



APPROVED 8/27/25

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City of Tacoma  
Public Utility Board Study Session  
August 13, 2025  
4:00 p.m.

Chair O'Loughlin called the Public Utility Board study session to order at 4:00 p.m. in the third-floor conference room (LT1) of the Public Utilities Administration Building.

**Present:** John O'Loughlin, Elly Claus-McGahan, Devin Hampton, Anita Gallagher; William Bridges

Director Flowers shared that the TPU summer engineering interns held an engineering showcase earlier in the day. A 3D printed model of a distribution line created by intern Alex Rice was highlighted and shared with the Board.

**Budget Planning Tool Contract**

Michelle Rhubright, Power Budget and Financial Planning Manager shared that Workday Adaptive Planning is a cloud-based budgeting and reporting software that was implemented in Power in 2020. Features include integrated planning for O&M and FTE planning, cost shaping, line-item planning, audit trail, and version control. Benefits include centralized budget data, transparency and efficiency, and reduction in data errors. Benefits of renewing the existing contract will foster collaboration between TPU budget offices, limit change and system disruptions during SAP implementation, ensures consistency for staff in planning tools and processes, and provides time to evaluate opportunities for efficiencies and alternatives in the future. Board consideration for this contract increase will be requested at the August 27, 2025 Board meeting.

**UTS Temporary Staffing Contract**

Corey Bedient, Technology Manager, and Kalyan Kakani, UTS Manager, provided the information in this presentation. Staff will come to the August 27 Board meeting to seek approval to proceed with the MW Partners staff augmentation contract amendment. This contract provides flexibility to acquire additional resource capacity and specialized skills. Staff augmentation is an effective mitigation approach to address short-term, high-demand workloads without creating long-term FTE resource commitments. Mr. Bedient reviewed contract history, costs, timeline, and the breakdown of spending per UTS initiative.

### **Emergency Management Hazard Mitigation Plan Update**

Courtney Rose, Emergency Manager, and Lisa Millius, Sr. Emergency Management Analyst, presented the information in this presentation. The TPU Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) addendum identifies and prioritizes strategies to reduce or eliminate long-term risks from natural hazards. This planning effort enhances TPU's resilience, informs infrastructure investment decisions, and ensures continued eligibility for FEMA hazard mitigation and disaster recovery grants. The natural hazards assessed were earthquake, flood, landslide, tsunami, volcanic, and wildfire. Key features of the HMP and FEMA requirements were detailed. Project milestones and next steps were then outlined.

### **Board/Director Comments/Updates**

Christina Chew, Emergency Management Analyst, provided the Board with an update on the Bear Gulch fire, in the Lake Cushman area. No Tacoma Power infrastructure is in the path of the fire.

Chair O'Loughlin made positive remarks about attending T&D ground school, Economic Development Committee/Equity in Contracting interviews, and the Husky shore power celebration with the Port of Tacoma.

Board Member Gallagher made positive remarks about attending TPU Night at the Rainiers where \$1,315.00 was raised for the senior fund.

Engel Lee, Chief Deputy City Attorney, provided the Board with an update on legal office staffing changes.

Director Flowers informed the Board that the Council is still working on the PUB compensation issue.

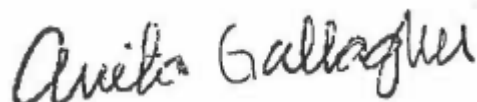
### **Adjournment**

The study session was adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Approved:



John O'Loughlin, Chair



Anita Gallagher, Secretary