

Board Update Meeting Summary | Friday, August 1, 2014

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Board Actions:

Board of Public Utilities approves the following consent calendar items:

- A capital expenditure of \$52,676 for Work Order No. 1203744 which includes city construction of water services for 49 single family residential lots located along Indiana Avenue and La Sierra Avenues.
- Change Order to the construction agreement with Trautwein Construction in the amount of \$100,000 to cover unforeseen contingencies encountered during construction of the San Bernardino Transmission Pipeline Appurtenance Replacement project. This was necessary due to inaccurate as-built plans from both the 1920's and 1960's as well as the need for emergency repairs that needed to be performed by Water Field Forces.

Board approves water main replacement construction at Tyler Avenue/Arlington Avenue/Beejay Street

A capital expenditure of \$2,282,400 for Work Order No. 1323232 was approved, which includes design, construction, contract administration, inspection and construction contingency costs; with construction contract for \$1,584,674 awarded to Mamco, Inc. dba Alabbasi as well as a 15% change order contingency to perform water main replacements. This project is part of the annual water pipeline replacement program.

Board recommends that the City Council approve "Policy Principles for Water Portfolio Management"

Assistant General Manager, Kevin Milligan brought forth a new draft of the document for the board to recommend approval by City Council. The new document includes the previous feedback given by the board on June 20, 2014, including a new statement on Riverside's responsibilities managing a publicly owned resource, recognition of our diverse customer and stakeholder interests, and advocacy for a viable state water supply system. General Manager, Girish Balachandran mentioned that these high level principles will also underscore the importance of delineating the meaning of water independence to explicitly express the potential for unused water to be considered a monetized asset/commodity. This will serve as a general umbrella for the water portfolio management process just as energy resource management is currently conducted.

Board received and filed an update on the Riverside Reliability Transmission Project (RTRP)

Assistant General Manager, Pat Hohl, provided background and current status of this project. The project is facing appeal from the City of Jurupa Valley that is expected to be heard in the courts by mid-2015. SCE is responsible for the 230kV connections to the grid and their construction will not begin until final rulings are received. However, until the next ruling RPU is moving forward with our portion of the project which includes 10 miles of 69 kV subtransmission lines that are needed not only for eventual connection to the SCE portion of the RTRP project but to assist with moving power from the Riverside Energy Resource Center to substations on the west side of the city (Freeman and Harvey Lynn). Currently, procurement of long lead-time items, like steel poles is being conducted as well as right of way acquisitions for 93 easements needed for construction within city limits. Due to legal delays the project completion has been pushed back approximately 18 months, with construction completion for both SCE and RPU to be tentatively completed by October 2020.

Board discussed and approved suggestions to be made to improve the City of Riverside Code of Ethics to be discussed by the City's Governmental Affairs Committee

Board Chair Justin Scott-Coe and Deputy City Attorney explained to the Board that each year members of all Boards and Commissions are asked for input and review of the City's Code of Ethics. As Board Chair, Justin Scott-Coe will bring the Board's concerns and suggestions to the Governmental Affairs Committee for their consideration on September 3, 2014.

Issues identified were:

- Exploring alternatives to Board and Commission Chairs serving on adjudicating committees for complaints.
- Ensuring employees have a proper path to complain other than utilizing the Code of Ethics in regards to employee relations issues.
- Generally state that the Code of Ethics is a high level responsibility and of utmost importance as a role of governance.

Board received and filed an update on Drought/Riverside Water Supply Conservation Plan

Assistant General Manager, Mike Bacich indicated that full communication plans are in implementation phase at all spectrums of marketing outlets from radio/TV to social media to print ads as well as letters sent directly to the customers going out next week. 311 will have full process in place to help customers that call in to report water waste as well as be able to provide reporting. Door hangers for enforcement will be utilized as a warning mechanism and other enforcement measures will be developed if needed. General Manager, Girish Balachandran indicated that he will keep the board updated on a monthly basis on activities related to the drought as part of his General Manager's Report.

General Manager's Report - No report at this time.

Board requests for future updates

- Drought metrics – Customer Communication statistics/outcomes
- RTRP/Reliability Charge