

Board Update Meeting Summary | Friday, June 6, 2014

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Board Actions:

Board approves relocation of electric facilities at Cole Avenue from Lurin to Krameria Avenues

Approval was given for the estimated capital expenditure of \$239,735 to relocate electric facilities along Cole Avenue in the Orangecrest area, from Lurin to Krameria Avenues to accommodate the Cole Avenue Storm Drain Improvement Project being performed by Universal Pipeline on behalf of the Public Works Department.

Board approves License Agreement with William Stokely for use of a portion of the Riverside Canal

Approval and authorization for the City Manager was received to execute a License Agreement for use of a 1045 square feet portion of the Riverside Canal west and adjacent to 3558 Washington Street. The use agreement is for 10 years with 3 additional options of 3 years each. Licensing revenue is \$300 annually and the property owner agrees to allow Riverside Public Utilities access when necessary.

Board approves extension of the Enterprise License Agreement for Software provided by Telvent, USA, LLC for the GIS Data Migration Project

The Board approved the First Amendment to the First Addendum to the Software License Agreement extending the Enterprise License Agreement until November 1, 2016 for the GIS data migration project at no additional cost, as well as approved the legal name change from Telvent USA Corporation to Telvent USA, LLC. The GIS data migration is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2014. The extension of the agreement will facilitate access to new products for unlimited users.

Board receives presentation to explain Utility Line Clearance and Vegetation Clearance Management Services

Interim Assistant General Manager George Hanson presented an overview explaining the need and purpose for Utility Line and Vegetation Clearance Services that have been procured on a contractual basis from Utility Tree Services since 2008. He explained that 23% of our outage issues relate to trees in the overhead lines, so therefore there is critical need to have line clearance performed on trees within each circuit annually to mitigate further outage issues. In the past, the program was fiscally supported by RPU with contract administration being conducted with the Urban Forestry staff in the Public Works Department. The Board approved a change order for \$541,000 to pay for work dating back to FY 2012/2013 and for this fiscal year. George explained that administrative oversight has been shifted back to RPU to help avoid future large change orders. Approval was also given to execute the second amendment to the current contract with Utility Tree Service, Inc. for \$1,753,504 through June 2015.

Board discussed the Annual Report presentation to be given by Justin Scott-Coe to City Council on June 24, 2014

General Manager Girish Balachandran provided a copy of last year's accomplishments presentation that was given to council as well as updated items of accomplishments from the past year, for the board to include in their presentation. He also suggested incorporating the Utility's current goals and next steps based on the 100 day assessment given to board on May 16, 2014 as well as the development of new board policies as talking points. Board Member Susan Cash mentioned using the accomplishments of the utility as a hand out to the City Council and then using the 5 minute presentation time to communicate how they are in sync with the new General Manager's priorities to tackle challenges laid out in the 100 day assessment.

General Manager's Report

- Western Energy Institute quarterly magazines have been provided to the Board to assist with providing educational opportunities and providing awareness of current trends in the industry. They will continue to be provided on a quarterly basis and can also be read from their web site at westernenergy.org/
- A new 3 year contract with the International Brotherhood of Electric Workers has been signed. COO Steve Badgett and Assistant General Manager's Reiko Kerr and Kevin Milligan were all recognized for their efforts during negotiations as well as the legal and human resources staff involved with the process.

Board requests for future updates

- Integrated Resource Plan Overview
- Public Relations Efforts for Drought Communications
- Conservation Ordinance Overview