MINUTES
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD
CITY OF EL PASO
January 08, 2024

The regular meeting of the Public Service Board was held in person, Wednesday, January 08, 2024

PSB MEMBERS PRESENT
Bryan Morris, Chair
Stefanie Block Uribarri, Secretary-Treasurer
Dr. Anna Gitter, Member
Dr. Hector Ocaranza, Member
Charlie Intebi, Vice-Chair
Mayor Renard Johnson

PSB EMPLOYEES PRESENT
John E. Balliew, P.E., President and Chief Executive Officer
Daniel Ortiz, General Counsel

EPWATER EMPLOYEES PRESENT
Ana Sanchez, Vice President of Financial and Management Services
Gilbert Trejo, Vice President of Operations and Technical Services
Adam Wickersham, Vice President of IT
Art Duran, Chief Financial Officer
Claudia Duran, Chief of Staff
Edith Lara, Executive Assistant to the President/CEO
Patricia Borschow, Assistant General Counsel
Melinda Becker, Assistant General Counsel
Luz Holguin, Assistant Chief Financial Officer
Alberto Gomez, Utility Video Production Manager
Aldo Gomez Fierro, Support Services Specialist III
Robert Evans, Software Developer I
Ruben Rodriguez, Chief Water Quality Compliance Officer
Lisa Rosendorf, Chief Communications & Government Affairs Officer
Geoffrey Espineli, Engineer Division Manager
Melinda Becker, Assistant General Counsel
Adriana Castillo, Engineer Division Manager
Elmer Beeler, Chief Support & Logistics Officer
Sol Cortez, Deputy General Counsel
Felipe Lopez, Utility Chief Engineering Officer
Veronica Garcia, Senior Purchasing Agent
Gretchen Byram, Utility Senior Computer Media Specialist
Gisela Dagnino, Utility Chief Operations Officer
Irazema Rojas, Utility Chief Engineering Officer
Martin Noriega, Utility Chief Operations Officer
Christina Montoya-Halter, Marketing and Communications Manager
Pablo Mejia, Capital Improvement Project Manager
David Montoya, Utility Tech Infrastructure Manager
Fernando Arroyo, Utility Tech Infrastructure Manager
Gustavo Hurtado, Fiscal Operations Manager
Becky Hart, Utility Treasury and Property
Jeff Tepsick, Utility Assist Chief Financial Officer
Elizabeth Acosta, Utility Business and Customer Service Manager
Brenda Cantu, Utility Business and Customer Service Manager

The Public Service Board meeting was called to order by Bryan Morris at 8:02 a.m. A quorum of its members was present. After a moment of silence, those in attendance joined Mayor Johnson in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. **ADMINISTERED THE OATH TO MAYOR RENARD JOHNSON, NEW BOARD MEMBER.**

CONSENT AGENDA

On a single motion made by Dr. Gitter, seconded by Mr. Intebi and unanimously carried, the Board took action on the following consent agenda items:

2. **CONSIDERED AND APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 11, 2024.**

3. **CONSIDERED AND APPROVED AN INCREASE IN THE MASTER CONTRACT CAPACITY ISSUED TO B&M MACHINERY COMPANY, THROUGH ESC REGION 19 ALLIED STATES COOPERATIVE CONTRACT NO. 23-7457 MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND OPERATION (MRO) EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, MATERIALS AND SERVICES BY AN ADDITIONAL $1,000,000 FOR A CUMULATIVE EXISTING MASTER CONTRACT AMOUNT OF $3,000,000 AND AUTHORIZED THE ISSUANCE OF FUTURE ANNUAL MASTER CONTRACTS IN THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL AMOUNT OF $3,000,000 FOR AS LONG AS THE TERM OF THE ESC REGION 19 CONTRACT NO. 23-7457 IS IN PLACE.**

