

City of Tacoma Public Utility Board Meeting

November 13, 2024; 6:30 p.m. Tacoma Public Utilities – Ground Floor Auditorium 3628 S 35th Street, Tacoma WA 98409

Join remotely: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84626080846
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Call to Order

Roll Call

- A. Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings
- B. Comments by the Public
- C. Recognitions
 - a. United Way Campaign Final Report
 - b. National Apprenticeship Week

D. Regular Agenda

Departmental

- D-1 Resolution U-11490 A resolution to award certain contracts and approve certain purchases:
 - 1. Increase contract to GeoEngineers, Inc., for on-call environmental consulting activities including but potentially not limited to on-site technical support, emergency spill response, and routine remediation activities (\$500,000, plus applicable taxes. Cumulative total \$1,000,000, plus applicable taxes) [James Bozic, Regulatory Compliance Analyst];
 - 2. Increase contract to National Response Corporation Environmental Services for emergency spill response and routine remediation activities on an as-needed basis (\$500,000, plus applicable taxes. Cumulative total \$1,500,000, plus applicable taxes) [James Bozic, Regulatory Compliance Analyst];
 - 3. Award three, two-year contracts to the United States Geological Survey for streamflow gauging, meteorological data collection, predictive information, and data reliability (\$719,854, plus applicable taxes) [Saul Villareal, Power Utility Manager];
 - 4. Award contract to Linde Inc., for carbon dioxide supply and technical service (\$208,400, plus applicable taxes. Includes option to renew for four additional one-year periods for a projected contract amount of \$1,042,000, plus applicable taxes) [Kim DeFolo, Principal Engineer];

- Award contracts to Newco, Inc., dba Cascade Columbia Distribution Co.; Univar Solutions USA Inc.; JCI Jones Chemicals Inc.; Hasa Inc.; Chemtrade Chemicals Corp; and Thatcher Company for the supply of water treatment chemicals (\$259,000; \$757,500; \$516,000; \$99,000; \$232,800; \$191,250, respectively. Cumulative total for six contracts \$2,055,550 plus applicable taxes) [Kim DeFolo, Principal Engineer];
- 6. Award two-year contract to Natural Systems Designs, Inc., for fish habitat consulting and engineering services (\$800,000, plus applicable taxes. Includes option to renew for two additional three-year terms for a projected total of \$1,450,000, plus applicable taxes) [Nikolas Novotny, Fisheries Biologist].
- D-2 Resolution U-11491 Ratify the letter of agreement as negotiated with the Tacoma Joint Labor Committee regarding continuation of health and welfare benefits for 2025 [Dylan Carlson, Labor Relations Division Manager].
- D-3 Resolution U-11492 Authorize execution of a five-year interagency agreement with the University of Washington Tacoma for approximately \$182,022.28, which is 2/7th of the total contract amount of \$637,078, budgeted and shared across various departmental funds to design, implement, and manage an engineering pathways program in support of engineer careers [Alice Massara, Strategic People Program Manager].
- D-4 Resolution U-11493 Adopt and approve TPU's state legislative agenda for 2025 [Logan Bahr, State Relations Manager]

Tacoma Power

D-5 Resolution U-11494 – Authorize Tacoma Power to execute the SPP Markets+ Phase 2 Funding Agreement to pay its share of the cost for the Southwest Power Pool to develop an organized day ahead market [Leah Marquez-Glynn, Assistant Power Manager].

Tacoma Water

- D-6 Resolution U-11495 Declare surplus and authorize the negotiated sale of approximately 113 acres of Tacoma Water land identified as Pierce County Assessor Tax Parcel Nos. 0419303000 and 0419304000 located in the Frederickson vicinity of unincorporated Pierce County, to the Tacoma Sportsmen's Club Conservation Land Foundation for \$3,490,000 [Greg Muller, Sr. Real Property Officer].
- D-7 Resolution U-11496 Authorize the extension of the Community Outreach Workforce Planning Project as a special project of limited duration for Tacoma Water to continue hiring individuals through the Tacoma Training and Employment Program through 2028 [Valerie Sowell, Workforce Development Programs Manager].

Tacoma Rail

D-8 Motion 24-13 - In accordance with RCW 35.34.200, amend Tacoma Rail's 2023/2024 biennial operating budget by \$5,000,000 in capital outlay, taxes, and locomotive consumables to account for contract obligations, new revenues, and provide railroad services that were not identifiable in 2020 to increase expenditure appropriations and revenues to align with updated conditions and projections [Dan McCabe, Rail Chief Information/Finance Officer].

E. Reports of the Director

- Tacoma Water Integrated Resource Plan
- Third Quarter 2024 Budget Performance Update

F. Adjournment

The Public Utility Board may enter a closed or executive session at any time during an open public meeting as provided by law.