



BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES DRAFT MINUTES

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026, 6:30 P.M.
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92522

City of Arts & Innovation

PRESENT: Chair Rebecca Goldware, Vice Chair Brian Siana and Board Members Peter Wohlgemuth, Jordan Wright, Warren Avery, Gary Montgomery, Tom Evans, and Mikael Becker

ABSENT: None

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

Board Member Avery 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.

PRESENTATION

General Manager David Garcia recognized Board Member Avery'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.

RIVERSIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS UPDATE

The Board of Public Utilities received the sustainability efforts update.

CONSENT CALENDAR

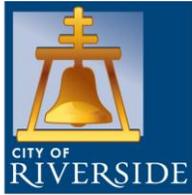
It was moved by Board Member Montgomery and seconded by Board Member Evans to approve the Consent Calendar as presented affirming the actions appropriate to each item except the minutes of February 9, 2026, item was moved for separate discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

ABSENCE

The absence of Board Member Avery from January 12, 2026, Board of Public Utilities meeting was excused.

ANNUAL INTEREST RATE ON CUSTOMER DEPOSITS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026

The Board of Public Utilities approved the annual interest rate on customer deposits for the calendar year 2026 at the rate of 3.91 percent per annum, as provided by Riverside Public Utilities' Electric and Water Rules.



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WORK ORDER 2206160 - DETERIORATED OVERHEAD POLE REPLACEMENTS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS

The Board of Public Utilities approved Work Order 2206160 in the amount of \$250,000 for pole replacements at various locations.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 9, 2026

Following discussion, it was moved by Board Member Wohlgemuth and seconded by Board Member Evans to amend the February 9, 2026, meeting minutes to include the requested presentation regarding tiered water rates due to the lawsuit in San Diego as a future discussion item. The motion carried with Chair Goldware, Vice Chair Siana and Board Members Wohlgemuth, Wright, Avery, Evans, and Becker voting aye and Board Member Montgomery abstaining.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CITY OF RIVERSIDE AND VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY - VIRGINIA TECH TO PARTICIPATE IN COLLECTION AND COMPILATION OF WATER PIPELINE FIELD PERFORMANCE DATA (PIPEID) RESEARCH PROJECT

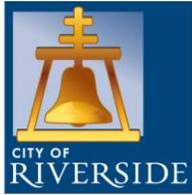
Following discussion, it was moved by Board Member Avery and seconded by Vice Chair Siana to recommend that the City Council authorize a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Riverside and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University to participate in the Pipeline Infrastructure Database (PIPEID) research project. The motion carried unanimously.

RIVERSIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES 2025 ANNUAL AUDIT AND FINANCIAL REPORT

Following discussion, it was moved by Board Member Evans and seconded by Board Member Becker to recommend that the City Council approve the Riverside Public Utilities 2025 Annual Audit and Financial Report. The motion carried unanimously.

WORK ORDER 2124085 - HUNTER SUBSTATION 4KV TO 12KV MAKE-READY FOR CIRCUITS 21 AND 22 PROJECT

Following discussion, it was moved by Board Member Avery and seconded by Board Member Wohlgemuth to approve Work Order 2124085 for a total capital expenditure of \$2,000,000 for the Hunter Substation 4kV to 12kV Make-Ready for Circuits 21 and 22 Project. The motion carried unanimously.



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CLOSED SESSION

The Board of Public Utilities adjourned to closed session at 7:37 p.m. pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1) to confer with and/or receive advice from legal counsel concerning City of Riverside v. Shell Oil Company, et. al., San Francisco County Superior Court, Case No. CGC-20-588295

The Board of Public Utilities returned to open session at 8:01 p.m. with Chair Goldware presiding and all Board Members present.

BOARD MEMBER/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION

Senior Deputy City Attorney Anthony Beaumon announced there were no reportable actions taken during the closed session.

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 - December 31, 2025; (2) Electric and Water Accounts Receivable and Delinquencies as of December 31, 2025; (3) Water Supply Report - December 31, 2025; (4) Power Supply Report - December 2025; (5) Water Contractors Panel updates for December 2025; (6) Customer Engagement Report updates through December 2025; (7) a list of upcoming City Council and Board meetings; and (8) Electric/Water Utility Acronyms.

The Board of Public Utilities adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DIANA ALEGRIA
Deputy City Clerk