

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
UTILITIES COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2023
LONG BEACH UTILITIES DEPARTMENT
1800 EAST WARDLOW ROAD
BOARD ROOM, 9:00 AM**

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

Christopher J. Garner, General Manager



Robert Shannon, Commissioner
Kevin Scott, Commissioner

Richard Anthony, Principal Deputy City
Attorney

FINISHED AGENDA AND DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

President Cordero called the meeting to order at 9:01am.

FLAG SALUTE

Liza Gutierrez led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Robert Shannon, Gina Maguire, Naomi Rainey and Gloria

Present: Cordero

Commissioners Kevin Scott

Absent:

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Cordero announced that she and Commissioner Scott would not be attending the September 28, 2023 Board meeting; therefore, the annual Board election will take place in October 2023.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Chris Garner reported on his attendance at the MWD Board of Directors meeting held on September 12. He also reported that CPUC voted to increase the gas storage capacity by expanding the Aliso Canyon storage facility.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. 23-133UT Recommendation to approve August 29, 2023 Prop 218 Hearing and August 31, 2023 Board meeting minutes.

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

Yes: 4 - Robert Shannon, Gina Maguire, Naomi Rainey and Gloria Cordero

Absent: 1 - Kevin Scott

2. 23-134UT Recommendation to authorize the General Manager to (1) execute an Amendment to the Agreement for Natural Gas Services between Long Beach Utilities Department (LBUD) and certain customers that operate compressed natural gas fueling stations within the City of Long Beach for a two-year period and exercise the option to renew for three additional one-year periods; and (2) enter into a Natural Gas Purchase and Sale Agreement between LBUD and Anew RNG, LLC to allow physical biogas transactions.

Tony Foster presented the report.

President Cordero spoke.

Chris Garner spoke.

Tony Foster spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

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

Yes: 4 - Robert Shannon, Gina Maguire, Naomi Rainey and Gloria Cordero

Absent: 1 - Kevin Scott

3. 23-135UT Recommendation to authorize the General Manager to execute an agreement to license 82 acre-feet of West Coast Basin adjudicated rights from the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 2 for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Dean Wang presented the report.

Chris Garner spoke.

President Cordero spoke.

Dean Wang spoke.

Tai Tseng spoke.

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

Yes: 4 - Robert Shannon, Gina Maguire, Naomi Rainey and Gloria Cordero

Absent: 1 - Kevin Scott

4. 23-136UT Recommendation to authorize the General Manager to execute the First Amendment to Agreement WD-3709 with 3D Built, for the Ground Water Treatment Plant (GWTP) Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Project (EO-3500), for an additional amount of \$175,000, to a new contract total amount not to exceed \$829,130.

Chris Pincherli presented the report.

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

Yes: 4 - Robert Shannon, Gina Maguire, Naomi Rainey and Gloria Cordero

Absent: 1 - Kevin Scott

5. 23-137UT Recommendation to adopt Resolution UT-1486 authorizing the General Manager to execute a contract, and any necessary subsequent amendments, with Office Depot, Inc., of Cincinnati, OH, for furnishing and delivering custodial supplies, on the same terms and conditions afforded to Region 4 Education Service Center (ESC), of Texas, through Omnia Partners, in an annual amount not to exceed \$200,000 for the duration of the Omnia Partners contract, which expires on January 31, 2025.

Tai Tseng presented the report.

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

Yes: 4 - Robert Shannon, Gina Maguire, Naomi Rainey and Gloria Cordero

Absent: 1 - Kevin Scott

6. 23-138UT Recommendation to adopt Resolution UT-1487 authorizing the General Manager to execute a contract, and any necessary subsequent amendments, with Office Depot, Inc., of Cincinnati, OH, for furnishing and delivering office supplies, on the same terms and conditions afforded to Region 4 Education Service Center (ESC), of Texas, through Omnia Partners, in an annual amount not to exceed \$200,000 for the duration of the Omnia Partners contract, which expires on May 31, 2024.

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

Yes: 4 - Robert Shannon, Gina Maguire, Naomi Rainey and Gloria Cordero

Absent: 1 - Kevin Scott

7. 23-139UT Recommendation to adopt Resolution UT-1488 authorizing the General Manager to execute a contract, and any necessary subsequent amendments, with Fastenal Company, of Winona, MN, for furnishing and delivering fasteners, miscellaneous hardware, and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) parts and supplies, on the same terms and conditions afforded to University of California, through Omnia Partners, formerly National IPA, in an annual amount not to exceed \$50,000 for the duration of the Omnia Partners contract, which expires on June 30, 2025, with one renewal option remaining for another year.

