



MEMORANDUM

EUGENE WATER & ELECTRIC BOARD

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TO: Commissioners Barofsky, Schlossberg, Brown, Carlson, and Morris
FROM: Frank Lawson, CEO & General Manager
DATE: February 26, 2025 (March 4, 2025, Board Meeting)
SUBJECT: EWEB/City of Eugene Joint Initiatives Agenda
OBJECTIVE: Action

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.

During the February 4, 2025 Board Meeting, Commissioners discussed a slate of potential topics for the EWEB/City of Eugene Liaison Agenda. Periodically, the EWEB liaison(s) will 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.

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. Commissioners wish to provide collective guidance to the Liaisons who are to collaborate, collect, and disseminate information between City of Eugene leadership (Mayor, Council President, and Vice President) and the EWEB Board.

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.

During the February board meeting discussion, Commissioners acknowledged the limited time and frequency of the meetings with City Leadership. With this in mind, Commissioners agreed EWEB's agenda should primarily focus on three priority topics (the first three subjects listed, highlighted in **bold** text below), along with other topics that could be discussed or conveyed via written correspondence as desired.

Proposed City of Eugene Liaison Agenda

No.	Subject, Issue, Opportunity	Liaison Role*	Board Position
1	<p>Support for EWEB's proposed amendments to the City of Springfield Land Use Development Code and Glenwood Refinement Plan and/or other plans required for permitting and land-use changes necessary to allow construction of a second water treatment plant on the Willamette River in Glenwood.</p>	<p>Solicit support from the Eugene City Manager and Council Members. Support includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Informing constituents of the importance of this project, not just to Eugene, but also to the surrounding communities, including the City of Springfield. This project will provide an earthquake resilient water treatment plant capable of serving basic needs for Eugene after a natural disaster or other emergency and serve surrounding communities when their water sources are unavailable. 2. Attending key meetings, including work sessions, as part of the City of Springfield Land Use process to show solidarity and emphasize the importance of this project to the City of Eugene and EWEB as well as our commitment to partnership with the City of Springfield. 	<p>EWEB has been working closely with City of Springfield staff on these issues. We are progressing to the next phase of submitting applications for Code and Plan amendments as required. Support from the City of Eugene is necessary and appreciated.</p>
2	<p>Programs of Public Interest and Potential Partnership; Examples include, 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) 	<p>Share EWEB goals and direction, check for alignment.</p>	

3	Status of City Fire Fee; Exploration of EWEB as billing agent for City of Eugene	Inquiry/Assessment	Additional, non-code required; billing will require Board approval
4	Fire Hydrant Ownership	Explore/Assess opportunity	Pending analysis by EWEB Management; any changes require City Council and EWEB Board approval
5	Rate Design, Customer pre-pay program	Share status	
6	Quarterly Results	Share Noteworthy Information including EWEB's CAP2.0 reporting metrics. (Report is conveyed to City of Eugene in writing by EWEB staff)	(N/A)
7	Project(s) of Public Interest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College Hill Water Storage • Willamette Treatment Plant • Decommissioning Leaburg Hydroelectric Project • Other emerging issues as needed 	Share Status, Solicit Support	(N/A)
8	Water Supply Master Plan	Share status	
9	Energy Supply Planning (including BPA "Provider of Choice" Decision)	Share status	

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

Recommendation

Commissioners should collectively 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 take place April 1.

Requested Board Action

Approval of the City of Eugene Liaison Agenda.