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## BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES DRAFT MINUTES

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2026, 6:30 P.M.  
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER  
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92522

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

ABSENT: Board Members Warren Avery, Gary Montgomery, and Mikael Becker

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

Board Member Evans 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.

#### RIVERSIDE ENERGY RESOURCE CENTER (RERC) UNIT 3 UPDATE

The Board of Public Utilities received an update on the Combustor Unit for Riverside Energy Resource Center (RERC) Unit 3.

### CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Board Member Wohlgemuth and seconded by Board Member Wright to approve the Consent Calendar as presented affirming the actions appropriate to each item. The motion carried unanimously with Board Members Avery, Montgomery, and Becker absent.

### MINUTES

The minutes for the meeting of January 12, 2026, were approved as presented.

### ABSENCE

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

#### RECOMMEND CITY COUNCIL DECLARE AS EXEMPT SURPLUS CITY-OWNED PARCEL BEARING ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER 190-035-005 - PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 1486

The Board of Public Utilities recommended that the City Council (1) adopt a Resolution to declare as exempt surplus City-owned land, approximately 15,672 square feet, property bearing Assessor's Parcel Number 190-035-005; and (2) authorized the marketing and sale of the property at fair market value according to Assembly Bill 1486 and per the City's Administrative Manual 08.003.00 for the Disposition and Sale of City-owned Real Property.



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### **RECOMMEND CITY COUNCIL APPROVE PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR GEOTECHNICAL SERVICES FOR WATER UTILITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

The Board of Public Utilities recommended that the City Council (1) approve a Professional Consultant Services Agreement from Request for Proposal 2491 for Geotechnical Services for Water Utility Capital Improvement Projects with NV5, Inc., Riverside, for a term until December 31, 2028, in a not-to-exceed amount of \$400,000 annually on an as-needed basis with the option to extend for two additional one-year terms; and (2) authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Professional Consultant Services Agreement and any other documents necessary to effectuate the project described in the staff report, as well as the ability to make minor non-substantive changes, in accordance with all purchasing policies, including the ability to extend the agreement for two additional one-year terms.

### **DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

#### **UPCOMING BOARD AGENDA ITEMS FOR GENERATION SECTION PROJECTS**

Following discussion, it was moved by Board Member Evans and seconded by Board Member Siana to receive and order filed an overview of upcoming Board agenda items for the Generation section. The motion carried unanimously with Board Members Avery, Montgomery, and Becker absent.

#### **THIRD AMENDMENT TO PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT - ADMINISTER ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM FOR OUTDOOR LIGHTING DIRECT INSTALLATION PROGRAM**

Following discussion, it was moved by Board Member Siana and seconded by Board Member Wright to recommend that the City Council (1) approve the third amendment to the Professional Consultant Services Agreement with Richard Heath and Associates, Fresno, adding additional funding of \$2,500,000 for Outdoor Lighting Direct Installation Program for total contract amount of \$5,000,000; and (2) authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the amended Professional Consultant Services Agreements, including making minor and non-substantive changes to the agreements. The motion carried unanimously with Board Members Avery, Montgomery, and Becker absent.

#### **BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES STANDING RULES AND POLICY GUIDE**

Following discussion, it was moved by Board Member Evans and seconded by Board Member Wright (1) to review and discuss to the Board of Public Utilities Standing Rules and Policy Guide; (2) recommended amendments to the Board Standing Rules and Policy Guide; and (3) requested 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 with the addition of non-potable water and recycled water language as appropriate. The motion carried unanimously with Board Members Avery, Montgomery, and Becker absent.



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### BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES 2025 ANNUAL WORK PLAN FINAL UPDATE

Following discussion, it was moved by Board Member Wohlgemuth and seconded by Board Member Wright to (1) receive and order filed the Board's 2025 Annual Work Plan - Final update; (2) discuss and approve items for the Board of Public Utilities 2026 Annual Workplan; (3) present the Board of Public Utilities 2026 Annual Workplan to the Mobility and Infrastructure Committee; and (4) requested staff to return to the Board at a future date with the Mobility and Infrastructure Committee's action and consideration of the adoption of the final 2026 Annual Work Plan. The motion carried unanimously with Board Members Avery, Montgomery, and Becker absent.

### BOARD MEMBER/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

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

Board Member Evans reported on the Riverside Fire Department's new water-saving PumpPod device for training exercises. Chair Goldware thanked the students who attended the meeting tonight.

#### 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) information on the upcoming City Council retreat on February 10, 2026, regarding the Book of Work; (2) Board Member Request List from Minute Order through December 2025; (3) Water Supply Report through November 30, 2025; (4) Power Supply Report through November 2025; (5) Electric Consultant Panel Update as of December 31, 2025; (6) Customer Engagement Report updates through November 2025; (7) Electric and Water Accounts Receivable and Delinquencies as of November 30, 2025; (8) Southern California Public Power Authority Agenda and Minutes; (9) a list of upcoming City Council and Board meetings; and (10) Electric/Water Utility Acronyms.

The Board of Public Utilities adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

LORENA VERDUSCO  
Assistant City Clerk