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**CITY OF EL PASO  
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD  
AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR PSB MEETING**

**8:30 a.m. M.T.**

**November 12, 2025**

Public Service Board Meeting Room  
1154 Hawkins Blvd., El Paso, Texas 79925

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

All matters listed under the CONSENT AGENDA will be considered by the Public Service Board to be routine and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless members of the PSB or persons in the audience request specific items be removed from the CONSENT AGENDA to the REGULAR AGENDA for discussion prior to the time the PSB votes on the motion to adopt the CONSENT AGENDA. The Public Service Board may reconsider an agenda item at any time prior to adjournment. Comments by a member of the public as to any regular agenda item will be allowed by the Chair prior to or during the PSB's consideration of the item. Reasonable time limits may be imposed by the Chair.

CALL TO ORDER  
ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM  
MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Consider and approve the minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting held on October 8, 2025.  
*Edith Lara, Executive Secretary-Administration, (915) 594-5501*
2. Consider and approve a sole source contract with Trojan Technologies Corp. pursuant to Section 252.022(a)(7)(A) and (D) of the Texas Local Government Code, for UV disinfection system components, maintenance services, and technical support, in the estimated annual amount of \$1,000,000 for a term of one year with four one-year options to extend, contingent upon the vendor providing annual documentation attesting to their sole source status.  
*Martin Noriega, Chief Operations Officer, (915)621-2085*
3. Consider and approve a sole source contract with Alfa Laval, Inc. pursuant to Section 252.022(a)(7)(A) and (D) of the Texas Local Government Code, for parts, service, and training related to the gravity belt thickeners and belt filter presses, in the estimated annual amount of \$1,000,000 for a term of one year with four one-year options to extend, contingent upon the vendor providing annual documentation attesting to their sole source status.  
*Martin Noriega, Chief Operations Officer, (915)621-2085*
4. Consider and approve a sole source services agreement with Pure Technologies U.S. Inc., pursuant to Section 252.022(a)(7)(A) of the Texas Local Government Code, to conduct leak detection, condition assessment and electromagnetic inspections of transmission mains, for an estimated annual amount of \$2,500,000 for a term of one year with two one-year options to extend, contingent upon the vendor providing annual documentation attesting to their sole source status.  
*Irazema Rojas, Utility Chief Engineering Officer, (915) 594-5562*

## CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

5. Consider and approve a master contract with i3-ImageSoft, LLC through the Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) Contract DIR-TSO-4392 for the development of a mobile application integrated with advanced meter data analytics, in the estimated annual amount of \$1,500,000 for a term of one year with four one-year options to extend.

*Sergio Saenz, Interim Chief Operational Technology Officer, 915-594-5614*

6. Consider and approve an increase in capacity of the master contract issued to 4 Rivers Equipment, LLC, John Deere's authorized independent dealer, through Sourcewell Cooperative Contract No. 011723-JDC for heavy construction equipment in the amount of \$2,000,000 to increase the existing master contract to a cumulative amount of \$3,000,000; and authorize the issuance of future annual master contracts in the amount of \$3,000,000 as long as the Sourcewell contract is in place.

*Elmer Beeler, Utility Chief Support and Logistics Officer, (915) 263-4030*

7. Consider and award a professional engineering services contract for the On-Call Professional Engineering Services for Wastewater Treatment Plants – RFQ 44-25 to Arcadis Inc., Brown and Caldwell, Carollo Engineers, Inc., CDM Smith, Inc., Hazen and Sawyer, P.C., HDR Engineering, Inc., and Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 per firm, with a contract term of three years each.

*Irazema Rojas, Utility Chief Engineering Officer, (915) 594-5562*

8. Consider and award RFP 21-25 Powdered Activated Carbon for Reclamation Facilities to Norit Americas, Inc. and ARQ Purification LLC. for each vendor to supply powder activated carbon on an as-needed basis at the unit prices proposed, for an estimated annual amount of \$127,400 for Norit Americas Inc., and \$138,600 for ARQ Purification, LLC. The contract for each vendor is for a term of one year with four one-year options to extend; and that the Public Service Board makes the following findings:

1. That the Texas public health or safety bidding exemption applies to RFP 21-25;
2. That multiple vendors are required to ensure continuity of utility services; and
3. That the public notice requirements under Rules and Regulations No. 18 have been satisfied.

