

CITY OF RIVERSIDE

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Minutes of: Regular Meeting of the Board of Public Utilities
Date of Meeting: October 3, 2008
Time of Meeting: 8:30 a.m.
Place of Meeting: Public Utilities Boardroom
3901 Orange Street (at Ninth & Orange Streets)
Riverside, California

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG WAS GIVEN

Roll Call

Present: Dave Barnhart (Chair) Mary Curtin
Ken Sutter Bernie Titus
Robert Elliott Ian Davidson
Manny Sanchez

Absent: Bob Stockton (absence due to business)
Joe Tavaglione (absence due to business)

PRESENTATIONS

A. PRESENTATION TO HONOR RIVERSIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES 2008 BOTTLED WATER LABEL ART CONTEST WINNERS AND THEIR FAMILIES AND TEACHERS

The Board of Public Utilities honored winners of the Utilities Annual Bottle Water Label Art Contest – Susan Tobar from Arlington High School and Ray-Shell Gross who has graduated from North High School. Each winner received a \$250 cash prize and their winning artwork will be featured on the Riverside Public Utilities bottled water for the next year.

Also honored was Arlington High School art teacher, Ms. Thomas and J. W. North High School art teacher Ms. Vonn Rosser, each of whom received a \$50 gift certificate to a local art supply store. The Board thanked them for encouraging their students to submit their artwork to our contest.

General Manager Dave Wright also announced to the Board the Riverside Public Utilities Employees of the Year (2008) – William Obeid, Business Systems Information/CIS Manager, and Phillip Fernandez, Power Resources Senior Energy Transaction Analyst. Both were present and stated they were honored to be selected.

MINUTES

1. The approval of the regular meeting minutes from the Board of Public Utilities meeting held on September 19, 2008 were approved as submitted.

Motion – Titus. Second – Elliott.

Ayes: Barnhart, Curtin, Sutter, Titus, Elliott, Davidson, and Sanchez.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Bob Stockton (absence due to business)
Joe Tavaglione (absence due to business)

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

No comments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

3. WATER COMMITTEE MEETING
The Board of Public Utilities accepted and filed the September 19, 2008 Water Committee Minutes.
4. FINANCE/MARKETING COMMITTEE MEETING – The Finance/Marketing Committee meeting scheduled on September 26, 2008 was cancelled.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made to approve the following item on the Consent Calendar with the exception of Item 5, INSTALLATION OF A PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM AT THE CASA BLANCA FAMILY LEARNING CENTER – PROJECT AWARD OF BID NO. 6666, which was moved to the end of the Discussion Calendar.

Motion – Curtin. Second – Titus.

Ayes: Barnhart, Curtin, Sutter, Titus, Elliott, Davidson, and Sanchez.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Bob Stockton (absence due to business)
Joe Tavaglione (absence due to business)

Electric Items

Water Items

4. INCREASE IN CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER AUTHORITY FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE AT VARIOUS PUBLIC UTILITIES FACILITIES, RFP #1017

The Board of Public Utilities approved the additional capital expenditure of \$3,360 for a change order increase to the contract with Soholt & Company Landscape, Inc., for regular landscape maintenance at the Gateway Building located at 3435 14th Street.

Other Items

5. MOVED TO END OF DISCUSSION CALENDAR

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

6. RIVERSIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES 2006-2009 THREE-YEAR STRATEGIC GOALS – UPDATE FROM SEPTEMBER 25, 2008 STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT

Following discussion, the Board of Public Utilities received and filed the revisions to the Strategic Objectives as presented on the attached Strategic Planning Retreat dated September 25, 2008 summary and the Six-Month Strategic Objectives for the period ending March 1, 2009.

AND

The Board of Public Utilities approved the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee to work on the long-standing goal identified during the past strategic planning retreats for attracting and retaining professional and technical employees – committee members to consist of Board Members Dave Barnhart, Bob Stockton, Manny Sanchez and Bernie Titus and designated staff.

All in Agreement: Barnhart, Curtin, Sutter, Titus, Elliott, Davidson, and Sanchez.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Bob Stockton (absence due to business)
Joe Tavaglione (absence due to business)

7a. PROPOSITION 7, THE SOLAR AND CLEAN ENERGY INITIATIVE

Following discussion, the Board of Public Utilities recommended that the Riverside City Council take a position of opposition to Proposition 7, the Solar and Clean Energy Initiative.

Motion – Sutter. Second – Curtin.

Ayes: Barnhart, Curtin, Sutter, Titus, Elliott, Davidson, and Sanchez.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Bob Stockton (absence due to business)
Joe Tavaglione (absence due to business)

7b. AB 32 GLOBAL WARMING SOLUTIONS ACT

Following discussion, the Board of Public Utilities recommended that the Riverside City Council support the Southern California Public Power Agency (SCPPA) position of support for the AB 32 Global Warming Solutions Act.

Motion – Curtin. Second – Titus.

Ayes: Barnhart, Curtin, Sutter, Titus, Elliott, Davidson, and Sanchez.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Bob Stockton (absence due to business)
Joe Tavaglione (absence due to business)

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES CONSIDERATION AS REQUESTED BY A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

None.

Board Members Sanchez and Curtin left the meeting at this time.

5. INSTALLATION OF A PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM AT THE CASA BLANCA FAMILY LEARNING CENTER - PROJECT AWARD OF BID NO. 6666

Staff requested this item be moved to the end of the discussion calendar to allow Mr. Michael Parsons, owner of MAP Productions, and Mr. Leslie Dickey, owner of Green Energy Solutions necessary time to get to the meeting to speak. They both spoke in opposition to the decision to not choose their firm as the low bidder for the project.

The Board Members requested in the future that staff consider modifying the public bidding process regarding qualifications.

Following discussion, the Board of Public Utilities:

1. Approved the capital expenditure of \$314,615.59 for the installation of a photovoltaic system at the Casa Blanca Family Learning Center, Bid No. 6666;
2. Determined the lowest bid submitted by M A P Productions in the amount of \$275,000, to be non-responsive due to not meeting project specifications;
3. Determined the second lowest bid submitted by Green Energy Solutions in the amount of \$297,000, to be non-responsive due to not meeting project specifications;
4. Determined the third lowest bid submitted by Suntrek Industries in the amount of \$309,800, to be non-responsive due to not meeting project specifications; and
5. Awarded a contract to the lowest responsive bidder, Mohr Power Solar Inc., in the amount of \$314,615.59.

Motion – Elliott. Second – Sutter.

Ayes: Barnhart, Sutter, Titus, Elliott, and Davidson.

Noes: None.

Absent: Bob Stockton (absence due to business)
Joe Tavaglione (absence due to business)
Manny Sanchez (left meeting early)
Mary Curtin (left meeting early)

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

9. State and Federal Legislative Update – DEFERRED to the next Board meeting
10. Monthly Power Supply Report - August 2008
11. Monthly Update of Goals
12. City Council Agenda - September 23, 2008
13. Upcoming Meetings
14. Systematic Reporting on Conferences/Seminars
15. Electric / Water Utility Acronyms

UPCOMING MEETING

Chairman Dave Barnhart adjourned the meeting at 9:52 a.m. to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Utilities to be held on **Friday, October 17, 2008** at **8:30** a.m. in the Public Utilities Boardroom located at 3901 Orange Street in Riverside, California.

By:


David H. Wright, Secretary
Board of Public Utilities

Approved by: City of Riverside Board of Public Utilities

Dated: October 17, 2008