



# RIVERSIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES

## Board Memorandum

**BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**

**DATE:** APRIL 8, 2019

**ITEM NO:** 1

**SUBJECT:** MUTUAL AID ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY ELECTRIC FIELD DIVISION TO CITY OF REDDING ELECTRIC UTILITY DURING FEBRUARY 2019 - UPDATE

**ISSUE:**

Receive an update on the mutual aid assistance provided by the Electric Field Division to the City of Redding Electric Utility during February 2019.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board of Public Utilities receive an update on the mutual aid assistance provided by the Electric Field Division to the City of Redding Electric Utility during February 2019.

**BACKGROUND:**

In February 2019, the City of Redding received some of the worst snow it had seen in 50 years, leaving thousands of residents without power. Therefore, on February 13, 2019, Redding Electric Utility reached out for mutual aid assistance, which Riverside Public Utilities (RPU) received through membership in the California Utilities Emergency Association.

**DISCUSSION:**

RPU contacted the City of Redding Electric Utility and offered a six-person crew and five (5) vehicles in response to their mutual aid assistance request. Upon approval by the City Manager and keeping in compliance with the IBEW Memorandum of Understanding 2016-2021, Electric Field Superintendents assembled and dispatched a crew to Redding by midday on Thursday, February 14, 2019. The RPU crew arrived and began work on February 15, 2019 replacing poles, cross arms, transformers, cabling and wires, in order to restore power to several hundred Redding customers. After working around the clock to assist Redding, the Electric Field crew completed work on February 21, 2019 and returned to Riverside. The Fleet Services Division of the General Services Department provided support for the trip by performing truck inspections, brake adjustments, and logistics for fueling on the road.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no cost associated with this presentation. Reimbursement for all costs will be received from Redding Electric Utilities in accordance with standard mutual assistance procedures.

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Attachment: Presentation