

**CITY OF LONG BEACH  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2023  
LONG BEACH UTILITIES DEPARTMENT  
1800 EAST WARDLOW ROAD  
BOARD ROOM, 9:00 AM**

Gloria Cordero, President  
Naomi Rainey, Vice President  
Gina Maguire, Secretary



Frank Martinez, Commissioner  
Robert Shannon, Commissioner

Christopher J. Garner, General Manager

Richard Anthony, Principal Deputy City  
Attorney

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**FINISHED AGENDA AND FINAL MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Cordero called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

**FLAG SALUTE**

Tai Tseng led the flag salute.

**ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners** Frank Martinez, Robert Shannon, Gina Maguire, Naomi Rainey  
**Present:** and Gloria Cordero

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments from the public.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Cordero provided the March 14, 2023 MWD Board meeting report under President's Report. She provided an update on the Colorado River Board meeting as well as the Diamond Valley Lake tour.

## GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Chris Garner asked Tony Foster to provide an overview of the Business Operations Bureau. Chris provided an update on the price of natural gas. He gave an overview of the Long Beach Utilities Department reorganization. He also announced the dates of the department tours of the water and gas facilities. Lisa Martinez provided status of customer credit programs and the number of applicants for each program.

## REGULAR AGENDA

1. [23-033UT](#) Recommendation to approve March 2, 2023 Board meeting minutes.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Shannon, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Frank Martinez, Robert Shannon, Gina Maguire, Naomi Rainey and Gloria Cordero

2. [23-034UT](#) Recommendation to approve Transfer of Funds for March 16, 2023.

**A motion was made by Vice President Rainey, seconded by Secretary Maguire, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Frank Martinez, Robert Shannon, Gina Maguire, Naomi Rainey and Gloria Cordero

3. [23-035UT](#) Recommendation to authorize the General Manager to enter into a Schedule I, Transaction-Based Natural Gas Storage Service Agreement, according to the long-term Master Services Contract, with the Southern California Gas Company, for natural gas storage capacity rights, from April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024.

Tony Foster presented the report.  
Vice President Rainey spoke.  
President Cordero spoke.  
Chris Garner spoke.  
Commissioner Shannon spoke.  
Richard Anthony spoke.  
Commissioner Martinez spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Secretary Maguire, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Frank Martinez, Robert Shannon, Gina Maguire, Naomi Rainey and Gloria Cordero

4. [23-036UT](#) Recommendation to adopt Specifications WD-54-22 for the Golden Avenue Water Main Replacement Project (MC-5223) and authorize the General Manager to sign a construction contract with Gutierrez Pipeline, Inc., in the amount of \$758,971.

Valeri Karakanov presented the report.  
President Cordero spoke.  
Robert Verceles spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Shannon, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Frank Martinez, Robert Shannon, Gina Maguire, Naomi Rainey and Gloria Cordero

5. [23-037UT](#) Recommendation to authorize the General Manager to enter into 33 separate agreements for on-call professional engineering services with (1) AKM Consulting Engineers, Inc.; (2) Atkins North America, Inc.; (3) Black & Veatch Corporation; (4) Cannon Corporation; (5) Carollo Engineers, Inc.; (6) Corpro Companies Inc.; (7) Diversified Project Services International, Inc.; (8) DRP Engineering, Inc.; (9) Dudek; (10) ENGeo; (11) Everline Compliance CA, LLC; (12) Farwest Corrosion Control Company; (13) GHD Inc.; (14) Harper & Associates Engineering, Inc.; (15) Hazen and Sawyer; (16) HDR Engineering, Inc.; (17) Industrial Training Services, Inc.; (18) JIG Consultants; (19) Kleinfelder; (20) KPFF Consulting Engineers; (21) KYLE Groundwater, Inc.; (22) Michael Baker International, Inc.; (23) Pacific Advanced Civil Engineering, Inc.; (24) Pond & Company, Inc.; (25) PSOMAS; (26) SA Associates; (27) Stanley Consultants, Inc.; (28) Stantec Consulting Services Inc.; (29) Tetra Tech; (30) Universal Corrosion Services, LLC; (31) West Yost & Associates, Inc.; (32) Wood Rodgers, Inc.; and (33) Yao Engineering, Inc., in an aggregate contract amount not to exceed \$21,000,000, for a period of two years with a one-year renewal option at the discretion of the General Manager; and authorize the General Manager to execute all documents necessary to enter into the contracts, including any necessary amendments.

Robert Verceles presented the report.  
Commissioner Shannon spoke.  
Richard Anthony spoke.  
President Cordero spoke.  
Robert Verceles spoke.  
Anatole Falagan spoke.  
Commissioner Martinez spoke.  
A dialogue ensued.  
Robert Verceles continued presenting the report.  
Commissioner Martinez spoke.  
Commissioner Shannon spoke.  
President Cordero spoke.  
Anatole Falagan spoke.  
Richard Anthony spoke.  
Vice President Rainey spoke.  
A dialogue ensued.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Vice President Rainey, to receive and file. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Frank Martinez, Robert Shannon, Gina Maguire, Naomi Rainey and Gloria Cordero

6. [23-038UT](#)

Recommendation to authorize the General Manager to increase the value of two separate two-year contracts with (1) Order of Grace Compliance, LLC and (2) Cumming Management Group, Inc., to provide on-call Project Labor Agreement administration and compliance monitoring services, to the amount of \$600,000 each from the amount of \$300,000 each, with the option to extend one additional year each, subject to approval of the Board.

Chris Pincherli presented the report.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Shannon, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Frank Martinez, Robert Shannon, Gina Maguire, Naomi Rainey and Gloria Cordero

**Agenda items 7-8 were approved concurrently.**

7. [23-039UT](#)

Recommendation to authorize the General Manager to extend the executed Revocable Facility Use Permit with Clutch Motorcycle Training, Inc., for an additional one year, with an option to extend for five additional one-year periods, for continued use of 41,800 sq. ft. of space at Long Beach Utilities Department-owned property at St. Louis Avenue and 32nd Street to provide motorcycle driver training and for the storage of vehicles, tools, equipment, and materials as needed for such training.

Dennis Santos presented the report.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Vice President Rainey, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Frank Martinez, Robert Shannon, Gina Maguire, Naomi Rainey and Gloria Cordero

8. [23-040UT](#) Recommendation to authorize the General Manager to extend the executed Revocable Facility Use Permit with M & J Property Services, LLC, for an additional one year, with an option to extend for five additional one-year periods, for continued use of 3,000 sq. ft. of space at Long Beach Utilities Department-owned property at St. Louis Avenue and 32nd Street to store vehicles, trailers, tools, equipment, and other materials needed for property maintenance service operations.

**This UT-Agenda Item was approved.**

9. [23-041UT](#) Receive verbal report of the March 14, 2023 Metropolitan Water District Board meeting.

President Cordero presented the report under the President's Report.

### **CONSIDER STANDING COMMITTEE REFERRALS**

There were no Standing Committee referrals.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Martinez asked staff to provide a report on the EPA guidelines on PFAS as it relates to LBUD operations. He also recommended inviting small businesses and disadvantaged businesses to the Board meetings.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

President Cordero adjourned the meeting at 10:55am.

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