



CITY OF BANNING STAFF REPORT

TO: CITY COUNCIL

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MEETING DATE: April 14, 2026

SUBJECT: Platinum Safety Award of Excellence for 2025 and the Reliable Public Power Provider (RP3)

RECOMMENDATION:

Presentation by City staff for the Platinum Safety Award of Excellence for 2025 and the Reliable Public Power Provider (RP3) - Platinum Designation for 2026 - 2029 by the American Public Power Association.

BACKGROUND:

The American Public Power Association's (APPA's) Safety Award of Excellence recognizes utilities with low incident rates and the overall state of their safety programs and culture each year. APPA's RP3 program recognizes utilities that demonstrate high proficiency in four disciplines: reliability, safety, workforce development and system improvement. Criteria within each of the four RP3 areas are based on sound business practices and recognized industry leading practices. All RP3 designations are valid for three years. Applications are reviewed by an 18-member panel of public power representatives nationwide.

JUSTIFICATION:

The City of Banning's Electric Utility (BEU's) has been awarded the Platinum Safety Award of Excellence for 2025 and the Reliable Public Power Provider (RP3) - Platinum Designation for 2026-2029 by the American Public Power Association.

BEU earned the Safety Award of Excellence Platinum designation for its safe operating practices in 2025. BEU is one of over 200 utilities that were recognized nationwide with this award.

BEU has also earned the Platinum designation for Reliable Public Power Provider (RP3) for providing reliable and safe electric service. BEU is only one of 258 public power utilities across the United States to receive this designation. The RP3 designation, which lasts for three years, recognizes public power utilities that demonstrate proficiency in four key disciplines: reliability, safety, workforce development, and system improvement. Criteria include sound business practices and a utility-wide commitment to safe and reliable delivery of electricity.

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A