



*City of Arts & Innovation*

# City Council Memorandum

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL      DATE: SEPTEMBER 21, 2021**  
**FROM: PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT      WARDS: ALL**  
**SUBJECT: RIVERSIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD OUTSIDE ORGANIZATION APPOINTMENTS**

## **ISSUE:**

Appoint representatives from the Board of Public Utilities to Western Municipal Water District Joint Committee and San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Advisory Commission on Water Policy.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council appoint representatives from the Board of Public Utilities to Western Municipal Water District Joint Committee and San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Advisory Commission on Water Policy.

## **BOARD RECOMMENDATION:**

On July 12, 2021, the Board of Public Utilities voted with four affirmative votes and one opposing vote to receive assignments for Fiscal Year 2021/22 standing committees of the Board of Public Utilities made by the Board Chair; and to recommend that City Council appoint representatives to outside organizations as outlined in the report.

## **BACKGROUND:**

Appointing representatives from the Board of Public Utilities to outside organizations is the purview of the City Council upon recommendation by the Board (Ref. Standing Rules 9).

## **DISCUSSION:**

The following appointments to outside organizations are recommended for City Council consideration:

City of Riverside/Western Municipal Water District Joint Committee Meeting	San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Advisory Commission on Water Policy
Elizabeth Sanchez-Monville Gary Montgomery Todd Corbin	Gil Ocegüera

### **STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

Board representative appointments support the priorities of the City of Riverside's Envision Riverside 2025 Strategic Plan, which contributes to Environmental Stewardship Strategic Priority No. 4 and Goal 4.2 – Sustainably manage local water resources to maximize reliability and advance water reuse to ensure safe, reliable, and affordable water to our community.

This item aligns with each of the five Cross-Cutting Threads as follows:

1. **Community Trust** – RPU representation on outside water organizations and their boards ensures that Riverside's voice is heard in regional issues and that Riverside's residents are represented in regional decision-making that affects the City and results in greater public good.
2. **Equity** – RPU representation on outside water organizations and their boards ensures that all Riverside residents are represented in regional issues that may impact water supply, quality, and access.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – RPU benefits from outside water organization appointments by exploring potential partnerships that can produce cost savings and ensure that regional water issues are addressed in a way that maximizes benefit and utilities funds responsibly.
4. **Innovation** – RPU representation on outside water organizations and their boards supports regional collaboration and learning both within the City organization and the region to ensure that best practices are utilized and provides opportunities to participate in regional efforts to ensure water availability, quality, and co-benefits for the City.
5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** – RPU representation on outside water organizations and their boards contribute to meeting Riverside's water needs through the ability to participate in regional decision-making that impacts Riverside's water resources as well as participate in watershed protection efforts that support clean air, habitat, and endangered species in addition to preserving Riverside's water supply.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact related to this action.

Prepared by: Todd M. Corbin, General Manager  
Certified as to  
availability of funds: Edward Enriquez, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer  
Approved by: Al Zelinka, FAICP, City Manager  
Approved as to form: Phaedra A. Norton, City Attorney

Attachment: July 12, 2021 Board of Public Utilities Minutes