

UTILITY UPDATE

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Board Update Meeting Summary | Friday, September 4, 2015

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Employee Recognition Presentation:

General Manager Girish Balachandran recognized Customer Communications Coordinator, Marjorie Mitchell for her contributions and work preparing the Utility 2.0 presentations for the ongoing strategic planning meetings with the Public Utilities Board and City Council over the past 7 months. Interim Assistant General Manager, Todd Jorgenson recognized Water Supervisors Mike Perez, Johnny Vargas and Pipefitter Erick Shackelford as well as the whole field crew that worked on the recent 30" water main break on Mission Inn Avenue. He commended them for their dedication in assisting the Press Enterprise regain enough water pressure to run the presses as well as their tireless dedication of fixing the pipe.

Public Hearing:

A public hearing was held on the adoption of the One Water One Watershed 2.0 Integrated Regional Water Management Plan for funding through Proposition 84 with the Department of Water Resources via the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority. The Board approved for the City Council to adopt the plan which would allow for RPU to receive \$1 million in funding towards the Jackson Street Recycled Water Project.

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

- Approval was given for \$114,000 work order to install underground electrical facilities near Dan Kipper Drive and Sycamore Canyon Boulevard for new development.
- Approved capital expenditure of \$160,000 to relocate Sub Transmission Line for the Plaza Substation.

Board recommends that the City Council approve High Voltage Electric Service Agreement with Ralphs Grocery Company and the City of Riverside

Recommendation was given to the City Council to approve a three year extension that allows for Ralphs Distribution Center in Riverside to receive a high voltage rate as well as incurring charges to lease high voltage equipment at our substation that is then stepped down to lower voltage for their use.

Board receives update on the Riverside Restorative Growthprint Climate Action Plan/Economic Prosperity Action Plan (RRG-EPAP)

Customer Relations Manager Kevin Palmer introduced the project team that has put the draft RRG-EPAP together with community input. Senior Planner Doug Darnell from Community Development, and Jeff Caton from Environmental Science Associates provided information that explained how Riverside has made a plan to capitalize on the co-benefits of environmental protection and economic development. The Riverside Restorative Growthprint (RRG) combines two plans: the Economic Prosperity Action Plan (RRG-EPAP) and the Climate Action Plan (RRG-CAP), which work in conjunction to spur entrepreneurship and smart growth while advancing the City of Riverside's GHG emission reduction goals. Jeff shared the Green House Gas reduction projections and gaps that may exist if 2035 projections are correct. The plan will be adopted by the City Council and used to implement programs, monitor changes and revised every 5 years to ensure compliance with regulation.

Board approves Annual Environmental Laboratory Water Testing Services for 2015-2016

Approval was given to provide the estimated amount of \$600,000 for environmental laboratory testing for water over the fiscal year 2015-2016.

Board received presentation of Planned Routine Projects over \$500,000 for Electric and Water Capital Projects for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 - \$24,992,000

Engineering Manager George Hanson and Interim Assistant General Manager Todd Jorgenson presented a map-based overview of the projects that will be coming back to board over the next year that are over \$500,000. This presentation was an effort to build context for future board items that will be placed on consent. By allowing the board to see the overall scope for the year it will provide a more streamlined path to approval, as these items will be placed on the consent calendar in the future. The board will have the opportunity to move any item to discussion if desired.

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Board recommends that the City Council accept a \$50,000 grant through the California Energy Commission and SCPPA for the installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure at City Hall and approve GHG allowance proceeds and Public Benefits Funds to pay for balance of costs.

Engineering Manager George Hanson and Principal Engineer Efren Mejia gave a thorough presentation on the new Electric Vehicle charger that will be commissioned at City Hall. The charger is part of an effort to build a larger regional electrical vehicle charging infrastructure that assists EV commuters with providing fast charging capability from Los Angeles to Palm Springs. This charger is capable of a full charge in a 30 minute time frame but also pulls 10 times the power from an average home when in use. The charger will allow RPU to conduct a pilot study to determine how this type of load growth will impact the grid when employed on a larger scale and allows the ability for applicable rates to be studied.

General Manager's Report:

General Manager Girish Balachandran provided the following:

- RPU Finance 101 City Council Workshop presentation that was held on September 1. He provided hard copies of the presentation for the board and indicated that the presentation is also available on the web site at:
- <http://www.riversideca.gov/utilities/admin-strategicplan.asp>
- Indicated that the Board Meetings are now being streamed live and archived through the City Clerk's website at: <https://riversideca.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>
- Update on the new Customer Information System that was implemented in February. He explained that 97-99% of the customers are receiving accurate bills. There are about 1500 customers that participate in Net Metering Agreements with solar power that are still experiencing billing problems, and an additional 500-700 customers that have errors in their refuse and sewer billing. He acknowledged that although this is not ideal the problems are being worked through by an extremely dedicated staff.
- Update on SB350 and ongoing changes that may require the State Resources Board to review Integrated Resources Plans which can impact local control. He indicated that as it sits RPU will be opposing it.

Items requested by the Board at Future Meetings:

Jurupa Valley Lawsuit - RTRP