4. **CONSIDERED AND APPROVED AN INCREASE IN THE MASTER CONTRACT CAPACITY TO C.L. NORTH COMPANY, THROUGH ESC REGION 19 ALLIED STATES COOPERATIVE CONTRACT NO. 22-7434 MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND OPERATION (MRO) EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, MATERIALS AND SERVICES BY AN ADDITIONAL $1,000,000 FOR A CUMULATIVE EXISTING MASTER CONTRACT AMOUNT OF $6,000,000 AND AUTHORIZED THE ISSUANCE OF FUTURE ANNUAL MASTER CONTRACTS IN THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL AMOUNT OF $6,000,000 FOR AS LONG AS THE TERM OF THE ESC REGION 19 CONTRACT NO. 22-7434 IS IN PLACE.**

5. **CONSIDERED AND APPROVED AN INCREASE IN THE MASTER CONTRACT CAPACITY TO HACH COMPANY, THROUGH GSA COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT CONTRACT NO. GS-07F-9314S FOR THE PURCHASE OF LABORATORY EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES BY AN ADDITIONAL $1,000,000 FOR A CUMULATIVE EXISTING MASTER CONTRACT AMOUNT OF $1,500,000 AND AUTHORIZED THE ISSUANCE OF FUTURE ANNUAL MASTER CONTRACTS IN THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL AMOUNT OF $1,500,000 FOR AS LONG AS THE TERM OF THE GSA COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT CONTRACT NO. GS-07F-9314S IS IN PLACE.**

6. **CONSIDERED AND APPROVED AN INCREASE IN THE MASTER CONTRACT CAPACITY OF TUATARA CONSULTING, INC. THROUGH THE TIPS PURCHASING COOPERATIVE CONTRACT NO. 240101 TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS, PRODUCTS, AND SERVICES BY AN ADDITIONAL $1,500,000 FOR A CUMULATIVE EXISTING MASTER CONTRACT AMOUNT OF $2,000,000 AND AUTHORIZED THE ISSUANCE OF FUTURE MASTER CONTRACTS IN THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL AMOUNT OF $2,000,000 FOR AS LONG AS THE TERM OF THE TIPS CONTRACT NO. 240101 IS IN PLACE.**

7. **CONSIDERED AND APPROVEDD AN INCREASE IN THE MASTER CONTRACT CAPACITY TO CONTERRA ULTRA BROADBAND, LLC DBA CONTERRA NETWORKS THROUGH THE COOPERATIVE ESC REGION 19 CONTRACT NO. 22-7429 TECHNOLOGY, HARDWARE, SOFTWARE AND RELATED GOODS AND SERVICES BY AN ADDITIONAL $1,000,000 FOR A CUMULATIVE EXISTING MASTER CONTRACT AMOUNT OF $1,500,000 AND AUTHORIZED THE ISSUANCE OF FUTURE MASTER CONTRACTS IN THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL AMOUNT OF $1,500,000 FOR AS LONG AS THE TERM OF THE ESC REGION 19 CONTRACT NO. 22-7429 IS IN PLACE.**

CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)

8. **CONSIDERED AND AWARDED BID NUMBER 80-24, LARGE PRECAST CONCRETE METER BOXES TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE, RESPONSIBLE BIDDER FOX CONSTRUCTOR LLC., IN THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL AMOUNT OF $413,100 FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR, WITH THE OPTION FOR FOUR ONE-YEAR EXTENSIONS.**

9. **CONSIDEREDED AND APPROVED A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING CONTRACT FOR THE NORTHEAST AQUIFER RECHARGE PROJECT PHASES 1 & 2 – PART 2 PROJECT, WITH MORENO CARDENAS, INC. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES RELATED TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF ENHANCED ARROYO – PHASE 1B IN THE AMOUNT OF $622,414 AND AUTHORIZED FUTURE TASK ORDERS AND AMENDMENTS TO BE ISSUED UNDER THIS CONTRACT FOR ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF $4,000,000.**

10. **CONSIDERED AND APPROVED A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE CORRUGATED METAL PIPE CONDITION ASSESSMENT AND REPLACEMENT PROGRAM – PART 2 PROJECT TO BROWN & CALDWELL, INC., FOR PLANNING, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF $500,000 AND AUTHORIZED FUTURE TASK ORDERS OR AMENDMENTS TO BE ISSUED UNDER THIS CONTRACT FOR ADDITIONAL PLANNING, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES IN AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF $500,000.**

