



Town of Reading Meeting Posting with Agenda

Board - Committee - Commission - Council:

RMLD Citizens Advisory Board

Date: 2023-07-20

Time: 5:30 PM

Building: Reading Municipal Light Building

Location: Winfred Spurr Audio Visual Room

Address: 230 Ash Street

Agenda:

Purpose: General Business

Meeting Called By: Vivek Soni, Chair

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All Meeting Postings must be submitted in typed format; handwritten notices will not be accepted.

Topics of Discussion:

ON MARCH 29, 2023, GOVERNOR HEALEY SIGNED INTO LAW A SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET BILL WHICH, AMONG OTHER THINGS, EXTENDS THE TEMPORARY PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO THE OPEN MEETING LAW TO MARCH 31, 2025.

THIS MEETING WILL HELD IN PERSON AND REMOTELY ON ZOOM.

FOR REMOTE AND/OR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Please email emorse@RMLD.com. Please include your full name, address, and phone number. Comments and questions will be monitored during the meeting.

1. Call Meeting to Order – V. Soni, Chair
2. Commissioner Vacancy – Interim Appointment Update –G. Phipps, General Manager
3. Approval of Citizens' Advisory Board Meeting Minutes (attachment 1) – V. Soni, Chair
Suggested Motion: Move that the RMLD Citizens' Advisory Board approve the September 15, 2022, open session meeting minutes, as presented, on the recommendation of the General Manager and the Board Secretary.
4. Reading Town Charter Review Committee Appointment Update (attachment 2)– G. Phipps, General Manager
5. Integrated Resources Report (attachment 3) – B. Bullock, Director of IRD

Battery Storage

Suggested Motion: Move that the Citizen's Advisory Board recommend that the Board of Commissioners vote to accept the General Manager's recommendation to contract with Citizen's Energy under an Energy Services Agreement for battery storage services connected to RMLD distribution network, as part of RMLD's peak load reduction program.

This Agenda has been prepared in advance and represents a listing of topics that the chair reasonably anticipates will be discussed at the meeting. However the agenda does not necessarily include all matters which may be taken up at this meeting.



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Rates

Suggested Motion: Move that the Citizens' Advisory Board recommend that the Board of Commissioners vote to accept the General Manager's recommendation to create the following MDPU rates effective for billings on or after August 1, 2023.

- 307 Economic Development Rate
- 308 Industrial Coincident Peak Rate

6. Approval of CY23 Capital Budget Increases (attachment 4)– G. Phipps, General Manager

Power Distribution Transformers

Suggested Motion: Move that the RMLD Citizens' Advisory Board recommend that the RMLD Board of Commissioners vote to approve an additional five (5) million dollar increase for power distribution transformers for the new Wilmington Substation Project, originally approved as project 105 page 63-64 of the CY23 Capital Budget, on the recommendation of the General Manager.

Two (2) Material Handler Trucks with Electric Drive PTO System

Suggested Motion: Move that the Citizens' Advisory Board recommend that the RMLD Board of Commissioners vote to approve an additional \$250,000 dollar increase to purchase two (2) materials handler trucks with electric drive PTO systems, instead of one (1) material handling truck and one (1) digger derrick, within the Rolling Stock Replacement Program, originally approved as Project 118, pages 27 and 28, of the CY23 Capital Budget upon the recommendation of the General Manager.

7. Personnel Report (attachment 5) – Sarah Harrington, Director of People Operations
8. General Manager's Report – G. Phipps, General Manager
9. Scheduling

Subsequent BoC Meetings

Thursday September 14, 2023, 7:30 PM - Proposed Change: Thursday Sept 28th, 2023.
Thursday October 19, 2023, 7:30 PM
Thursday November 16, 2023, 7:30 PM
Thursday December 14, 2023, 7:30 PM

Subsequent CAB Meetings

Thursday September 28, 2023, 5:30 PM - Proposed Change: Thursday Sept 28th, 2023.
Wednesday October 18, 2023, 5:30 PM
Thursday November 16, 2023, 5:30 PM
Thursday December 14, 2023, 5:30 PM

Future MEAM meetings

Wednesday September 20, 2023 (Open)
Wednesday November 15, 2023 (Open)



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10. Adjournment **ACTION ITEM**

Suggested Motion: Move that the RMLD Citizens' Advisory Board adjourn regular session. Note: Roll call vote required.

BOARD MATERIALS AVAILABLE BUT NOT DISCUSSED

Financials January – April and May 2023