

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Minutes of: Meeting of the Board of Public Utilities
Date of Meeting: August 26, 2019
Time of Meeting: 6:30 p.m.
Place of Meeting: Art Pick Council Chambers
3900 Main Street (at Main and Tenth Streets)
Riverside, California

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG WAS GIVEN**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Mr. Seth Wilson spoke in support of the WA-12 Agricultural Rate providing background and historical information on agricultural rates in Riverside. Mr. Brian Sheehe voiced his general approval of the WA-12 Agricultural Rate with reservations on the water allocation to trees over the age of eight years.

Roll Call

Present: Jo Lynne Russo-Pereyra Dave Austin
David Crohn Jeanette Hernandez
Ana Miramontes Gil Oceguela
Elizabeth Sanchez-Monville

Absent: Andrew Walcker

Consent Calendar

A motion was made to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:

Motion – Austin Second – Oceguela

Ayes: Russo-Pereyra, Crohn, Hernandez, Miramontes, Sanchez-Monville

Absent: Walcker

Minutes

2. The minutes of the Board of Public Utilities regular meeting held on August 12, 2019 was approved as submitted.

Board Attendance

3. That the Board of Public Utilities excuse the absence of Board Member Jennifer O'Farrell from the Special Board of Public Utilities meeting of August 12, 2019.

Authorize staff to reevaluate the menu of proposed Energy Efficiency Programs and issue Requests for Proposals for the administration of the programs that are best suited for City of Riverside Utility Customers for Fiscal Year 2019/20 and rescind the May 13, 2019 recommendation that City Council approve the annual task orders with the Southern California Public Power Authority for the administration of nine (9) energy efficiency programs for Fiscal Year 2019/20, in the total amount of \$3,340,000.

12. That the Board of Public Utilities:

Award Request for Proposal No. 1876 for the agreement with Air Conditioning Service Corporation of Anaheim, CA for air conditioner maintenance and repairs at the Riverside Energy Resource Center, Springs, and Clearwater power plants for air conditioner maintenance and repairs ending on July 1, 2024 for \$366,321.

13. That the Board of Public Utilities:

Approve the Energy Innovations Grant for the University of California, Riverside, in the amount of \$100,000, to fund research for Optimal Placement of Smart Meters to Improve Efficiency and Reliability of Power Distribution Systems.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

14. That the Board of Public Utilities:

Consider the proposed WA-12 Agricultural Service water rate schedule, as presented.

Utilities General Manager Todd Corbin started the presentation with the background of the WA-12 rate schedule and fiscal impact within the structure of the approved Cost of Service Study. He explained the methodology, allocation and formulas.

Utilities Fiscal Manager Brian Seinturier continued the presentation and outlined staff modifications to the WA-12 rate schedule such as a new application process, onsite inspections and definitions. General Manager Todd Corbin noted that contiguous parcels less than ½ acre may combined to qualify for the rate in order to encourage agricultural growth in the greater community. He explained the limit for participation in the rate is the transfer of existing customers and the addition of new customers.

Utilities Water Superintendent Rick Small then continued the presentation with the new tier structures. He explained each factor in the allocation formula. He showed the Board an example and comparison bill of a WA-3 customer allocation transitioning to the WA-12 rate. General Manager Todd Corbin explained agricultural customers with a residence on the property will be charged the same as other parcels for indoor and outdoor ornamental landscape water usage. He also explained the new application and process.

General Manager Todd Corbin discussed the fiscal impact and Proposition 218 element of the monetary program limit. All assumptions of the 2018 cost of service study are applied to the new WA-12 rate. Gage Canal sources, the lowest cost to the utility, were used for the allocation of agricultural water.

transitioning to WA-12 rate. He inquired about meeting schedules with regard to City Council. He asked when a review and changes could be made and made a motion to accept the staff recommendation.

Motion: Austin Second: Miramontes

The motion was set aside as Board Member David Crohn asked consideration for the 85% efficiency factor and made a substitute motion moved to accept the rate as put forward by staff but with an 85% factor be added to AWA equation. Board Member Dave Austin questioned the fairness of such a factor and after discussion suggested to accept staff recommendation and come back for review in one year.

Motion: Crohn Second - Miramontes

Aye: Crohn, Hernandez, Miramontes, O'Farrell

Nay: Ocegüera, Austin, Sanchez-Monville, Russo-Pereyra

Absent: Walcker

The motion failed.

Chair Jo Lynne Russo-Pereyra suggested a new vote to accept staff recommendation. Board Member Dave Austin continued dialog regarding review opportunities and scheduling with advice from the Assistant City Attorney and General Manager. Board Member Ana Miramontes raised the efficiency equation issue and Assistant City Attorney Anthony Beamon explained that the 85% figure could not be supported in documentation presented. General Manager Todd Corbin suggested a transition rate equal to 85% efficiency factor for one year. Board Member Dave Austin urged the Board to accept and move forward.

Board Chair called for a vote.

Motion: Austin Second: Sanchez-Monville

Aye: Russo-Pereyra, Sanchez-Monville, Austin, Ocegüera

Nay: Crohn, Hernandez, Miramontes, O'Farrell

Absent: Walcker

The motion failed.

Board Member David Crohn discussed with Assistant City Attorney the possibility of General Manager Todd Corbin's proposal to which Susan Wilson pointed out the record needs to contain data to support the inclusion of an efficiency factor adjustment, and that staff was unsure of the record contained such information.

Board Chair re-opened Public Comment by the following vote:

Motion – Austin Second – O'Farrell

Aye: Russo-Pereyra, Sanchez-Monville, Austin, Crohn, Hernandez, Miramontes,
Ocegüera, O'Farrell

Absent: Walcker

Approve the issuance of a purchase order with Trane U.S. Inc. Of Brea, California for the emergency repairs on the air inlet chiller at Riverside Energy Resource Center Units 1 and 2 for \$322,538.

Motion – Sanchez-Monville Second – Ocegüera

Ayes: Russo-Pereyra, Sanchez-Monville, Austin, Crohn, Hernandez, Miramontes, Ocegüera, O'Farrell

Absent: Walcker

BOARD MEMBER/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

16. Systematic reporting on meetings, conferences, and seminars by Board members and/or staff - No reported items.
17. Items for future Board of Public Utilities consideration as requested by a member of the Board of Public Utilities - None

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

18. Open Work Orders over \$200,000 and Closed Work Orders – Summary Report for July 2019
19. Electric / Water / Consultant Contract Panel Update as of July 1, 2019
20. Contracts Executed Not Requiring Board Approval – July 2019
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Chair Russo-Pereyra adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:42 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Public Utilities will be on Monday, September 9, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Art Pick Council Chamber, Riverside, California.

By: _____
Todd M. Corbin, Secretary
Board of Public Utilities

Approved by: City of Riverside Board of Public Utilities

Dated September 23, 2019

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Motion – Sanchez-Monville Second – Ocegueda

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