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City of Tacoma  
Public Utility Board Study Session  
August 12, 2015  
3:00 p.m.

Mr. Flint called the Public Utility Board study session to order at 3:00 p.m. at the Public Utilities Administration Building.

Present: Woody Jones, Mark Patterson, Bryan Flint, Monique Trudnowski, Karen Larkin

**Executive Session**

Board Member Patterson made a motion to convene an executive session at 3:03 until 4:00 for the purposes of reviewing the performance of a public employee per RCW 42.30.110(1)(g); seconded by Board Member Jones. At 4:00, the executive session was extended for 10 minutes. The executive session was adjourned at 4:10.

**Miscellaneous**

Karen Larkin was introduced as a new Board Member; staff introductions were made.

**Tacoma Power: Renewable Energy Credits (RECs)**

Clay Norris, Power Manager, made introductory remarks. Nicolas Garcia, Assistant Power Manager, provided background on the Energy Independence Act (I-937) mandate. The object of I-937 is that a minimum proportion of the electricity delivered to retail customers is generated by an eligible renewable resource(s). Hydroelectric power is renewable but not eligible. This applies to utilities with more than 25,000 customers. Tacoma Power's current compliance status with I-937 was shared; currently Tacoma Power is 650,000 RECs short post year 2020. Decision criteria on meeting I-937 requirements and meeting those requirements by executing new REC contracts were detailed.

**Tacoma Water: Drought and Water Supply Update**

Linda McCrea, Water Superintendent, made introductory remarks. Glen George, Water Supply Manager, reviewed the unprecedented nature of the weather and drought. Mr. George provided the status of the Green River supply, storage at Howard Hanson Dam, and Tacoma's groundwater system. The water supply outlook was detailed. Due to the updated long term forecasts, to help save stored water and to protect against a long dry fall, Tacoma Water has moved to Stage 2 (Voluntary) of the Water Shortage Response Plan. Further shortage mitigation strategies, in case of dry weather extending into fall and winter,

were detailed by Mr. George. Tony Lindgren, Water Engineering Manager, and Monica Sundbaum, Community Relations Officer, summarized customer communication and outreach efforts made to communicate about the drought conditions.

**Adjournment**

The study session was adjourned 5:18 at p.m. until the next regularly scheduled study session on Wednesday, August 26, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

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Bryan Flint, Chair

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Monique Trudnowski, Secretary