

What does it mean to have a community-owned utility?

In Oregon, nearly three-quarters of utility customers are served by investor-owned utilities. But here in Eugene, we've always been a little different.

As Eugene's community-owned utility since 1911, EWEB stands apart from investor-owned utilities (IOUs) in ways that directly benefit you and our community. Unlike IOUs, which are driven by shareholder profits and dividends, EWEB operates on a not-for-profit model. We charge only what's necessary to run the utility, and any revenue beyond operating costs is reinvested in essential infrastructure, reliable services, and programs that support the community, such as energy efficiency rebates and bill assistance for limited-income customers.



INVESTOR-OWNED UTILITY

Granted a monopoly by state over specified service territory

Owned by stockholders

Operate as for-profit business

Rates include shareholder dividends



COMMUNITY-OWNED UTILITY

Governed by publicly-elected volunteer Board

Owned by customers

Operate on a not-for-profit basis

Rates are cost-based

Decisions about EWEB's rates, budget, and services are guided by a locally elected Board of Commissioners, ensuring accountability and representation for Eugene's diverse interests. The board consists of four commissioners representing specific geographic areas or "wards," and one at-large commissioner who represents all EWEB customers.

As an EWEB customer, you play an active role in shaping the future of your utility. Eugene residents elect commissioners at the ballot box and all customers have the opportunity to participate in the decision-making process by attending board meetings and engaging in public surveys and forums. Monthly public meetings invite customers to speak directly to commissioners during open comment periods. Learn more at eweb.org/Board.

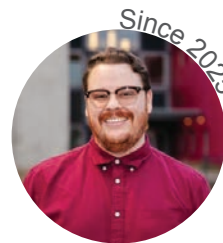
2025 residential rates

One of the key responsibilities of your elected Board of Commissioners is overseeing the utility's financial health, guiding spending decisions, and approving the utility's budget. In December, after months of public meetings and deliberation, Commissioners approved the 2025 budget and customer rate adjustments. For an average household using 1,600 kilowatt-hours of electricity and 9,000 gallons of water per month, rate increases will amount to less than \$1 per day. This includes an EWEB rate increase effective in February 2025, and a Bonneville Power Administration rate increase effective in October 2025. The \$490 million budget accounts for economy-wide inflation and funds essential projects to enhance the resiliency of Eugene's electricity and water systems. Learn more at eweb.org/RateInfo.

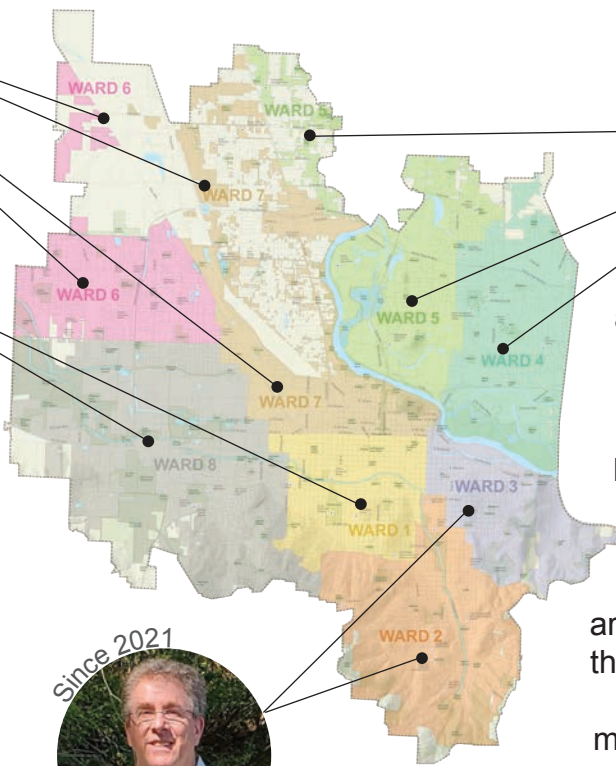
Your elected, volunteer Board of Commissioners



Sonya Carlson is the Executive Director of BRING, one of the nation's oldest non-profit recyclers. She also serves on Lane Council of Governments, Eugene Education Foundation, and the Legislative Committee for the Association of Oregon Recyclers. She is passionate about justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion, and is committed to advocating for vulnerable populations and low-income residents.



Tim Morris is the Executive Director of the Springfield Eugene Tenant Association, a nonprofit focused on assisting, educating, and empowering tenants in Lane County. In his career, Tim has worked in addiction recovery and homelessness prevention, and he formerly served on several budget committees, policy boards, and Oregon legislative work groups. As an EWEB Commissioner, Tim believes in sustainable power, reliable and drinkable water, and keeping affordability in mind with every single utility project.



John Brown has been a Eugene resident since 1950 and local business owner for more than 20 years. He also serves on several other boards including Willamette Family Services, the Eugene Police Foundation and the Public Lands Advisory Committee. John's primary area of interest is protection of the water supply. He has been involved with river issues for more than three decades, and is a strong advocate for clean water and healthy rivers.



John Barofsky has lived in Eugene since 1982 and is a local business owner. He has served on several boards and committees including the City of Eugene Budget Committee, City of Eugene Planning Commission, and the Eugene Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee and Board of Directors. His priorities are keeping rates low, protecting our watershed, and further development of a clean, carbon-free portfolio.



Mindy Schlossberg serves in the at-large position representing all EWEB customers. A speech language pathologist with Early Childhood CARES, Mindy has lived in Eugene for over 24 years. Her career includes nonprofit environmental organizations, and she volunteered for the Peace Corps as an environmental educator. Mindy aims to keep EWEB at the forefront of climate-friendly practices and believes affordability is key alongside conservation.