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 City of Tacoma
 Public Utility Board Study Session
 July 22, 2015
 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Flint called the Public Utility Board study session to order at 3:00 p.m. at the Public Utilities Administration Building.

Present: Woody Jones, Mark Patterson, Bryan Flint, Monique Trudnowski
 Excused: Dave Nelson

Tacoma Power: Community Solar

Lisa Rennie, Government Relations Analyst, provided a review of the State's Renewal Energy System Cost-Recovery Incentive Program and the status of solar energy installations in Tacoma Power's service area. Nicolas Garcia, Assistant Power Section Manager, provided an overview of other utility-owned community solar programs and Tacoma Power's proposed Community Solar (CS) project. The proposed CS project is to build a 'solar array' on the roof of the Tacoma Power warehouse. The analysis, economics, community benefits, utility benefits, and proposed timeline were reviewed.

Tacoma Water: Green River Salmon Recovery Lead Entity

Linda McCrea, Water Superintendent, made introductory remarks. The Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) is the entity that organizes salmon recovery efforts in the Green River watershed. Greg Volkhardt, Water Operations Manager, stated the purpose of the presentation is to update the board on WRIA salmon recovery progress at the 10-year mark in the recovery plan and provide context for Board consideration of renewing the inter-local agreement for continuing Tacoma Water's work with WRIA. Mr. Volkhardt provided an overview of salmon recovery legislation, salmon recovery timeline watershed-based recovery plans, governance, funding, and accomplishments. Benefits to Tacoma Water for participation in the salmon recovery plan were outlined. The inter-local agreements and memorandums of understanding will be brought to the Board for consideration at a future date.

TPU Management Review

Jim Sant, Deputy Director for Administration, provided background on the TPU Management Review. The management review of TPU is conducted every 10 years as specified by the City Charter and took place under the direction of a steering committee

comprised of both City Council and Public Utility Board Members. Sage Management Consultants conducted the review. Mr. Sant reviewed the key findings and recommendations and reported on progress and initiatives currently underway.

Adjournment

The study session was adjourned 5:25 at p.m. until the next regularly scheduled study session on Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

Approved:



Bryan Flint, Chair

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Monique Trudnowski, Secretary