

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES DRAFT MINUTES

MONDAY, JULY 27, 2026, 6:30 P.M.

ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER

3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92522

City of Arts & Innovation

PRESENT: Chair Brian Siana, Vice Chair Peter Wohlgemuth, and Board Members Jordan Wright, Rebeccah Goldware, Sean Rand, Gary Montgomery, Tom Evans, Mikael Becker, and Christian Cruz

ABSENT: None

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

Board Member 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.

COMMUNICATIONS

SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS UPDATE

The Riverside Public Utilities sustainability efforts update was not held.

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 Goldware and seconded by Board Member Wright to approve the Consent Calendar as presented affirming the actions appropriate to each item. The motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

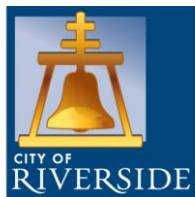
The minutes of July 13, 2026, were approved as presented.

ABSENCE

The Board of Public Utilities excused the absence of Board Member Wright from the Board of Public Utilities meeting held June 22, 2026.

WORK ORDER 2520728 - ELECTRICAL IMPROVEMENTS AND FIBER-OPTIC INSTALLATION - SUGARLOAF RESERVOIR

The Board of Public Utilities approved Work Order 2520728 in the total amount of \$261,684 for electrical improvements and fiber optic installation at the Sugarloaf Reservoir.



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ANNUAL LEGAL BUDGET - FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 FOR LAW FIRM OF THOMPSON COBURN - PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES

The Board of Public Utilities recommended that the City Council approve an increase in the annual legal budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for the law firm of Thompson Coburn in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 for a total budget of \$977,000.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW ENERGY STORAGE REBATE PROGRAM FOR RESIDENTIAL DEMAND SIDE MANAGEMENT INCENTIVES

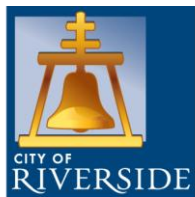
Following discussion, it was moved by Board Member Goldware and seconded by Board Member Cruz to recommend that the City Council (1) approve implementation of a new energy storage rebate program for residential demand side management incentives; (2) with at least five affirmative votes, authorize the Chief Financial Officer, or designee, to record a supplemental appropriation in the total amount of \$5,000,000 from the Electric Public Benefits Fund, Public Benefits Cash Reserves and appropriate expenditures to the Electric Public Benefits Fund, Energy Storage Rebate Program Account; and (3) authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Energy Storage Rebate Program and take all necessary actions required or advisable to implement, administer, fund, and carry out the City of Riverside's responsibilities under the Energy Storage Rebate Program, including making minor and non-substantive changes to the program, and to execute future amendments to the Energy Storage Rebate Program incentive amounts under substantially similar terms and conditions. The motion carried unanimously.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATE

Following discussion, it was moved by Board Member Wright and seconded by Board Member Becker to receive and order filed the 2025-2026 legislative update. The motion carried unanimously.

PROPOSED - ORDINANCE AMENDING RIVERSIDE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 14.22.010 THROUGH 14.22.080 WATER CONSERVATION ORDINANCE TO INCORPORATE REQUIREMENTS OF ASSEMBLY BILL 1572 AND ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH CALIFORNIA WATER CODE §10608.14

Following discussion, it was moved by Board Member Goldware and seconded by Board Member Wright to recommend that the City Council (1) introduce an ordinance of the City of Riverside amending Section 14.22.010 through 14.22.080 of the Riverside Municipal Code to update the City's Water Conservation Ordinance to incorporate the requirements of Assembly Bill 1572 and ensure compliance with California Water Code §10608.14; and (2) adopt the ordinance at a subsequent City Council meeting following the first reading. The motion carried unanimously.



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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

Board Member Cruz requested that during legislative updates a rubric be included with additional information for each bill and its current status in the legislative process. Board Member Cruz and Chair Siana requested an update on data centers to include any large new water and electric load.

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) Power Supply Report for May 2026; (2) Water Supply Report for May 31, 2026; (3) Water Contractor Panel updates for May 2026; (4) Financial Results and Electric and Water Accounts Receivable and Delinquencies as of April 30, 2026; (5) Customer Engagement Report updates through May 2026; (6) a list of upcoming City Council and Board meetings; and (7) Electric/Water Utility Acronyms.

The Board of Public Utilities adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DIANA ALEGRIA
Deputy City Clerk