

**CITY OF TULARE  
BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING MINUTES**

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**Tulare Public Library & Council Chamber  
491 North M Street, Tulare**

**Thursday, April 4, 2024  
4:00 p.m. - Regular Meeting**

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**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** President Ray Fonseca  
Vice President Tony Sozinho  
Commissioner Brian Nunes  
Commissioner Renee Soto  
Commissioner Blake Wilbur

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Marc Mondell; Assistant City Attorney Megan Crouch; Deputy City Clerk Maegan Peton; Public Works Director Trisha Whitfield; Chief Financial Officer Mark Roberts; Assistant Finance Director Melanie Gaboardi; City Engineer Michael Miller; Assistant Public Works Director Tim Doyle; Senior Management Analyst Andrew Bettencourt; Solid Waste Manager Art Avila; Projects Manager Michael Powers

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President Fonseca called the regular meeting of the Board of Public Utilities Commissioners to order at 4:01 p.m. in the Council Chamber located at 491 North M Street.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION**

Commissioner Wilbur led the Pledge of Allegiance and an invocation was given by Commissioner Soto.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**4. COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no communications.

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

It was moved by Commissioner Soto, seconded by Commissioner Wilbur, and unanimously carried that the items on the Consent Calendar be approved as presented.

**5.1 Special and/or Regular Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2024.**

**Recommended Action:** Approve as submitted. [M. Peton]

## 6. GENERAL BUSINESS

### 6.1 Waste Disposal Agreement with Tulare County.

**Recommended Action:** Approve and authorize the City Manager to sign a Waste Disposal Agreement between the City and the County of Tulare for a term of ten years commencing on July 1, 2024, subject to any minor conforming changes by the City Attorney's Office.

**Presented By:** Public Works Director Trisha Whitfield

**Public Comment:** None

**Board Action:** It was moved by President Fonseca, seconded by Vice President Sozinho, and unanimously carried to approve the item as presented.

### 6.2 Rehabilitation of Wells 33, 31, and 26 Project Change Order No. 3.

**Recommended Action:** Review and authorize the City Manager or designee to sign a contract change order No. 3 with Valley Pump & Dairy Systems, Inc. of Tulare, CA, in the amount of \$45,878.00 for the swage patch repair of 12 casing breaks in Well 26 and install concrete plug at bottom break of Well 31 and approve the revised budget.

**Presented By:** Assistant Public Works Director Tim Doyle

**Public Comment:** None

**Board Action:** It was moved by Commissioner Wilbur, seconded by Commissioner Nunes, and unanimously carried to approve the item as presented.

## 7. ITEMS OF INTEREST

Items of interest were discussed amongst the Board and staff.

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

President Fonseca adjourned the regular meeting at 4:22 p.m.

Approved by the Board on April 18, 2024.

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RAY FONSECA, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

MARC MONDELL, CITY CLERK

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By Maegan Peton, Deputy City Clerk