

*City of Arts & Innovation*

## BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES DRAFT MINUTES

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025, 6:30 P.M.  
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER  
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92522

**PRESENT:** Chair Gildardo Oceguera, Vice Chair Rebeccah Goldware, and Board Members Peter Wohlgemuth, Brian Siana, Sandra Polichetti, Warren Avery, Gary Montgomery, Nancy Melendez, and Rosemary Heru

**ABSENT:** None

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

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

### PUBLIC COMMENT IN-PERSON/TELEPHONE

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

### PRESENTATIONS

General Manager, David Garcia, recognized Board Chair Oceguera's service on the Board of Public Utilities.

### COMMUNICATIONS

#### BOARD MEMBERS DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared at this time.

### CONSENT CALENDAR

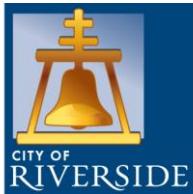
It was moved by Board Member Melendez and seconded by Board Member Montgomery to approve the Consent Calendar as presented below affirming the actions appropriate to each item except Board Member Wohlgemuth requested the shareholder proxy authority for voting representatives and alternates item be removed from Consent Calendar and moved to Discussion Calendar for further discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

### MINUTES

The minutes of January 27, 2025, were approved as presented.

#### SOFTWARE SUPPORT OF DATA ACQUISITION AND HANDLING SYSTEM FOR FIVE-YEAR TERM - RIVERSIDE POWER PLANTS

The Board of Public Utilities (1) approved an agreement with CEMTEK Environmental, Inc., Santa Ana, for software support of the data acquisition and handling system at the Riverside power plants for a five-year term in the total amount of \$223,580; and (2) authorized the City Manager, or designee, to execute the agreement with CEMTEK Environmental, Inc., including the ability to make non-substantive changes as well as execute future amendments or extensions to the agreement under the same price and substantially similar terms and conditions.



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### DISCUSSION CALENDAR

#### SHAREHOLDER PROXY AUTHORITY FOR VOTING REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES

Following discussion, it was moved by Vice Chair Goldware and seconded by Board Member Wohlgemuth to recommend that the City Council (1) confirm the annual shareholder proxy authority for voting representatives and alternates outlined in Table A, in the staff report; (2) delegate authority to any designated City Council, Riverside Public Utilities Board, or City staff representative or their alternate to vote the City's shares as the City's proxy at all meetings of the respective mutual water companies as listed in staff report; (3) authorize the City Manager and the Public Utilities General Manager to designate City Council, Riverside Public Utilities Board, or staff representatives to serve on the mutual water company boards listed in staff report; (4) authorize the assignment and recalling of shares, and authorize the Mayor to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the shareholder proxy authority, as necessary for each Council, Board, or City staff representative serving on the mutual water companies as listed in staff report and consistent with the City's adopted policies and strategic plan. The motion carried unanimously.

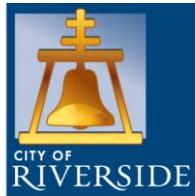
#### WORK ORDER 2512615 - CONSTRUCTION OF OFF-SITE WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS - WORK ORDER 2503934 - ENGINEERING, CONSTRUCTION, PAVING, AND CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY COSTS - NORTHSIDE AGRICULTURE INNOVATION CENTER - 895 AND 900 CLARK STREET

Following discussion, it was moved by Board Member Melendez and seconded by Vice Chair Goldware to approve Work Order 2512615 in the amount of \$1,400,000 for construction of the Off-Site Water System Improvements for the Northside Agriculture Innovation Center, and with consideration of the prior Work Order 2503934 approval in the amount of \$200,000, a total project budget of \$1,600,000 for engineering, construction, paving, and construction contingency costs. The motion carried unanimously.

Board Member Avery left the meeting during the following item.

#### STATE MANDATED PUBLIC BENEFITS ENERGY SURCHARGE FUND PROGRAM AND FINANCIAL ACTIVITY UPDATE

Following discussion, it was moved by Vice Chair Goldware and seconded by Board Member Melendez to (1) receive and order filed the update on the State Mandated Public Benefits Energy Surcharge Fund program and financial activity; and (2) direct staff to return to the Board of Public Utilities with a Public Benefits Energy Surcharge plan to consider current program enhancements and introduce new programs within four specific categories (a) Residential and Commercial Energy Efficiency and Energy Conservation Programs; (b) New Investment in Renewable Energy; (c) Low-Income Assistance Programs and education; and (d) Research, Demonstration and Development. The motion carried with Chair Oceguera, Vice Chair Goldware, and Board Members Wohlgemuth, Siana, Polichetti, Montgomery, Melendez, and Heru voting aye and Board Member Avery absent.



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### BOARD MEMBER/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

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

There were no reports given at this time.

### ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES CONSIDERATION

There were no items requested at this time.

### 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: (1) WA-12 Agricultural Service Water Rate report for December 31, 2024; (2) Power Supply Report for November 2024; (3) Electric and Water Open Work Orders over \$200,000 and Closed Work Orders Summary Reports for December 2024; (4) Southern California Public Power Authority Agenda and Minutes; (5) a list of upcoming City Council and Board meetings; and (6) Electric/Water Utility Acronyms.

The Board of Public Utilities adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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DIANA ALEGRIA  
Deputy City Clerk