

Board Update Meeting Summary | Friday, September 18, 2015

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

- Approval was given for \$332,000 work order to replace a pad-mounted switch at Tyler Street near Diana Avenue.
- The Board gave approval for the purchase and sale agreement for \$402,040 to purchase 1.5 acres of vacant land to expand the Freeman Substation at the corner of Indiana Avenue and Gibson Street to be executed through City Council and City Manager.

Board approves 4kV to 12 kV conversions of Circuits 452, 456, and 454

Assistant General Manager Pat Hohl asked for and received board approval of 4kV to 12kV conversion to improve capacity, and reliability to 3 circuits that are fed from the Plaza Substation and are partially part of the Magnolia Plaza Reliability Project. Three circuits and costs are as follows:

- Circuit 452: Work Order for \$1,446,000 - includes area west of Brockton from Cliffside to Rubidoux involves replacement of 50+ poles most are pre-1950.
- Circuit 456: Work Order for \$933,000 - includes area west of Magnolia between Dewey and Bandini involves 30+ poles and the main underground feeder behind Taylor's Appliances.
- Circuit 454: Work Order for \$1,264,000 - includes area west of Magnolia between Linwood and Tequesquite involves 40+ poles and 5 miles of overhead wires.

Board approves construction contract and work order for Magnolia Avenue Techite Pipe Replacement Project

Interim Assistant General Manager Todd Jorgenson explained the need for the replacement of this pipe that runs near the intersection of Magnolia Avenue and Dawes Street. The pipeline replacement is a result of a leaky 36 inch fiberglass reinforced pipe that has been patched. Because of the properties of this faulty pipe material called Techite, the decision has been made to replace it with reinforced steel pipe. The pipeline replacement is 1200 feet. The work order will be issued for \$902,000 which includes the construction contract for \$621,921.

General Manager's Report:

General Manager Girish Balachandran provided the following:

- Update on SB350 - it has passed without the petroleum component, however 50% renewable power mandates, and 50% energy efficiency mandates will be in place after the Governor signs the bill.
- The Iberdola contract for solar power will not be signed under its previous form.
- State-mandated water savings due to drought are: June, July and August at 26%, and September at 22.5%. In order for us to meet the collective mandate of 28% by February 2016, we will now need to save 30% for the rest of the year to meet the target.

Items requested by the Board at Future Meetings:

Board Chair Susan Cash indicated that an Ad – Hoc Committee has been formed to discuss proposed changes to Board of Public Utilities meeting times. The committee will bring their ideas forward to the board for further discussion at a future board meeting.