

## Board Update Meeting Summary | Friday, November 6, 2015

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### Employee Recognition:

General Manager Girish Balachandran recognized Electric Engineer Rene Valdez for his hard work and dedication to the Energy Delivery division.

### Board of Public Utilities approves Consent Calendar Items without comment as listed below:

- Approval was given for capital expenditure of \$1,175,000 for conduit and replacement for Canyon Crest Area Circuit 1215 and award contract to High Light Electric, Inc.

### Board approved easement related to RTRP

Approval was given for an expenditure \$68,000 for an easement related to RTRP at 6450 Rutland Avenue.

### Board approved Professional Services Agreement and Work Order for Load Tap Changer Replacement, Substation Transformer Upgrade Project

A Professional Services Agreement with Reinhausen Manufacturing, Inc., was approved along with a work order in the amount of \$3,200,000 for a load tap changer upgrade at seven substations. Assistant General Manager Pat Hohl explained that the replacements are expected to last the life of the transformers, and that other utilities are eliminating the Allis-Chalmers models like these units.

### Board approved Underground Electrical Installation at Jurupa Avenue (Rutland/Crest) for new tract

Assistant General Manager Pat Hohl indicated that installation at this development will not be performed until the City Manager provides Notice to Proceed to provide underground installation to service 108 new single family residences with a capital expenditure of \$320,000. **Board stipulated that no RPU employees will be allowed to work until the Stop Work Notice is cleared by the City Manager due to unresolved environmental issues.**

### Board approved Water Main Extension and pipeline upsize at Jurupa Avenue (Rutland/Crest) for new tract

Assistant General Manager Todd Jorgenson indicated the installation made to support this development will not be performed until the City Manager provides Notice to Proceed to provide water system upgrades adjacent to, and system connection to the future 108 new single family residences with a capital expenditure of \$144,000 for Water Main Extension and \$97,776 construction and inspection services. **Board stipulated that no RPU employees will be allowed to work until the Stop Work Notice is cleared by the City Manager due to unresolved environmental issues.**

### Board approved Professional Services with Valley Soil for the Smart Irrigation Program

Assistant General Manager Mike Bacich clarified the contract parameters, the board approved the agreement not to exceed \$200,000 and for the City Manager to execute up to three, one year extensions to the agreement.

### Board approved Professional Services Agreement with West Coast Arborists, Inc., for Utility Line Clearance and Vegetation Clearance

Assistant General Manager Pat Hohl indicated that this agreement is required by state law to keep trees away from the utility lines, and safety was discussed at length. In recent years, 18.5% of our outages are related to trees, so a trimming program is needed and effective as outage percentages are down. Approximately 35,000 trees are trimmed per year, and customers are notified in advance before trimming is performed. The board approved the 5 year contract for a total five year value not to exceed \$13,200,000 and authorized a purchase order of \$2,400,000 to West Coast Arborists for the remainder of the fiscal year.

### General Manager's Report:

- Northside visioning meeting was attended by Andrew Walcker, General Manager Balachandran and Deputy General Manager Milligan –questions from the audience related to RPU concentrated around Real Property and Principles – these items will be reported back to the Board.
- City Council approved the recommendation to sell water to WMWD, and also asked that we come back to the Council with options for rebating ratepayers for the revenue, by January 2016. The Board asked the City Attorney's office for clarification on their role in providing a recommendation to the City Council.
- Dark Fiber Plan and the item on changing Board meeting timing and schedules will be brought forward on November 20, 2015

### Items requested by the Board at Future Meetings:

New processes and how they impact developments; New processes for dollar parameters for items that are on Consent versus Discussion