

## BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

August 5, 2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Public Utilities held on the 5th day of August, 2025, was called to order at 4:00 p.m. with CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL presiding and the following COMMISSIONERS present:

COMMISSIONERS JONES, BROWN AND CAIRNS

Also Present: SECRETARY SALLIS, CITY MANAGER MARTINEZ, UTILITY MANAGER TORRANCE AND OTHER KEY STAFF

EX ABSNC COMMISSIONER JONES MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CAIRNS, to grant an excused absence to COMMISSIONER WALTERS. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL, COMMISSIONERS JONES,  
BROWN AND CAIRNS  
NOES: NONE  
ABSENT: COMMISSIONER WALTERS, McNEIL AND POWELL

APPROVAL COMMISSIONER CAIRNS MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER  
AGENDA BROWN, to approve the agenda. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL, COMMISSIONERS JONES,  
BROWN AND CAIRNS  
NOES: NONE  
ABSENT: COMMISSIONER WALTERS, McNEIL AND POWELL

CORSPNDN: None

PBLC APRN: None

PRESENTN: Utility Manager Torrance made reference to the update at the last meeting on the water and wastewater rate study results and now an overview of electric.

ELECTRIC The Ratemaking Ad Hoc Committee has participated in the process and she  
RATE STDY introduced consultant Ashley Blank, K.R. Saline & Associates, PLC, a sub-contractor to Raftelis.

Ms. Blank reviewed the PowerPoint Presentation that provided three options which were reviewed by the Ad Hoc Committee. Those options included Option 1 - Current Rate Structure - No Rate Change; Option 2 - Customer & Energy Charge; and Option 3 - Customer, Demand and Energy Rates. The findings, after review by the Ad Hoc Committee, were to remain status quo with the current rate structure.

Utility Manager Torrance explained that the Ad Hoc Committee looked at the financial analysis and rate structures and the most cost effective is the current

hydro/over-hydro structure. The Ad Hoc Committee is recommending leaving the rate structure as-is as electric is meeting the current requirements and is successful financially. A brief discussion followed on the rate study, customer classes and how it's determined which is small, medium and large users. Utility Manager Torrance agreed to provide the number of customers determined by the electric rate study by customer class (small/medium/large). She wanted to make clear that tiered or demand rates may be in the future but right now our current rates are working.

Utility Manager Torrance noted the PowerPoint is for information only and that AB2257 will be going on the City Council agenda which allows residents to protest the water and wastewater adjustments. It will be on the Board's next agenda for approval to begin the 218 process.

CNST CAL: COMMISSIONER BROWN MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CAIRNS, to approve consent calendar agenda items 2 through 6.

2. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held July 1, 2025
3. Accept the AB32 Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Verification Report 2024 Emissions prepared by WZI Inc.
4. Approve Change Order #1 with Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. to include a Joint Pole Cost of Service Analysis in the Comprehensive Electric, Water and Wastewater Utility Cost of Service Ratemaking Study at a cost not to exceed \$5,000 to be funded from the adopted FY26 electric budget
5. Approve the First Amendment to the Non-Exclusive License Agreement for Joint Use of Poles between the City of Needles and Fort Mojave Telecommunications, Inc. authorizing additional attachments along Erin Drive, Washington Street, and Highland Avenue
6. Authorize a not to exceed expenditure of \$15,000 for Brooks Consulting, LLC for Professional Electrical Engineering Services for FY26 to be funded from the adopted electric budget (Amended)

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL, COMMISSIONERS JONES,  
BROWN AND CAIRNS  
NOES: NONE  
ABSENT: COMMISSIONER WALTERS, McNEIL AND POWELL

REG ITEMS: Utility Manager Torrance explained that this is the first audit for GO (general order) 95 safety on the electric system. Staff did address all audited items and are making corrections. Better controls have been set up and a patrol log/line  
CPUC ELCT  
DISTRIBTN  
AUDIT inspection record has been created along with a tailboard form for the crews to use. A brief discussion ensued on the audit results and resolution of the issues.

COMMISSIONER CAIRNS MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROWN, to accept the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Electric Distribution Audit covering the period of March 10-14, 2025, as documented in

the final report dated June 25, 2025. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL, COMMISSIONERS JONES,  
BROWN AND CAIRNS  
NOES: NONE  
ABSENT: COMMISSIONER WALTERS, McNEIL AND POWELL

REPORTS: CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL acknowledged the following reports: 1) Monthly Activity Report May 2025; 2) Present Perfected Rights Report June 2025; 3) EUSI, LLC operational support services relating to the wastewater treatment facility and collection system June 2025

MGR'S RPT: Utility Manager Torrance reported that staff transacted for 26FY Q1 term purchase with Western Area Power Administration so the city is good through December. Waiting to close this week with good pricing. She also referenced the August 5, 2025 manager's report provided at this meeting.

BRD RQSTS: CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL spoke on the article provided by Utility Manager Torrance "EPA to revoke greenhouse gas emissions rules" and explained the history of this action. He requested staff draft a letter in support of eliminating the greenhouse gas rule to submit to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) during the 45 day comment period. Bring a draft back at the next meeting to decide if the Board wants to send comments on the greenhouse gas rule. This rule affects costs to the ratepayers due to the cost of vehicles and price of energy.

CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL declared the regular meeting of the Board of Public Utilities held on the 5th day of August, 2025, adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

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Secretary