

City of Arts & Innovation

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES DRAFT MINUTES

MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2026, 6:30 P.M.
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92522

PRESENT: Chair Rebekkah Goldware, Vice Chair Brian Siana and Board Members Peter Wohlgemuth, Jordan Wright, Gary Montgomery, and Tom Evans

ABSENT: Board Members Warren Avery and Mikael Becker

Chair Goldware called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Vice Chair Siana 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.

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 Wohlgemuth and seconded by Vice Chair Siana to approve the Consent Calendar as presented affirming the actions appropriate to each item except for the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Tree Power Program Free Shade Tree Coupon and Work Order 2501761, Circuit 1313 Reliability Improvement Project items pulled for separate discussion. The motion carried unanimously with Board Members Avery and Becker absent.

MINUTES

The minutes for the meeting of December 8, 2025, were approved as presented.

CANCELLATION OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES MEETINGS

The Board of Public Utilities approved (1) the cancellation of the regularly scheduled Board of Public Utilities meetings of May 25, October 12, November 23, and December 28, 2026, due to the holidays; and (2) to hold a special meeting on November 30, 2026.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL 2482 FOR FUEL GAS COMPRESSOR MAINTENANCE

The Board of Public Utilities (1) approved the Services Agreement to Request for Proposal 2482 with Northwest Industrial Engine and Compressor Company, Riverbank, to perform fuel gas compressor maintenance at Riverside Energy Resource Center for a five-year term ending December 31, 2030, in the amount of \$268,975; and (2) authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the Services Agreement with Northwest Industrial Engine and Compressor Company, including making non-substantive changes.



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DISCUSSION CALENDAR

FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 TREE POWER PROGRAM FREE SHADE TREE COUPON CAMPAIGN

Following discussion, it was moved by Board Member Evans and seconded by Board Member Wright to recommend that the City Council (1) approve the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Tree Power Program Free Shade Tree Coupon Campaign in the amount of \$478,584; and (2) authorize the City Manager, or designee, to issue purchase orders and change orders to Parkview Nursery, 4377 Chicago Avenue; Parkview Nursery, 3841 Jackson Street; and Louie's Nursery, 18550 Van Buren Boulevard based on the variable product demand of each nursery for the Tree Power Program's Free Shade Tree Coupon campaign in a collective amount of \$478,584. Two people spoke regarding the matter. The motion carried unanimously with Board Members Avery and Becker absent.

WORK ORDER 2501761 - CIRCUIT 1313 RELIABILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

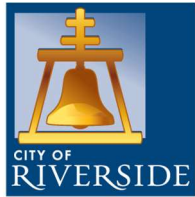
Following discussion, it was moved by Board Member Evans and seconded by Vice Chair Siana to approve Work Order 2501761 for a total capital expenditure of \$1,560,000 for Circuit 1313 Reliability Improvement Project. No one spoke regarding the matter. The motion carried unanimously with Board Members Avery and Becker absent.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Following discussion, it was moved by Vice Chair Siana and seconded by Board Member Wohlgemuth to receive and file the legislative update including multiple measures affecting energy affordability, climate compliance, and market governance with direct operational impact on Riverside Public Utilities, including legislation addressing affordability and greenhouse-gas emissions compliance, regional market governance, wildfire mitigation, per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) regulation, water-supply planning, and housing streamlining. No one spoke regarding the matter. The motion carried unanimously with Board Members Avery and Becker absent.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL 2498 FOR PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SERVICES - MISSION SQUARE OFFICE BUILDING – 3750 UNIVERSITY AVENUE

Following discussion, it was moved by Board Member Wright and seconded by Vice Chair Siana to recommend that the City Council (1) approve a Property Management Agreement from RFP 2498 for Property Management Services for the Mission Square Office Building at 3750 University Avenue with G&E Real Estate Management Services, Inc., dba Newmark (Newmark), Irvine, for approximately \$958,300 over the five-year term, with one optional five-year extension; and (2) authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Property Management Agreement and any other documents necessary to effectuate the services described in staff report, as well as the ability to make minor non-substantive changes in accordance with all purchasing policies. No one spoke regarding the matter. The motion carried unanimously with Board Members Avery and Becker absent.



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HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM (HMPG) APPLICATION

Following discussion, it was moved by Vice Chair Siana and seconded by Board Member Wright to recommend that the City Council (1) authorize the City Manager, or designee, to submit the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) application to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for an amount up to \$2,829,300, including a 25 percent cost share local match funding of \$943,100 and to accept any funding awarded under HMGP. Funding will support design and construction of five backup generators and automatic transfer switches at the five critical water infrastructure sites; (2) upon receipt of the funding award, and with at least five affirmative votes, authorize the Chief Financial Officer, or designee, to record an increase in revenues and a corresponding supplemental appropriation in the amount of the actual award into appropriate accounts to be established by the Finance Department, including but not limited to the Water Fund Federal Capital Grants revenue account; and (3) authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents and instruments necessary in connection with the HMGP application, and to take all actions necessary or advisable to participate in, implement, and administer the HMGP Program, including making minor and non-substantive changes, corrections, and amendments, as needed. No one spoke regarding the matter. The motion carried with Chair Goldware, Vice Chair Siana, and Board Members Wohlgemuth, Wright, and Montgomery voting aye, Board Member Evans abstaining, and Board Members Avery and Becker absent.

AGREEMENT - HOLDING TANK COST REIMBURSEMENT - 3625 PLACENTIA LANE

This item was removed from the agenda.

SHARING HOUSEHOLDS ASSISTS RIVERSIDE'S ENERGY (SHARE) DEPOSIT/URGENT NOTICE ASSISTANCE

Following discussion, it was moved by Vice Chair Siana and seconded by Board Member Wright to (1) approve increase to the SHARE deposit/urgent notice assistance from \$150 to \$250, effective from the end of the State of California's COVID-19 Emergency on February 28, 2023; and (2) approve the SHARE monthly assistance increases in alignment with planned water and electric rate increases for calendar year 2025 through 2028. No one spoke regarding the matter. The motion carried unanimously with Board Members Avery and Becker absent.

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES STANDING RULES AND POLICY GUIDE

Following discussion, it was moved by Board Member Wohlgemuth and seconded by Board Member Wright to (1) review and discuss to the Board of Public Utilities Standing Rules and Policy Guide; (2) recommend amendments to the Board Standing Rules and Policy Guide; and (3) request staff return to the Board with a red line of recommended changes from this meeting for consideration after priority sections and policies of the Board of Public Utilities Standing Rules and Policy Guide have been reviewed. No one spoke regarding the matter. The motion carried unanimously with Board Members Avery and Becker absent.



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BOARD MEMBER/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

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

Chair Goldware reported on students attending the meeting, thanked the field crews, and encouraged Board Members to attend available facility tours.

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 November 30, 2025; (2) Accounts Receivable & Delinquencies as of October 31, 2025; (3) Water Supply Report for October 31, 2025; (4) Power Supply Report for October 2025; (5) Electric Contractor and Consultant Panel updates for October 2025; (6) Southern California Public Power Authority Agendas and Minutes; (7) a list of upcoming City Council and Board meetings; and (8) Electric/Water Utility Acronyms.

The Board of Public Utilities adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
LORENA VERDUSCO
Assistant City Clerk