



MEMORANDUM

EUGENE WATER & ELECTRIC BOARD



TO: Commissioners Barofsky, Schlossberg, Brown, Carlson, and Morris
FROM: Frank Lawson, CEO & General Manager
DATE: January 29, 2025 (February 4, 2025, 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 4, 2025, meeting, Board members will have an opportunity to recommend and consider items for potential inclusion in the 2025 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 EWEB Board President and Vice President. This year, John Barofsky and Mindy Schlossberg 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	Share Status, Solicit Support	(N/A)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College Hill Water Storage • Willamette Treatment Plant • Decommissioning Leaburg Hydroelectric Project • (List Others) 		
3	EWEB's proposed update and changes to the Public Facilities Services Plan (PFSP) and/or other plans required for permitting and land-use changes supporting a second water treatment plant on the Willamette in Glenwood.	Solicit Support	EWEB is working closing with City of Springfield staff on these issues.
4	Programs of Public Interest and Potential Partnership; Examples including, but are not limited to: - Resiliency - Energy Efficiency Assistance for Renters and Limited Income (ex. Weatherization, Requiring transparency into rental utility costs/Home Energy Scores)	Share EWEB goals and direction, check for alignment.	
5	Exploration of EWEB as billing agent for City of Eugene	Inquiry	Additional, non-code required; billing will require Board approval
7	Fire Hydrant Ownership	Explore opportunity	Any changes require City Council and EWEB Board approval
8	Water Supply Master Plan	Share status	
9	Energy Supply Planning	Share status	
10	Rate Design, Customer pre-pay program	Share status	
11	(Additional Topics)		

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

Recommendation

Prior to the February 4, 2025, 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. The first meeting of 2025 will likely occur during the month of March.

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 4, 2025 consent calendar)