

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

September 16, 2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Public Utilities held on the 16th day of September, 2025, was called to order at 4:00 p.m. with CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL presiding and the following COMMISSIONERS present:

COMMISSIONERS JONES, WALTERS, BROWN, McNEIL, CAIRNS AND POWELL

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

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

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

CORSPNDN: None

PBLC APRN: None

CNST CAL: None

REG ITEMS: COMMISSIONER JONES MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER
CAIRNS, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held September 2,
MINUTES 2025. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:
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AYES: CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL, COMMISSIONERS JONES,
WALTERS, McNEIL AND CAIRNS
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS BROWN AND POWELL

JOINT USE Rainie Torrance, Utility Manager, briefly explained the joint use fee that is
RATE COST charged to all companies jointly sharing the city's electric poles and introduced
OF SERV Kent Simer, K.R. Saline & Associates.
FEE ANLS

Mr. Simer reviewed his PowerPoint presentation on the joint use attachment fee analysis, how the fee was calculated, and the recommendation to increase the fee with the last known review of the joint use rates being in 1994. He further noted that it's appropriate to charge a one-time joint use application processing fee to cover staff time for reviewing and processing applications for joint use.

COMMISSIONER JONES noted that the fee has not been raised in over 30 years and the increase will bring the NPUA comparable to other utilities and questioned if the businesses being affected will be given notice. Utility Manager Torrance explained that staff has reached out to all three users and made them aware of this increase which will be spread out over two years: current rate \$7.78; 2025 rate (50%) \$15.10 to be billed in December 2025; and 2026 rate (50%) \$22.41 to be billed in December 2026. She also noted that some of the pole attachment contracts are in the name of former business owners and staff is working to get current contracts with current owners. Staff will also be updating counts on the poles (attachments).

Justin Scott, electric line crew supervisor, spoke on issues with pole height requirements by allowing others to attach which may require a taller pole than needed by our utility in order to maintain minimum distances. A taller pole is more costly to the NPUA.

Discussion followed on the pole attachment fee and use of NPUA poles by other companies.

COMMISSIONER McNEIL MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROWN, to accept and adopt the 2025 Joint-Use Rate Cost of Service Fees Analysis and increase the Joint-Use Attachment Fee to \$15.10 for 2025 and \$22.41 for 2026. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

REPORTS: CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL acknowledged the EUSI, LLC operational support services relating to the wastewater treatment facility and collection system August 2025.

Utility Manager Torrance noted that on the next agenda will be a PowerPoint presentation on wastewater. COMMISSIONER McNEIL suggested the new Board Members be given the opportunity to take a tour of the wastewater treatment plant.

MGR'S RPT: Utility Manager Torrance provided a written report dated September 16, 2025 and covered the highlights: 1) Labor Day weekend peak load was on August 31 with 23.25 MW; 2) September 3, a large portion of a salt cedar tree on McShan Lane broke ripping down the distribution lines and causing a fire resulting in a 2-1/2 hour power outage; 3) water dept replaced a 1" 45 foot lateral service on D St; 4) completing water service replacements on Monterey and Arizona Avenues and beginning installation of six 4" and 6" isolation valves. She provided a shut off notice for the residents during this work.

Utility Manager Torrance also provided a draft Prop 218 notice relating to adjustments to rates and charges for water and wastewater which will be mailed to all utility customers. Community meetings will be held with her and City Manager Martinez to explain the rate increases and answer questions. Will come back to the Board in November for adoption of a resolution and then to Council with an effective date of February 2026.

City Manager Martinez provided a brief update on upcoming events including the State of the City on September 25 at the El Garces.

BRD RQSTS: COMMISSIONER JONES referenced a meeting he had with Utility Manager Torrance and his inquiry of customers having multiple meters and getting a hydro allotment for each meter which is diluting the hydro. Customers pay more for the additional meters.

COMMISSIONER McNEIL spoke on the Colorado River dropping with a drier winter. He also requested an excused absence for the two meetings in October (7 and 21).

CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL spoke on the importance of how our utility rates compare to other utilities in California and across the country. He also referenced the letter approved at the last meeting which was sent to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The California Air Resources Board is not going to follow EPA's directions as the state legislature just extended the Cap & Trade for another 15 years.

CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL declared the regular meeting of the Board of Public Utilities held on the 16th day of September, 2025, adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Chairman

Secretary