



APPROVED 8/13/25

MINUTES
City of Tacoma
Public Utility Board Meeting
July 23, 2025
6:30 p.m.

Chair O'Loughlin called the Public Utility Board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: John O'Loughlin; Elly Claus-McGahan; Devin Hampton; Anita Gallagher, William Bridges

Minutes of the Previous Meetings

Mr. Bridges moved that the minutes of the previous meetings be adopted; seconded by Ms. Claus-McGahan. Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were declared adopted.

Public Comments

There were no comments by the public.

Recognition

Doug Andreassen, Board Vice President of the Tacoma Historical Society, shared significant historical moments in TPU's history and spoke of Tacoma's Sesquicentennial (150th) Anniversary celebration, which will take place on November 12 at the new Asia Pacific Cultural Center.

Regular Agenda

D-1 Resolution U-11542 - A resolution to award certain contracts and approve certain purchases:

1. Award four-year contract to KGS Group international, Inc., to perform stability analysis and design structural improvements on the Mayfield dam spillway, right, and left gravity section, and the right and left thrust blocks (\$3,000,000, plus applicable taxes) [Stan Sayenko, Engineering Project Manager];
2. Award three-year contract to Black & Veatch to provide on-call project management and engineering services to support the successful delivery of Generation's capital and operational projects (\$1,000,000, includes option to renew for two additional one-year periods) [Adam Davis, Engineering Project Manager];
3. Award three-year contract to Leidos Engineering, LLC. For system integration services to support the successful implementation of the new Advanced Distribution Management System (\$4,631,860, plus up to a \$700,000 contingency, plus applicable taxes. Projected contract total \$5,331,860) [Corey Bedient, Technology Manager].

Mr. Bridges moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Ms. Claus-McGahan.

In response to an inquiry on item number one regarding what is covered in the contract price, Stan Sayenko, Engineering Project Manager, stated the \$3M is sufficient to cover the full scope outlined in the C&A letter.

In response to a Board inquiry on item number three regarding SAP integration, Corey Bedient, Technology Manager, shared that SAP is included in the Customer Service platforms in the C&A letter.

There was no public comment.

Voice vote taken and carried. The resolution was adopted.

D-2 Resolution U-11543 – Authorize Tacoma Water to apply to the Washington State Public Works Board for a low-interest construction loan of approximately \$2,083,720 for two main replacement projects located on Puyallup Avenue.

Mr. Bridges moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Ms. Claus-McGahan.

Marc Powell, Sr. Business Services Analyst, summarized the resolution. Tacoma Water requests authorization to apply to the Washington State Public Works Board for a low-interest construction loan for two main replacement projects on Puyallup Avenue. The Public Works Board Construction Loan Program can provide up to \$10M in low-interest loans per jurisdictional entity. Staff from the Environmental Services and Public Works Departments, together with Tacoma Water, have discussed this funding opportunity and see an advantage of jointly applying for the full \$10M with Tacoma Water seeking approximately \$2M, Environmental Services seeking approximately \$10M, and Public Works seeking approximately \$2.9M, with Environmental Services agreeing to reduce its award amount if multiple projects are awarded so that the \$10M dollar cap is not exceeded. The applicant certification for the Public Works Board Construction Loan Program requires the applicant to certify that its governing body has approved submission of the application; Tacoma Water requests authorization to apply for a loan in the approximate amount of \$2,083,720. Tacoma Water will coordinate the application submittal with the Environmental Services and Public Works Departments that are also applying for funding to support projects also located on or near Puyallup Avenue with a “dig once” partnership approach to reduce construction disturbances.

There was no public comment.

Voice vote taken and carried. The resolution was adopted.

D-3 Resolution U-11544 – Authorize Tacoma Water to renew an interlocal cooperation agreement with King County for the Green/Duwamish River and Central Puget Sound Watersheds within the geographic planning area of the Water Resource Inventory Area 9 to provide \$26,514 to King County annually to support watershed-based salmon recovery during the period of 2026 – 2035

Mr. Bridges moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Ms. Claus-McGahan.

In response to a Board inquiry regarding Tribal Government involvement, Tyler Patterson, Watershed Services Mgr, shared that some Tribes are involved in peripheral groups. WRIA

9 has asked the Tribes to fully participate, but the Tribes chose to have flexibility in their involvement depending on meeting specifics; their engagement is intermittent.

There was no public comment.

Voice vote taken and carried. The resolution was adopted.

D-4 Resolution U-11545 – Authorize Tacoma Water to enter into an interlocal cooperation agreement with King County to receive \$1,914,510 in conservation futures tax levy grant funds which will allow Tacoma Water to purchase approximately 600 acres of forest land within the Green River Municipal Watershed in King County to further protect drinking water source and reduce financial impact to downstream customers

Mr. Bridges moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Ms. Claus-McGahan.

Tyler Patterson, Watershed Services Mgr, shared that in 2023, a private timber company expressed interest in selling to TPU. It is good forest management to own contiguous blocks of land. The conservation futures tax levy grant funds from King County provides help to reduce ratepayer costs. Mr. Patterson then spoke of maintenance costs and the unlikelihood of harvesting. Tacoma Water owns approximately eleven percent of the watershed, resulting in multi-organizational fire management support.

There was no public comment.

Voice vote taken and carried. The resolution was adopted.

E. Final Board Comments

The Director of Utilities and Public Utility Board made comments recognizing the service and dedication of T&D Manager, Joe Wilson, who has been named the new General Manager of Jefferson County PUD. Mr. Wilson made comments of gratitude for the opportunity to serve at TPU.

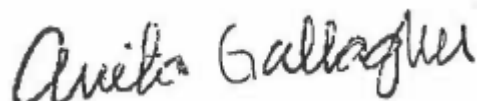
F. Adjournment

There being no further business or comments, the Public Utility Board meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m. until Wednesday, August 13, 2025, for a study session at 3:00 p.m. and a regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Approved:



John O'Loughlin, Chair



Anita Gallagher, Secretary