

CITY OF RIVERSIDE  
BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Minutes of: Meeting of the Board of Public Utilities

Date of Meeting: November 13, 2017

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**

**Roll Call**

Present: Dave Austin (Chair) Jennifer O'Farrell (Vice Chair)  
David Crohn Gil Ocegueda  
Jo Lynne Russo-Pereyra Andrew Walcker

Absent: Kevin Foust (absence due to bereavement)  
Elizabeth Sanchez-Monville (absence due to business)

**PRESENTATIONS**

1 RIVERSIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES' 2017 "SPLASH INTO CASH - BOTTLED WATER LABEL ART CONTEST" WINNERS

The Board of Public Utilities:

1. Recognized the following 2017 "Splash Into Cash – Bottled Water Label Art Contest" winners and their teachers:
  - High School senior Isabel Ayala from La Sierra High School;
  - High School senior Jaelen Chavez from Norte Vista High School;
  - 2017 High School Graduate Gabriela Sierravigas from La Sierra High School
  - High School senior Jaelen Chavez from Norte Vista High School;
  - 2017 High School Graduate Gabriela Sierravigas from La Sierra High School;
  - High School senior Audrey Alexander from Woodcrest Christian High School;
  - La Sierra High School teacher Mr. Bill Miller;
  - Norte Vista High School teacher Ms. Carole Coffman; and,
  - Woodcrest Christian High School teacher Ms. Rhonda Thomale.
2. Awarded the winners with their prizes.

2      **EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARD TO ENERGY DELIVERY FIELD FORCES THAT PROVIDED MUTUAL AID TO CITY OF COLTON PUBLIC UTILITIES AND IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

The Board of Public Utilities recognized the following employees for their excellent work assisting with repair of critical infrastructure at other utilities:

From Electric Field for assisting Imperial Irrigation District:

- Brian Bozarth, Electric Crew Supervisor
- Darin Hefner, Electric Crew Supervisor
- James Judnick, Powerline Technician
- Dennis McDonnell, Powerline Technician
- Dexter Cole, Powerline Technician
- Matthew Richardson, Apprentice Powerline Technician
- Corey Abrahams – Apprentice Substation Electrician - Trainee

From Electric Operations for assisting City of Colton:

- Ken Coffey, Electric Substation Supervisor
- Dave Angelo, Substation Electrician
- Richard Melton, Substation Electrician
- Tyler Trippany, Substation Electrician
- Bobby Thompson, Apprentice Substation Electrician
- Tom Fichtel, Apprentice Substation Electrician

**CITIZENS PARTICIPATION**

3      **Public Comment:**

Tom Evans, Ward 5 resident, a Commissioner of SAWPA, and a WMWD Commissioner, reported on the benefits of SAWPA (Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority) in helping RPU with GIS data, etc. (gave handouts to the secretary to include with the minutes)

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

Motion – O'Farrell.    Second – Oceguela.

Ayes:    Austin, O'Farrell, Crohn, Oceguela, Russo-Pereyra, and Walcker.

Absent: Kevin Foust (absence due to bereavement)  
Elizabeth Sanchez-Monville (absence due to business)

## Minutes

- 4 The minutes from the Board of Public Utilities regular meeting held on October 23, 2017 was approved as submitted.

## Board Attendance

- 5 EXCUSE BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WALCKER ABSENCE FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES ON OCTOBER 23, 2017

The Board of Public Utilities excused Board Member Andrew Walcker absence from the Board of Public Utilities meeting of October 23, 2017 because of illness.

## Other Items

- 6 APPROVAL OF WORK ORDER NO. 1719866 FOR ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS TO THE LOBBY DOORS AT MISSION SQUARE LOCATED AT 3750 UNIVERSITY AVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000

The Board of Public Utilities approved Work Order No. 1719866 in the amount of \$100,000.

## DISCUSSION CALENDAR

- 7 RIVERSIDE COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP AGENCY'S UPDATE OF THEIR OPERATIONS AND PROGRAMS THAT IMPACT THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE

Ms. Brenda Salas Freeman, Executive Director Community Action Partnership, gave an update presentation of CAP's operations and programs that impact the City of Riverside and answered questions from the Board.

The Board requested that updates be presented to the Board bi-annually.

Following discussion, the Board of Public Utilities received and filed this report and presentation by the Riverside County Community Action Partnership regarding programs that impact the City of Riverside.

Motion – O'Farrell. Second – Crohn.

Ayes: Austin, O'Farrell, Crohn, Oceguela, Russo-Pereyra, and Walcker.

Absent: Kevin Foust (absence due to bereavement)

Elizabeth Sanchez-Monville (absence due to business)

- 8 TREE POWER PROGRAM FISCAL YEAR 2017-18 PURCHASE ORDER APPROVALS FOR PARKVIEW NURSERY, 4377 CHICAGO AVENUE; PARKVIEW NURSERY, 3841 JACKSON STREET; LOUIE'S NURSERY, 18550 VAN BUREN BOULEVARD AND MOON VALLEY NURSERIES, 9501 LINCOLN AVENUE IN A COLLECTIVE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$450,000

Deputy General Manager Kevin Milligan gave an overview of the Tree Power Program.

Following discussion, the Board of Public Utilities recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager or his designee, to issue purchase orders to Parkview Nursery, 4377 Chicago Avenue; Parkview Nursery, 3841 Jackson Street; Louie's Nursery, 18550 Van Buren Boulevard and Moon Valley Nurseries, 9501 Lincoln Avenue and make changes to the purchase order amounts based on the variable product demand of each nursery in a collective amount not to exceed \$450,000 for the Tree Power Program's Free Shade Tree Coupon Campaign.

Motion – Walcker. Second – Ocegüera.

Ayes: Austin, O'Farrell, Crohn, Ocegüera, Russo-Pereyra, and Walcker.

Absent: Kevin Foust (absence due to bereavement)

Elizabeth Sanchez-Monville (absence due to business)

#### **BOARD MEMBER/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

- 9 SYSTEMATIC REPORTING ON MEETINGS/CONFERENCES/SEMINARS BY BOARD MEMBERS AND/OR STAFF

Board Member David Crohn reported on the excellent job staff did on the RPU Open House at the UOC on Saturday, November 4, 2017.

Vice Chair Jennifer O'Farrell and Board Member Gil Ocegüera reported on how well the community meetings regarding the Rate Proposal are going and how well staff is listening to requests from the public and making changes if need be.

Chair Dave Austin gave appreciation to staff on the long hours and due diligence they have put into presenting the Rate Proposal.

- 10 ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES CONSIDERATION AS REQUESTED BY A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

None.

#### **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

- 11 Safety Update
- 12 RPU Drought and Conservation Efforts / Groundwater Level Update as of September 2017
- 13 Monthly Power Supply Report – September 2017

- 14 Water Highlights – September 2017
- 15 City Council / Committee Agendas – October 24, 2017 and November 7, 2017
- 16 Upcoming Meetings
- 17 Electric / Water Utility Acronyms
- 18 SCPPA Monthly Agenda / Minutes – September 21, 2017

#### UPCOMING MEETING

Chair Dave Austin adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:28 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Public Utilities will be on Monday, November 27, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Art Pick Council Chamber, Riverside, California.

By: 

Girish Balachandran, Secretary  
Board of Public Utilities

Approved by: City of Riverside Board of Public Utilities

Dated November 27, 2017