa has participated as an alternate in four of the eleven meetings conducted thus far and has been actively participating in all of the other meetings. Gurumantra has voiced interest in filling the vacancy for Ward 2 upon approval by the Board of Public Utilities (Board). Task Force Chair Seth Wilson and Vice-chair David Crohn both support the appointment of Mr. Khalsa to the second seat representing Ward 2.

Task Force Member Esquivel has attended eight of the eleven meetings of the Task Force and had mislabeled the February meeting. Task Force Chair Seth Wilson and Vice-chair David Crohn both support excusing Task Force Member Esquivel's absence from the February 21, 2019 meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

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Attachment: Letter of resignation from Patricia Lock-Dawson