



MEMORANDUM

EUGENE WATER & ELECTRIC BOARD



TO: Commissioners McRae, Barofsky, Schlossberg, Brown, and Carlson
 FROM: Frank Lawson, CEO & General Manager
 DATE: January 31, 2024 (February 6, 2024, Board Meeting)
 SUBJECT: EWEB/City of Eugene Joint Initiatives Agenda
 OBJECTIVE: Guidance, Potential Action (***Discussion moderated by the Board President***)

Issue

It is the Board’s desire to partner and exchange information with the City of Eugene on a variety of matters, including but not limited to EWEB’s role in decarbonization, resiliency, and emergency preparedness.

Commissioners wish to provide collective guidance to the Board President and Vice President, who as liaisons to the City of Eugene are to collaborate, collect, and disseminate information between City of Eugene leadership (Mayor, Council President, and Vice President) and the EWEB Board. At the February 6, 2024 meeting, Board members will have an opportunity to recommend and consider items for potential inclusion in the 2024 City of Eugene Liaison Agenda.

Background

Annually, the Board assigns liaison roles to individual Commissioners who will act as conduits for cooperating and exchanging information with other agencies or organizations. Accordingly, the Board agreed that the appropriate liaisons with City of Eugene leadership should be the Board President and Vice President. This year, Matt McRae and John Barofsky are Board President and Vice President, respectively, and will interact with City of Eugene leadership in this capacity.

Discussion

As liaisons, the Board President and Vice President wish to create an agenda (or roster) of subjects, issues, and/or opportunities (a.k.a. Agenda) to be discussed with City of Eugene leadership. Where appropriate, the Board shall agree, via Board vote, on positions or actions that may involve organizational resources or investments. At a minimum, the Agenda should contain a description, liaison role/action, and Board position, if applicable. Some examples are shown below for consideration.

City of Eugene Liaison Agenda

No.	Subject, Issue, Opportunity	Liaison Role*	Board Position
1	Quarterly Results	Share Noteworthy Information including EWEB’s CAP2.0 reporting metrics	(N/A)
2	Project(s) of Public Interest - E.40th Water Storage	Share Status, Solicit Support	(N/A)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - College Hill Water Storage - Hilyard Street Pipeline - Willamette Treatment Plant - Decommissioning Leaburg Hydroelectric Project - Smart Meter Deployment <p>(List Others)</p>		
3	<p>Programs of Public Interest and Potential Partnership; Examples including, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Resiliency - Energy Efficiency Assistance for Renters and Limited Income (ex. Weatherization, Requiring transparency into rental utility costs/Home Energy Scores) 	Share, Explore partnerships and opportunities to leverage federal funds	
4	<p>Potential Uses of Future EWEB Contribution in Lieu of Taxes (CILT) Increases</p> <p>Explore non-service delivery-based CILT exemption, e.g. Leaburg rate increases.</p>	Solicitation	EWEB desires the City to allocate a portion of future CILT increases to fund (or leverage additional funding) resources supporting items of mutual interest (e.g. rental property energy efficiency, EV charging infrastructure. How can EWEB engage and facilitate this interest?
5	Exploration of EWEB as billing agent for City of Eugene	Inquiry	Additional, non-code required, billing will require Board approval
6	Decarbonization	Share status, inquire about support	Reiterate that EWEB is a resource for information. How will Council solicit input from EWEB and other stakeholders?
5	(Additional Topics)		

*Potential Liaison Roles: share; solicit support, response, or action; inquire; communicate EWEB position; other...

Recommendation

Prior to the February 6, 2024 meeting, individual Commissioners should prepare to bring proposed items for inclusion in the City of Eugene Liaison Agenda, as described above, including description, liaison role, and proposed position. Commissioners should collectively develop and approve a City of Eugene Liaison Agenda at least annually prior to the first meeting with City of Eugene leadership. EWEB and City of Eugene staff are currently in communication regarding the first meeting of 2024.

Periodically, the EWEB liaison(s) shall report back to the Board the content and/or outcome(s) of the discussions with City leadership and shall propose revisions to the City of Eugene Liaison Agenda as applicable throughout the year.

Requested Board Action

Develop the City of Eugene Liaison Agenda (Formally approve the City of Eugene Liaison Agenda via the March 5, 2024 consent calendar)