

RIVERSIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES

Board Memorandum

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

DATE: SEPTEMBER 22, 2025

SUBJECT: BID NO. 8146 TO OUTSOURCE UTILITY CONTRACTOR, LLC, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, FOR SPRINGS CIRCUIT RELIABILITY PROJECT, PHASE 2, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,146,945, AND WORK ORDER NO. 2321785 FOR A TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE OF \$3,285,000

ISSUES:

Consider awarding Bid No. 8146 to Outsource Utility Contractor, LLC of Los Angeles, California, for the Springs Circuit Reliability Project, Phase 2, in the amount of \$1,146,945; and approve the capital expenditure for Work Order No. 2321785 for a total capital expenditure of \$3,285,000.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board of Public Utilities:

1. Award RPU Bid No. 8146 to Outsource Utility Contractor, LLC of Los Angeles, California, for the Springs Circuit Reliability Project, Phase 2, in the amount of \$1,146,945;
2. Approve Work Order No. 2321785 for the total capital expenditure of \$3,285,000 which includes all design, construction, construction support, contract administration, inspection, and construction change order authority costs for the Spring Circuit Reliability Project, Phase 2; and
3. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the project described herein, as well as the ability to make minor non-substantive changes in alignment with all purchasing policies.

BACKGROUND:

The Springs Circuit Reliability Project aims to enhance the circuit transfer capability of Springs Substation by establishing additional tie points to other circuits from La Colina and Orangecrest Substations. In the event of a catastrophic failure of the substation transformers or transmission lines at Springs Substation, La Colina Substation does not have enough capacity to carry the entire load from Springs Substation, thus the need to create new circuit ties with the Orangecrest Substation.

On August 28, 2023, the Board of Public Utilities (Board) approved Work Order No. 2019648 for the design and construction of the Springs Circuit Reliability Project, Phase 1, for the extension

of Circuits 1572 and 1573 along Sycamore Canyon Boulevard to Alessandro Boulevard and Barton Street, which involved the installation of new tie switches to enable additional connections with La Colina Substation, effectively improving the reliability and load transfer capabilities of Springs Substation, along with adding additional capacity in the area.

DISCUSSION:

The Electric System Master Plan (ESMP) recommends the installation of new line extensions and circuit ties to improve the reliability and load transfer capabilities of Springs Substation. The proposed Springs Circuit Reliability Project, Phase 2, involves the extension of La Colina Circuits 1210 and 1215 and Orangecrest Circuit 1534 along Mission Grove Parkway to Alessandro Boulevard and Barton Street. This will require the installation of new tie switches to enable connection with La Colina Substation and Orangecrest Substation, enhancing the circuit transfer capability of Springs Substation by 69% or 20 MWs of load.

The scope of work includes the installation of approximately 2,228 trench feet of conduit, 17,061 circuit feet of underground primary cable, one (1) vault, one (1) padmounted junction cabinet (PJC), six (6) padmounted switch enclosures (PSE), slab boxes and related electrical distribution facilities, as well as asphalt replacement.

The project will upgrade electrical distribution facilities in the area north of Alessandro Boulevard on Mission Grove Parkway, along Alessandro Boulevard, west of Barton Street and improve reliability at Springs Substation. Intermittent electric service disruptions will be coordinated during construction and advanced outage notifications will be issued to minimize the impact to customers.



Trench and Conduit Installation



Typical Padmounted Switch W/ Protection

Bid No. 8146

On May 28, 2025, Bid No. 8146 for the Springs Circuit Reliability Project Phase 2, was posted on the City's Online Bid System, PlanetBids. The bid's notification summary and bid actions are detailed in the following table:

Bidding Notification Summary Table

Action	Number of Vendors
External Vendors Notified	500
City of Riverside Vendors Notified	564
Prospective Bidders Who Downloaded the RFB	56
Questions and Answers Released	2
Addenda Released	2

On June 10, 2025, RPU staff held a non-mandatory pre-bid meeting with fifteen (15) companies in attendance, and on July 10, 2025, seven (7) vendors submitted bids for the project. Purchasing evaluated the bids and deemed Outsource Utility Contractor, LLC of Los Angeles, California to be the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. The bid was above the engineer's estimated amount of \$1,064,747.10 due to higher labor and material costs associated with the project site restoration.

The bids are summarized in the table below:

Vendors	City Location	Bid Amount	Rank
Outsource Utility Contractor, LLC	Los Angeles, CA	\$1,146,944.82	1
Asplundh Construction, LLC	Buena Park, CA	\$1,211,428.20	2
Hot Line Construction, Inc.	Brentwood, CA	\$1,351,583.00	3
Servitek Electric, Inc.	Norwalk, CA	\$1,367,160.53	4
E.E. Electric, Inc.	Jurupa Valley, CA	\$1,377,402.25	5
Herman Weissker, Inc.	Riverside, CA	\$1,568,658.07	6
Doty Bros. Equipment Company	Norwalk, CA	\$1,993,649.00	7
➤ <i>Engineer's Estimate</i>		<i>\$1,064,747.10</i>	

The project/fiscal breakdown is as follows:

Project and Fiscal Breakdown

Work Type	Performed By:			Amount (\$):	% of Total:
Design and Inspection	RPU Engineering and Operations			\$202,362.18	6%
Electrical Work	RPU Field Forces	Labor	\$339,236.04	\$1,820,998.52	55%
		Equipment	\$47,940.48		
		Materials	\$1,433,822.00		
Civil Construction (Contract)	Outsource Utility Contractor, LLC			\$1,146,944.82	35%
10% Contingency* (Contract)				\$114,694.48	4%
Work Order Total:				\$3,285,000.00	100%
Anticipated Start Date:				November 2025	
Anticipated Duration:				15 Weeks	

*Per Purchasing Resolution 24101, Section 1104 (c)

Purchasing Resolution 24101, Section 508 Awards states, "Contracts procured through Formal Procurement shall be awarded by the Awarding Entity to the Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder."

The Purchasing Manager concurs that the recommended actions are in compliance with Purchasing Resolution No. 24101, Section 508.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total fiscal impact is \$3,285,000. Sufficient funds are available in Public Utilities Electric Capital Account No. 6130000-470601.

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Approved as to form:	Rebecca McKee-Reimbold, Interim City Attorney

Attachments:

1. Project Site Map
2. Bid Award Recommendation
3. Presentation