11. **CONSIDERED AND APPROVED A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT WITH FERGUSON ENTERPRISES, LLC, FOR THE PURCHASE OF KAMSTRUP AMI METERS IN THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL AMOUNT OF $17,000,000 FOR THE TERM OF ONE YEAR WITH THREE ONE-YEAR OPTIONS TO RENEW, FOR A TOTAL ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF $68,000,000 IF ALL OPTIONS ARE EXERCISED CONTINGENT UPON THE VENDOR PROVIDING ANNUAL DOCUMENTATION ATTESTING TO THEIR SOLE SOURCE STATUS.**

REGULAR AGENDA

12. **CEO MONTHLY UPDATE REGARDING UTILITY MANAGEMENT AND/OR OPERATIONS:**
    - **TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF CLEAN WATER AGENCIES 2025 WINTER CONFERENCE**
    - **2024 GRANT FUNDING AWARD UPDATE**

13. **MANAGEMENT REPORT:**
    - **CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**
    - **VIDEO FROM COMMUNICATIONS – PIPES AND PROGRESS SERIES**

14. **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.**

15. **CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING BY THE MUNICIPAL DRAINAGE UTILITY SYSTEM'S GOVERNING BOARD TO CONSIDER A STORMWATER FEE INCREASE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026.**

Stephanie Chacon, Utility Executive Secretary, read into the record items 15 and 16 respectively.
Mr. Morris addressed the Board that a motion is needed to open the Public Hearing regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files).

On a motion made by Mr. Intebi, seconded by Dr. Gitter, unanimously carried, the Board approved to conduct a public hearing by the Municipal Drainage Utility System's governing board to consider a stormwater fee increase for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

REGULAR AGENDA (CONTINUED)

16. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE STORMWATER ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AMENDING RULES AND REGULATIONS NO. 3 WITH THE PROPOSED FEE ADJUSTMENTS.**

John E. Balliew, P.E., President and Chief Executive Officer, provided a presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files.) The proposed Stormwater Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 includes a fee adjustment of 13 percent or a monthly increase of $1.02 for a typical residential customer.

On a motion made by Ms. Block-Uribarri, seconded by Dr. Ocaranza, and unanimously carried, the Board approved to close the public hearing for the Municipal Drainage Utility System's governing board to consider a stormwater fee increase for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

On a motion made by Dr. Gitter, seconded by Dr. Ocaranza, with Mayor Johnson abstaining, the Board adopted a Resolution amending Rules and Regulations No. 3 with the proposed fee adjustments.

17. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE WATER, WASTEWATER, AND RECLAIMED WATER ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS AMENDING RULES AND REGULATIONS NO. 5, NO. 6, AND NO. 7 WITH PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE RATES, FEES, AND OTHER NECESSARY AMENDMENTS.**

John E. Balliew, P.E., President and Chief Executive Officer, provided a presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files.) The proposed rate increases for fiscal year 2025-2026 are as follows: 7 percent for water and 5 percent for wastewater for a total of 12 percent increase. Very low residential water users with a total bill for 1 CCF will see a decrease in monthly bill of approximately $10.11 and low residential water users with a total bill for 4 CCFs will see a decrease in monthly bill for water and wastewater of approximately $12.47. The typical residential water and wastewater bill will increase by about $4.69. Rules and regulations 5, 6 and 7 included updates to the fees, rates and language.

Ms. Uribarri-Block made a motion to approve the budget without any changes. The motion did not receive a second and failed.

On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Intebi, with Mayor Johnson abstaining, the Board adopted the Resolutions amending Rules and Regulations No. 5, No. 6, and No. 7 with proposed changes to the rates, fees, and other necessary amendments.

18. **DEEMED PEDAL VALVES, INC AS NON-RESPONSIVE AND CONSIDERED AND AWARDED RFP NO. 86-24, METER REPLACEMENT AND WATER SERVICE LINE ASSESSMENT, TO THE HIGHEST RANKED OFFEROR, TEXAS METER AND DEVICE COMPANY, LLC, IN THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL AMOUNT OF $5,872,700 FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR WITH THREE ONE-YEAR OPTIONS TO EXTEND.**

Elizabeth Acosta, Utility Business and Customer Service Manager, provided a presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files.) EPWater is planning to exchange approximately 180,000 existing meters with Kamstrup Ultrasonic Water Meters throughout our service area to benefit customers and improve EPWater's ability to more accurately track water usage. The scope of work will also include water service line assessment services of approximately 130,000 customer service lines to determine and identify the line material type. EPWater staff is able to complete an average of about 2,000-meter exchanges per month, which is insufficient to meet the accelerated project timeline of four years from the original ten-year project timeline.

