

Board Meeting Summary | Friday, March 7, 2014

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Board Actions:

Board welcomes new Board Member Nick Ferguson

The Board of Public Utilities welcomed Nick Ferguson as its newest member. Mr. Ferguson has been a Riverside resident for more than a decade, and brings diverse experience to the Board. This includes serving as School Superintendents for the Alvard, and Riverside Unified School Districts, as well as being in charge of construction and modernization projects for over 60 schools throughout the area. Nick Ferguson will represent Ward 3.

Board votes on Chair and Co-Chair

The Board of Public Utilities voted to keep its current Board Chair, Justin Scott-Coe and Vice Chair Ian Davidson in place over the next year.

Board of Public Utilities approved all items on Consent Calendar

- \$250,000 work order for emergency work on a primary cable at Strasbourg Drive near Monroe Street.
- \$119,000 for installation of new underground electrical installation near La Sierra and Arizona for 49 new homes.
- \$225,000 for Southern California Edison to perform work at the Vista Substation along with a Letter Agreement.
- \$107,000 for design, inspection, cleaning, change order contingencies and construction management for Work Order No. 1412792 and RPU Bid No. 7200 for Potable Water Storage Reservoir Cleaning and Inspection. Paso Robles Tank, Inc. will perform the work at a cost of \$73,700.
- Board to recommend that the City Council approve Utility Agreement No. 384 for utility relocation related to the Riverside County Transportation Commission's Perris Valley Metrolink project.

Board approves water main replacement at Van Buren Boulevard

The Board of Public Utilities approved \$2,622,000 for Work Order 1103067 and Bid No. RPU-7233. The water distribution main located on Van Buren in the vicinity of the cross streets of Cleveland and Dufferin will be replaced. Approximately 9,540 linear feet of pipes of various sizes will be replaced due to aging pipes that were installed between 1914 and 1931.

Board received and filed a report regarding the Contractor Panel process in Energy Delivery Division

The Board of Public Utilities received a presentation communicating the internal processes relating to streamlining the contractor selection process and related project management improvements.

Board received an update on the Strategic Plan

General Manager Girish Balachandran presented the goals for the next four month period and highlighted the importance of both the implementation of the workforce development plan and integrated resource planning for both water and electric. Goals are listed below:

- Contribute to the City of Riverside's economic development while preserving RPU's financial strength
- Maximize the use of technology to improve utility operations
- Impact positively legislation and regulations at all levels of government
- Develop and implement electric and water resource plans
- Create and implement a workforce development plan

General Manager's Report

General Manager Girish Balachandran presented Todd Jorgenson, Water Engineering Manager, with an employee recognition award for his work for the past 14 months as the Interim Assistant General Manager, Water.

Deputy General Manager Steve Badgett presented information relating to the Harvey Lynn substation fire that occurred on March 7, 2014 as a result of lightning strikes during the past storm. Approximately \$2 million in damages have occurred, load has been transferred and a temporary substation transformer will be set up while a taskforce makes plans to restore the substation back to its original condition.

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