



*City of Arts & Innovation*

## BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES MINUTES

MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2023, 6:30 P.M.  
PUBLIC COMMENT IN-PERSON/TELEPHONE  
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER  
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92522

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PRESENT: Chair Gildardo Ocegueda, Vice Chair Rebeccah Goldware, and Board Members Nipunjeet Gujral, Rosemary Heru, Nancy Melendez, Gary Montgomery, Brian Siana, and Peter Wohlgemuth

ABSENT: Member David Crohn

Chair Ocegueda called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Vice Chair Goldware led the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

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

### CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Member Melendez and seconded by Member Gujral to approve the Consent Calendar as presented below affirming the actions appropriate to each. The motion carried unanimously with Member Crohn absent.

### MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of March 13, 2023, were approved as presented.

### ABSENCE

The Board of Public Utilities excused the absence of Board Member Melendez from the Board of Public Utilities meeting held February 13, 2023, due to personal reasons.

### ABSENCE

The Board of Public Utilities excused the absence of Board Member Gujral from the Board of Public Utilities meeting held February 27, 2023, due to a work conflict.

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PUBLIC POWER AUTHORITY SEMI-ANNUAL EXPENDITURES

The Board of Public Utilities (1) received and ordered filed the Southern California Public Power Authority semi-annual expenditure report for the period of July 2022 through December 2022; and (2) recommended that City Council receive the Southern California Public Power Authority semi-annual expenditure report for the period of July 2022 through December 2022.



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### DISCUSSION CALENDAR

#### **BID SUB-865 - FURNISHING FLOODED BATTERY BANK - CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FOR WORK ORDER 2311734 - RIVERSIDE SUBSTATION BATTERY REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

Following discussion, it was moved by Member Montgomery and seconded by Member Wohlgemuth to (1) award Bid SUB-865 to furnish flooded battery bank for the Riverside Substation to Concept Power Inc., Las Vegas, Nevada, in the amount of \$78,849.30; (2) approve the capital expenditure for Work Order 2311734 in the amount of \$108,000 which includes design, construction, procurement, testing and commissioning and construction support for the replacement battery at Riverside Substation; and (3) authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the project described in the staff report, as well as the ability to make minor and non-substantive changes in alignment with purchasing policies. The motion carried unanimously with Member Crohn absent.

#### **WORK ORDER 2312723 - PLAZA SUBSTATION SWITCHGEAR NO. 4 REMOVAL AND 66KV BUS DIFFERENTIAL UPGRADE PROJECT**

Following discussion, it was moved by Member Melendez and seconded by Member Gujral to approve the capital expenditure for Work Order 2312723 in the amount of \$275,000 which includes design, construction, procurement, testing, commissioning, and construction support for upgrading the 66kV bus differential protection system and removal of Transformer T4 and Switchgear No. 4 at the Plaza Substation. The motion carried unanimously with Member Crohn absent.

#### **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL 2229 SERVICES AGREEMENT - WORK ORDER 2313132 - TRACKING COSTS - RIVERSIDE TRANSMISSION RELIABILITY PROJECT MATERIAL YARD SURVEILLANCE SERVICES AS PART OF WORK ORDER 642975**

Following discussion, it was moved by Member Siana and seconded by Member Montgomery to (1) approve a Services Agreement from Request for Proposal 2229 for Riverside Transmission Reliability Project material yard surveillance services with Bay Alarm Company, owned by Balco Holdings, Concord, California, for a two-year term with three optional one-year extensions, in a five-year amount of \$188,074, and authorize 20 percent change order authority in the amount of \$37,615, for a total amount of \$225,689; (2) authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Services Agreement, including the three optional one-year extensions and making minor and non-substantive changes; and (3) approve Work Order 2313132 for the total capital expenditure of \$236,000 for the purpose of tracking costs related to Riverside Transmission Reliability Project material yard surveillance services as part of Work Order 642975. The motion carried unanimously with Member Crohn absent.



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### BOARD MEMBER/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

#### SYSTEMATIC REPORTING ON MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, AND SEMINARS BY BOARD MEMBERS AND/OR STAFF

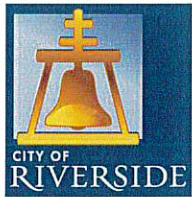
Member Wohlgemuth provided an Ad Hoc Committee on selective fiscal practices update. Chair Ocegüera reported on a recent State Ground Water Committee meeting regarding the Governor's Executive order and program allowing for the capture of floodwater to recharge groundwater basins and aquifers.

#### ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES CONSIDERATION

Member Melendez requested staff coordinate tours for Board Members of Riverside Public Utilities facilities and provide Board Members with a map of the facilities. Chair Ocegüera proposed the following actions: (1) forego filling the Standing Committee seats; (2) implement a monthly cycle for the Board tours of the utility facilities and education sessions; (3) seek cost-effective Board training opportunities at workshops, webinars and conferences to supplement the information provided by the City Clerk's office; (4) instruct staff to bring important topics as presentations or discussion items at regularly scheduled Board meetings before the Board meeting in which final decisions need to be made; (5) utilize Ad-Hoc meetings as necessary for specific purposes as conducted this past year; (6) ask Board members to share information learned from various sources at Board meetings to raise the collective knowledge of the Board; and (7) ask each Board member to meet with the General Manager and/or Deputy General Manager on a monthly basis to foster more effective communications.

### GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Following discussion and without formal motion, the Board of Public Utilities received and ordered filed the General Manager's reports including information on the proposed presentation and schedule of the cost of service survey results for electric and water rates and the (1) impact of COVID-19 Pandemic and Emergency Orders update; (2) WA-12 Agricultural Service Water Rate report as of February 28, 2023; (3) Public Utilities Safety Program Metrics on Safety injuries and training for 2022; (4) Customer Engagement Program updates through February 2023; (5) list of contracts executed not requiring Board approval for January 2023; (6) Riverside Public Utilities Electric and Water Financial Results through September 30, 2022 and Accounts Receivable and Delinquencies as of January 31, 2023; (7) Electric and Water Contractor and Consultant Panel updates for January 2023; (8) Power and Water Supply Reports for January and February 2023; (9) Southern California Public Power Authority agendas and minutes; (10) list of upcoming City Council and Board of Public Utilities meetings; and (11) Electric and Water utility acronyms.



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The Board of Public Utilities adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
LORENA VERDUSCO  
Deputy City Clerk