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City of Tacoma  
Public Utility Board Study Session  
February 26, 2025  
5:00 p.m.

Chair O'Loughlin called the Public Utility Board study session to order at 5:00 p.m. in the third-floor conference room (LT1) of the Public Utilities Administration Building.

**Present:** John O'Loughlin, Elly Claus-McGahan, Anita Gallagher

**Excused:** Carlos Watson, William Bridges

**Tacoma Water: Canyon Falls Creek Pump Station – Pipeline One Pressurization Program**

Alicia Flatt, Principal Engineer, highlighted elements of the Pipeline One Pressurization program, which includes the Canyon Falls Creek pump station, condition assessment, Hume Pipe and seismic upgrades, pressure reducing valve to provide upstream pressurization, and flow control facility to provide downstream pressurization. The project components of the Canyon Falls Creek pumpstation include the pump station, two new isolation valves, and modification of standpipes. Design of the pump station will take place in 2025 – 2026 and construction in 2026 – 2027. The budget is \$10M with \$3.5M being a low-interest loan secured from the Public Works Board. There were five respondents to the design-build RFQ with three finalists. The selected vendor's contract will be brought forward at a future Board meeting for consideration. Terry Forslund, Assistant Engineering Services Manager, then provided an update on governance, project approach, and framed how decisions are made.

**Board/Director Comments/Updates**

Joe Wilson, T&D Manager, provided updates on the recent outage at Tacoma General and on the windstorm response and restoration. At the peak of the windstorm, Tacoma Power had 3,000 customers out and all has been fully restored.

Chair O'Loughlin made positive remarks about his attendance at the Boys & Girls Club and Economic Development Board events.

### **Adjournment**

The study session was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Approved:



John O'Loughlin  
Chair



Elly Claus-McGahan  
Secretary