On a motion made by Mr. Intebi, seconded by Dr. Ocaranza, and unanimously carried, the Board deemed Pedal Valves, Inc as non-responsive and awarded RFP No. 86-24, Meter Replacement and Water Service Line Assessment, to the highest ranked offeror, Texas Meter and Device Company, LLC, in the estimated amount of $5,872,700 for a term up to four years.

19. **CONSIDERED AND AWARDED BID NUMBER SW71-24, JOHN T HICKERSON WWTP STORMWATER BASIN (RE-BID) TO THE LOWEST, RESPONSIVE, RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, KARLSRUHER, INC. DBA CSA CONSTRUCTORS IN THE AMOUNT OF $8,575,000.**

Gisela Dagnino, Utility Chief Operations Officer, provided a presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files.). During the 2021 monsoon, the John T Hickerson Water Reclamation Plant flooded due to large amount of rain runoff and debris transported along the Flow Path 20A/Paragon Arroyo. Stormwater identified the need to capture runoff from the flow path to reduce velocity and release it in a controlled manner to an existing concrete channel east of the plant. The construction of two stormwater detention basins with slope stabilization and box culverts with energy dissipators was proposed.

On a motion made by Dr. Ocaranza, seconded by Dr. Gitter, and unanimously carried, the Board awarded Bid Number SW71-24, John T Hickerson WWTP Stormwater Basin (Re-Bid) to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder, Karlsruher, Inc. dba CSA Constructors, in the amount of $8,575,000.

On a motion made by Mr. Intebi, seconded by Ms. Block-Uribarri, and unanimously carried, the Board took action to move item 23 before item 20.

23. **CONSIDERED AND AUTHORIZED THE PRESIDENT/CEO OR DESIGNEE TO SIGN THE JOINT USE OF PROPERTY AND CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT (AGREEMENT) WITH THE CITY OF EL PASO FOR THE SEAN HAGGERTY DR. EXTENSION BRIDGE PROJECT (PROJECT) AND APPROVE EPWATER'S FUNDING COMMITMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION COST RELATED TO THE RELOCATION OF WATER INFRASTRUCTURE THAT ARE PART OF THE CITY OF EL PASO'S PROJECT, WHICH HAS A TOTAL ESTIMATED PROJECT COST OF $3,419,470.32 TO BE PAID BY EPWATER UPFRONT, WITH THE CITY OF EL PASO COMMITTING TO REIMBURSE EPWATER 50% OF THE ACTUAL UTILITY RELOCATION CONSTRUCTION COSTS; AND AUTHORIZED THE PRESIDENT/CEO TO SIGN ANY FUTURE AMENDMENTS TO AGREEMENT OR LETTER OF COMMITMENT THAT WILL REQUIRE ADDITIONAL EPWATER FUNDING NOT TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF $750,000.**

Irazema Rojas, Chief Engineering Officer, provided a presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files.). The City of El Paso (COEP) through its Capital Improvement Department (CID) prepared plans to extend Sean Haggerty Dr. in northeast El Paso. The project consists of a new bridge and roadway construction over the Greenbelt Levee along Sean Haggerty from Nathan Bay Dr. to Dyer St. To accommodate the new roadway and bridge, existing water infrastructure along Sean Haggerty and within the Greenbelt Levee must be relocated to continue to provide services.

On a motion made by Mayor Johnson, seconded by Dr. Ocaranza, and unanimously carried, the Board authorized the President/CEO or designee to sign the Joint Use of Property and Construction Agreement (Agreement) with the City of El Paso for the Sean Haggerty Dr. Extension Bridge project (Project) and approved EPWater's funding commitment for the construction cost related to the relocation of water infrastructure that are part of the City of El Paso's Project, which has a total estimated project cost of $3,419,470.32 to be paid by EPWater upfront, with the City of El Paso committing to reimburse EPWater 50% of the actual utility relocation construction costs; and authorized the President/CEO to sign any future amendments to Agreement or Letter of Commitment that will require additional EPWater funding not to exceed the amount of $750,000.