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

Yes: 4 - Robert Shannon, Gina Maguire, Naomi Rainey and Gloria Cordero

Absent: 1 - Kevin Scott

8. 23-140UT Recommendation to adopt Resolution UT-1489 authorizing the General Manager to execute a contract, and any necessary subsequent amendments, with Home Depot U.S.A., of Atlanta, GA, for furnishing and delivering maintenance, repair, and operations supplies and miscellaneous materials, on the same terms and conditions afforded to Maricopa County, AZ, through Omnia Partners, in an annual amount not to exceed \$300,000 for the duration of the Omnia Partners contract, which expires on December 31, 2026.

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

Yes: 4 - Robert Shannon, Gina Maguire, Naomi Rainey and Gloria Cordero

Absent: 1 - Kevin Scott

9. 23-141UT Recommendation to adopt Resolution UT-1490 authorizing the General Manager to execute a contract, and any necessary subsequent amendments, with United Parcel Service, Inc., of Atlanta, GA, for providing ground and overnight express mail services, on the same terms and conditions afforded to Sourcewell, a state of Minnesota local government unit and service cooperative, in an annual amount not to exceed \$15,000 for the duration of the Sourcewell contract which expires on November 11, 2025, with the option to renew for as long as the Sourcewell contract is in effect.

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

Yes: 4 - Robert Shannon, Gina Maguire, Naomi Rainey and Gloria Cordero

Absent: 1 - Kevin Scott

10. 23-142UT Recommendation to adopt Resolution UT-1491 authorizing the General Manager to execute a contract, and any necessary subsequent amendments, with The Terminix International Company Limited Partnership (Terminix International), of Memphis, TN, for pest control products and services, on the same terms and conditions afforded to the University of Nebraska, through Omnia Partners, in an annual amount not to exceed \$40,000 for the duration of the University of Nebraska contract, which expires on April 8, 2026, with the option to renew for as long as the University of Nebraska contract is in effect.

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

Yes: 4 - Robert Shannon, Gina Maguire, Naomi Rainey and Gloria Cordero

Absent: 1 - Kevin Scott

11. 23-143UT Recommendation to adopt Resolution UT-1492 authorizing the General Manager to execute a contract, and any necessary subsequent amendments, with W.W. Grainger, Inc., of Lake Forest, IL, for furnishing and delivering maintenance, repair, and operations supplies and related materials for a wide range of fieldwork needs, on the same terms and conditions afforded to the City of Tucson, AZ, through Omnia Partners, in an annual amount not to exceed \$500,000 until the Omnia Partners contract expires on December 31, 2024, with the option to renew for as long as the Omnia Partners contract is in effect.

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

Yes: 4 - Robert Shannon, Gina Maguire, Naomi Rainey and Gloria Cordero

Absent: 1 - Kevin Scott

12. 23-144UT Recommendation to adopt Resolution UT-1493 authorizing the General Manager to execute a contract, and any necessary subsequent amendments, with West Enterprises Inc., DBA Uniglobe Travel Designers, of Columbus, OH, for as-needed travel management, travel expense management, and related services, on the same terms and conditions afforded to the Region 4 Education Service Center (ESC) through Omnia Partners, in an annual amount not to exceed \$100,000 until the Omnia Partners contract expires on November 30, 2024, with the option to renew for as long as the Omnia Partners contract is in effect.

Commissioner Shannon spoke.
Tai Tseng spoke.
President Cordero spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shannon, seconded by Secretary Maguire, to approve recommendation with the stipulation that staff returns in 6 months with an expenditure report. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Robert Shannon, Gina Maguire, Naomi Rainey and Gloria Cordero

Absent: 1 - Kevin Scott

CONSIDER STANDING COMMITTEE REFERRALS

There were no Standing Committee referrals.

NEW BUSINESS

President Cordero asked if there were any objections to scheduling the Board meetings to 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month starting January 2024. Richard Anthony advised that a Resolution would be required for Board approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shannon, seconded by Secretary Maguire, to approve the absence of Commissioner Scott from the September 14, 2023 Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

President Cordero adjourned the meeting at 9:50am.

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