



# RIVERSIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES

## Board Memorandum

**BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**

**DATE: AUGUST 26, 2019**

**ITEM NO: 8**

**SUBJECT: AMERICAN PUBLIC POWER ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$66,937 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-20**

**ISSUE:**

Recommend that the Board of Public Utilities approve payment of the annual membership dues for the American Public Power Association in the amount of \$66,937 for Fiscal Year 2019-20.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board of Public Utilities approve the payment of annual membership dues for the American Public Power Association in the amount of \$66,937 for Fiscal Year 2019-20.

**BACKGROUND:**

Riverside Public Utilities (RPU) has been a member of the American Public Power Association (APPA) since 1967. It has been past practice to pay the Riverside membership dues through the Southern California Public Power Association (SCPPA). This was initiated in order to qualify SCPPA as an organization for a discounted membership fee because all of its members committed to be members of APPA. Upon further research, staff learned that membership dues would be the same amount whether paid directly to APPA or through SCPPA. Because there is no additional financial benefit and to improve the accountability and transparency of the transaction, staff has discontinued past practice and will not pay APPA membership dues directly to APPA. The APPA membership is presented to the Board of Public Utilities for approval based on the requirements of the City's Purchasing Resolution No. 23256.

**DISCUSSION:**

The APPA, based in the Washington, D.C. metro area, is the service organization for the nation's more than 2,000 community-owned electric utilities. It was created in 1940 as a nonprofit, non-partisan organization to advance the public policy interests of its members and their consumers, and provide member services to ensure reliable, environmentally responsible electric service at a reasonable price.

APPA partners with its members to promote public power, helping community-owned utilities deliver superior services through joint advocacy, education, and collaboration. Its vision is to shape the future of public power to drive a new era of community-owned electric service.

APPA membership affords all employees of member utilities access to a range of information and resources to assist them in serving their customers. Benefits of membership include:

1. Representation before Congress, federal agencies, and the courts on legislative and regulatory issues and in legal proceedings;
2. Collection, analysis, and dissemination of information regarding public power and the industry through specialized publications, reports, surveys, and internet-based working groups;
3. Educational programs and services designed specifically for public power professionals;
4. Funding for research and development programs that explore techniques and technologies applicable to public power; and
5. Recognition of utilities and individuals for excellence in business practices.

The Purchasing Manager concurs that the recommended actions are in compliance with Purchasing Resolution No. 23256.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The total fiscal impact is \$66,937. Sufficient funds are available in Public Utilities Management Services Periodicals & Dues Account No. 6000000-425200.

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Attachments:

1. APPA Dues Invoice for 12 months beginning September 1, 2019
2. Presentation