20. **CONSIDERED AND APPROVED AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT-RISK CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH PCL/SUNDT, A JOINT VENTURE, FOR THE ROBERTO R. BUSTAMANTE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

AND ACCEPTED THE GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE NUMBER 4 (GMP 4) IN THE AMOUNT OF $103,173,974.

Irazema Rojas, Chief Engineering Officer, provided a presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files.). The Bustamante Plant was designed for a treatment flow capacity of 39 MGD in 1991. A study conducted in 2019 revealed that the organic treatment capacity of the plant has been reduced to 30 MGD, due to increased strength of the wastewater. Further, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) requires planning an expansion of the wastewater treatment plant once 75% of the plant's flow capacity is exceeded for three consecutive months. In addition to the lower treatment capacity, the Bustamante Plant is also at 75% of the permitted flow capacity due to growth in east El Paso, requiring EPWater to expand the plant to an increased capacity of 51 MGD. The project is divided into two phases. Phase 1 is the construction of the new 21.4 MGD treatment train and the project estimate is $585 million. Phase 2 consists of the rehabilitation of the existing 39 MGD trains to restore 9 MGD of treatment capacity to the plant and is currently estimated at $200 million. At the completion of the project, the Bustamante Plant will have gained 30.4 MGD of treatment capacity. This request is for the approval of GMP 4 work package for Phase 1, which includes the construction of all electrical systems, instrumentation and controls.

On a motion made by Dr. Gitter, seconded by Dr. Gitter, and unanimously carried, the Board approved an amendment to the Construction Manager At-Risk construction contract with PCL/Sundt, a joint venture, for the Roberto R. Bustamante Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion and Improvements project and accepted the Guaranteed Maximum Price Number 4 (GMP 4) in the amount of $103,173,974.

21. **CONSIDERED AND APPROVED AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT-RISK CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH PCL/SUNDT, A JOINT VENTURE, FOR THE HASKELL R. STREET WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND ACCEPTED THE GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE NUMBER 2 (GMP 2) IN THE AMOUNT OF $6,888,716.**

Irazema Rojas, Chief Engineering Officer, provided a presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files.). The Haskell R. Street Wastewater Treatment Plant (Haskell Plant) is a conventional activated sludge facility. It is rated to treat up to 27.7 million gallons per day (MGD) of wastewater. Now at over 100 years old, Haskell Plant needs improvements to correct maintenance and operations issues being experienced. The Alfalfa lift station was built in 1966, rated to pump 4.3 MGD to the Bustamante Wastewater Treatment Plant (Bustamante Plant). The wastewater flows discharged by the refinery are included in the Alfalfa lift station service area. These improvements consist of rehabilitation of the Alfalfa lift station, installation of a new force main via Tangier lift station, diverting the industrial flows from Bustamante Plant to Haskell Plant. The project is being delivered using the Construction Manager At-Risk (CMAR) method. The complete CMAR project will be delivered in multiple Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) packages. GMP 2 will be for early equipment procurement for Grit Removal Improvements Project, Secondary Splitter Box 36-inch Sluice Gate replacement work package.

On a motion made by Mr. Intebi, seconded by Dr. Ocaranza, and unanimously carried, the Board approved an amendment to the Construction Manager At-Risk construction contract with PCL/Sundt, a joint venture, for the Haskell R. Street Wastewater Treatment Plant Various Improvements project and accepted the Guaranteed Maximum Price Number 2 (GMP 2) in the amount of $6,888,716.

