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## BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES MINUTES

MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2021, 6:30 P.M.

VIRTUAL MEETING

PUBLIC COMMENT VIA TELEPHONE

3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92522

PRESENT: Chair Elizabeth Sanchez-Monville, Vice-Chair David Crohn, and Members Ana Miramontes, Gil Ocegueda, and Peter Wohlgemuth

ABSENT: None

Chair Crohn called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Vice-Chair Elizabeth Sanchez-Monville led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### ELECTION OF BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Following discussion and without formal motion, the Board deferred the standing committee assignments to Board of Public Utilities Customer Relations/Finance, Electric, and Water Committees to a future Board of Public Utilities meeting date.

Following further discussion, it was moved by Member Ocegueda and seconded by Member Miramontes to elect Elizabeth Sanchez-Monville as Chair and David Crohn as Vice-Chair of the Board of Public Utilities. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sanchez-Monville presided.

### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was no one wishing to address the Board of Public Utilities.

### CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Member Miramontes and seconded by Member Ocegueda to approve the Consent Calendar as presented below affirming the actions appropriate to each item. The motion carried unanimously.

### MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of February 22, 2021, were approved as presented.

### AGREEMENT - RIVERSIDE ENERGY RESOURCE CENTER, SPRINGS AND CLEARWATER POWER PLANTS

The Board of Public Utilities (1) approved an agreement with Trimark Associates Inc., of Folsom, California, for telemetry equipment support at the Riverside Energy Resource Center, Springs and Clearwater Power Plants for an initial five-year term with the option to renew annually for an additional five years in the amount of \$431,021; and (2) authorized the City Manager, or designee, to execute the agreement with Trimark Associates, Inc., including



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making minor non-substantive changes and to execute the optional five one-year extensions.

### WORK ORDER 2108422 - FIBER OPTIC CABLE UPGRADE BETWEEN MOUNTAIN VIEW SUBSTATION AND RIVERSIDE ENERGY RESOURCE CENTER

The Board of Public Utilities approved Work Order 2108422 for \$183,000 to upgrade the fiber optic cable between Mountain View Substation and Riverside Energy Resource Center to improve capacity and reliability.

### 2021 ANNUAL INTEREST RATE ON CUSTOMER HELD DEPOSITS AS PROVIDED

The Board of Public Utilities approved the annual interest rate of 0.37% for customer deposits held as provided by Riverside Public Utilities Electric and Water Rules.

### DISCUSSION CALENDAR

#### MISSION INN BOOSTER STATION AND PRESSURE REZONING PROJECT UPDATE

Following discussion, it was moved by Member Ocegüera and seconded by Member Miramontes to receive and order filed the update on the Mission Inn Booster Station and Pressure Rezoning Project. The motion carried unanimously.

#### SHARING HOUSEHOLDS ASSIST RIVERSIDE'S ENERGY (SHARE) PROGRAM EMERGENCY/DEPOSIT CREDIT INCREASE DUE TO ONGOING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Following discussion, it was moved by Member Miramontes and seconded by Member Ocegüera recommending that the City Council authorize the increase to the Sharing Households Assist Riverside's Energy Program's Emergency/Deposit Credit from \$150 to \$250 per year for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic State of Emergency. The motion carried unanimously.

#### SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT - 2020 CITY OF RIVERSIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN PREPARATION - STAKEHOLDER WATER POLICY ADVISORY GROUP CREATION

Following discussion, it was moved by Member Miramontes and seconded by Member Wohlgemuth to (1) approve a Supplemental Agreement for the preparation of the 2020 Riverside Public Utilities Urban Water Management Plan with Water System Consulting, Inc., Rancho Cucamonga, California, in response to Request for Proposal No. 1997 in an amount not to exceed \$87,300; (2) authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute a Supplemental Agreement with Water System Consulting, Inc., including making minor and non-substantive changes and to sign all documents and instruments necessary to complete the transactions; and (3) defer the creation of a stakeholder focused Water Policy Advisory



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Group to advise both the Board of Public Utilities and City Council on city-wide water policy issues to a future Board of Public Utilities meeting for further discussion. The motion carried with Vice-Chair Crohn, Members Miramontes and Wohlgemuth voting aye and Chair Sanchez-Monville and Member Oceguela voting no.

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL 2038 AGREEMENT - CONTINUOUS EMISSIONS MONITORING SYSTEMS MAINTENANCE - RIVERSIDE ENERGY RESOURCE CENTER AND SPRINGS POWER PLANT

Following discussion, it was moved by Vice-Chair Crohn and seconded by Member Oceguela to (1) approve the Professional Consultant Services Agreement with Pacific Standard Environmental, Inc., of Woodland Hills, California, for continuous emissions monitoring systems maintenance at Riverside Energy Resource Center and Springs Power Plant for a five year term in an amount not to exceed \$1,173,211.91, with two optional one-year extensions; and (2) authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the agreement with Pacific Standard Environmental, Inc., including making minor non-substantive changes and to execute the two optional one-year extensions. The motion carried unanimously.

### BOARD MEMBER/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

There were no reports given at this time.

### ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES CONSIDERATION

Member Wohlgemuth requested a status of the Riverside Transmission Reliability Project and information on the possible property exchange near the Hidden Valley Nature Preserve. Member Miramontes requested scheduled rate increase update. Member Oceguela requested individual meetings with Public Utilities executive staff and/or managers to keep board members informed on projects and programs. Vice-Chair Crohn requested meetings with staff regarding sustainability as Key Performance Indexes develop.

General Manager Corbin (1) recognized the La Granada Elementary School appreciation for the Public Utilities presentation; and (2) announced that new members to the Board of Public Utilities have been selected by the City Council and are anticipated to begin in a few weeks.

### GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Following discussion and without formal motion, the Board of Public Utilities received and ordered filed the (1) update on the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic and Emergency Orders; (2) WA-12 Agricultural Service Water Rate Report as of January 31, 2021; (3) Sharing Households Assist Riverside's Energy (SHARE) Program and Energy Recovery Assistance Program (ERAP) updates through January 2021; (4) list of contracts executed not requiring



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Board approval - January 2021; (5) Water and power supply reports for January 2021; (6) Riverside Public Utilities Electric and Water Fiscal Year 20/21 Quarter 1 Financial Results (7) list of upcoming Board of Public Utilities and City Council meetings; and (8) Electric and Water utility acronyms.

The Board of Public Utilities adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

LORENA VERDUSCO  
Deputy City Clerk