*Martin Noriega, Utility Chief Operations Officer, 915-621-2085*

9. Consider and approve the ratification of the additional expenditure in the amount of \$136,117.93 for the contract issued to HG Arias & Associates, L.L.C. for temporary staffing services through ESC Region 19 Allied States Cooperative Contract No. 22-7448.

*Monica Puga Ontiveros, Utility Chief Human Resources Officer, 915-263-4484*

## REGULAR AGENDA

10. CEO Monthly Update Regarding Utility Management and/or Operations:
  - John Balliew Receives the Woody L. Hunt Excellence in Economic Development Award
  - Texas Water Development Board Visit to EPWater
  - Citizens Academy - Now Accepting Applications
11. Management Report:
  - Charity of Choice Check Presentation
  - Second Quarter Financial and Performance Measures Report
  - Second Quarter Investment Report
  - Video from Communications: New Meter Videos

## REGULAR AGENDA

12. Public Comment: The PSB will permit public comment on subjects not on the agenda but may not deliberate on these items if not posted for discussion. The Chair may impose reasonable time limits for each speaker.
13. Presentation, training and discussion on EPWater's budget process, procedures and financial planning.  
*Jeff Tepsick, Utility Chief Financial Officer, (915) 594-5549*
14. Consider and award RFP 25-25, Sodium Chlorite 25% to International Dioxide, Inc. and Pureline Treatment Systems, LLC. for each vendor to supply these chemicals on an as-needed basis at the unit prices proposed, for an estimated annual amount of \$371,350 for International Dioxide, Inc. and \$347,050 for Pureline Treatment Systems, LLC. The contract term for each vendor is for one year, with four one-year options to extend.  
*Martin Noriega, Utility Chief Operations Officer, 915-621-2085*
15. Consider and deliberate on the appeal of customer, Ernest Juarez, regarding a billing dispute pursuant to Rules and Regulations No. 8.  
*Lidia Carranco, Utility Chief Customer Experience Officer, 915-594-5531*

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Public Service Board will retire into Executive Session pursuant to Section 3.5A of the El Paso City Charter and the Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 through 551.089. (The items listed below are matters of the sort to be discussed in Executive Session; however, the Public Service Board may move any item of this agenda to Executive Session, consistent with the terms of the Open Meetings Act.)

Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney  
Section 551.072 Deliberation Regarding Real Property  
Section 551.073 Deliberation Regarding Prospective Gift  
Section 551.074 Personnel Matters  
Section 551.076 Deliberations Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits  
Section 551.0761 Deliberation Regarding Critical Infrastructure Facility  
Section 551.087 Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations  
Section 551.089 Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits

- a. Cyber Security presentation: Fortifying El Paso Water's Cybersecurity, A Strategic Roadmap (551.076) (551.0761) (551.089)
- b. Deliberate on the procurement of critical infrastructure facilities equipment and services from Border States Industries, Inc., a sole source provider of the services, pursuant to Section 252.022(a)(7) of the Texas Local Government Code, in the annual estimated amount of \$4,000,000 for a term of one year with four one-year options to extend. (551.071) (551.089) (551.0761)
- c. Strategy briefing and legal advice on the purchase, sale, lease or value of Utility real property. (551.071) (551.072)
- d. Authority to negotiate the settlement of *Evan Ambrose (Previously Also Known as Lauren Ambrose) vs. Christopher Paul Aguilar, City of El Paso, and El Paso Water Utilities*, Cause No. 2022DCV1738. (551.071)
- e. Annual Performance Review and Employment Agreement for the President/CEO, John E. Balliew. (551.071) (551.074)

Any action as a result of these discussions will be taken at the re-opening of this meeting or at a subsequent meeting.

Adjournment.

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