22. **CONSIDERED AND ADOPTED A RESOLUTION FOR THE EMERGENCY REHABILITATION AND REPAIRS OF THE HIGH CHAPARRAL WATER TRANSMISSION MAINS, RATIFYING THE CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES APPROVED ADMINISTRATIVELY FOR THE REPAIRS, REHABILITATION OF THE HIGH CHAPARRAL WATER TRANSMISSION BREAK AND AUTHORIZED THE PRESIDENT/CEO OR DESIGNEE TO CONTINUE TO CONTRACT AND PURCHASE WITHOUT FURTHER ACTION OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD, PURSUANT TO ALLOWABLE EXEMPTIONS TO THE STATUTE UNDER SECTION 252.022(A) OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE.**

Irazema Rojas, Chief Engineering Officer, provided a presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files.) The High Chaparral Water Transmission Mains were installed in 1990 and is a critical to the water distribution system in the Coronado Country Club and Chaparral 19 pressure zones. Water is distributed between these pressure zones in a network of transmission mains that range from 16-inches to 30-inches in diameter and help supply water to west El Paso.

In July of 2022, the 30-inch diameter Steel Cylinder Concrete Pipe (SCCP) water transmission main experienced a failure leading to a rupture and subsequent water main break at the intersection of Ojo de Agua Dr. & Via Descanso Dr. that left customers in the area without water. EPWater crews mobilized to the site and installed a valve to restore water service to the area while permanent repairs still needed to be completed. However, on December 3, 2024, a coupling on the newly installed valve failed, again leaving customers without water service. Water service was restored later that evening. On December 4, 2024, a contractor mobilized on site to complete the permanent repairs.

This water transmission main is critical to the system as it supplies water to the densely populated area which includes homes, schools and businesses. Due to the high risk, high consequence of failure nature of this segment of the water distribution system, an emergency action is needed to ratify the completed work and authorize additional repairs and improvements to this critical system.

On a motion made by Ms. Block-Uribarri, seconded by Dr. Gitter, and unanimously carried, the Board adopted a resolution for the Emergency Rehabilitation and Repairs of the High Chaparral Water Transmission Mains, ratifying the contracts and purchases approved administratively for the repairs, rehabilitation of the High Chaparral Water Transmission break and authorized the President/CEO or designee to continue to contract and purchase without further action of the Public Service Board, pursuant to allowable exemptions to the statute under Section 252.022(a) of the Texas Local Government Code.

24. **PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF EPWATER'S THIRD QUARTER FINANCIAL AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 FOR THE PERIOD ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2024.**

Gustavo Hurtado, Fiscal Operations Officer, provided a presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files.) The Public Service Board requires regular financial reporting from the President/CEO and staff on the financial condition of the Utility.

Presentation and discussion of EPWater's Third Quarter Financial and Performance Measures Report Fiscal Year 2024-25 for the period ending November 30, 2024.

No action was taken on this item.

25. **PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF EPWATER'S THIRD QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 FOR THE PERIOD ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2024.**

Rebecca Hart, Treasury and Property, provided a presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files.) The Public Funds Investment Act (PFIA) requires a quarterly report to be submitted.

Presentation and discussion of EPWater's Third Quarter Investment Report Fiscal Year 2024-25 for the period ending November 30, 2024.

No action was taken on this item.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion made by Ms. Block Uribarri, seconded by Dr. Gitter, and unanimously carried, the Board retired into Executive Session 10:29 a.m. January 8, 2025, pursuant to Section 3.5A of the El Paso City Charter and the Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 through 551.089 to discuss the following:

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 551.087 Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations
Section 551.089 Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits

a. THE BOARD WILL DELIBERATED REGARDING WHETHER THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY CAN BE DECLARED INEXPEDIENT TO THE WATER & WASTEWATER AND STORMWATER SYSTEMS, APPROXIMATELY 23.0658 ACRES, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BARKER SURV 10 ABST #7 TR5, IN THE CITY OF EL PASO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS. (551.071) (551.072)

On a motion made by Ms. Block Uribarri, seconded by Mr. Intebi, and unanimously carried, that the property as described in the posting language not be declared inexpedient to the Water & Wastewater and Stormwater systems.

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

On a motion made by Dr. Ocaranza, seconded by Ms. Block Uribarri, and unanimously carried, the Board reconvened in open session at 10:46 a.m., January 8, 2025.

On a motion made by Mayor Johnson, seconded by Dr. Ocaranza, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m., January 8, 2025.

ATTEST:

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Bryan Morris, Chair

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Stefanie Block Uribarri, Secretary-Treasurer