

EWEB Board Consent Calendar Request

For Contract Awards, Renewals, and Increases

The Board is being asked to approve a new contract with **Wildish Building Company** for **Construction Services at Danebo Substation**.

Board Meeting Date:	March 4, 2025	
Project Name/Contract #:	Danebo Substation Foundation Construction / 25-015-PW	
Manager:	Tyler Nice	Ext. 7419
Executive Officer:	Karen Kelley	Ext. 7153

Contract Amount:

Original Contract Amount:	\$676,000
Additional \$ Previously Approved:	\$0
Spend over last approval:	\$0
Amount this Request:	\$676,000
% Increase over last approval:	NA
Resulting Cumulative Total:	\$676,000

Contracting Method:

Method of Solicitation:	Formal Invitation to Bid (ITB)
If applicable, basis for exemption:	NA
Term of Agreement:	Completion by August 30, 2025
Option to Renew?	No
Approval for purchases "as needed":	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Proposals/Bids Received (Range):	1 - \$ 676,000
Selection Basis:	Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder
Narrative:	

Operational Requirement and Alignment with Strategic Plan

EWEB plans to begin rebuilding Jessen Substation in 2026. Early load studies found that EWEB's distribution could not support backfeeding Jessen in its current state. The chosen solution was to reconfigure the 115kV bus at Danebo substation and replace one of the transformers to support this work. Work was already planned to replace one of the switchgear buildings at Danebo, so EWEB took the opportunity to combine this work into a single project to reduce overall cost and outage duration. The planned reconfiguration will provide EWEB with enhanced reliability options that will last well beyond the Jessen rebuild and will be beneficial to customers' service reliability and EWEB's future capital plans. Because of the nature of this project there is significant subgrade and foundation work that needs to be completed, which is the purpose of this contract.

Contracted Goods or Services

The contractor will be responsible for the following work:

- Remove foundations and conduit for equipment no longer in use
- Construct new foundations for the following equipment:

- 33 MVA station transformer
- Control house
- 115kV breaker
- 115kV disconnect switch
- Bus support structures (2)
- 115kV instrument transformer stand
- Install conduit to new foundation locations as required
- Backfill station surface rock with specialized aggregate for substation use in areas disturbed by demo and construction work

Purchasing Process

On January 23, 2025, EWEB posted a formal ITB on the state of Oregon bid site, OregonBuys, as well as advertised in the Portland Daily Journal of Commerce. Two bids were received from Wildish Building Company, Eugene, OR and Higher Ground Line Company of Eugene, OR. Higher Ground’s bid was non-responsive as they failed to include a bid bond in time. Wildish Building Company provided a responsive and responsible bid. If approved, Wildish Building Company will provide construction services, as specified in the solicitation documents.

Proposals/Bids Received

Vendor Name	City, State	Offered Price	Ranking (for RFPs)
Wildish Building Company	Eugene, OR	\$676,000	NA
Higher Ground Line Company	Eugene, OR	\$665,686	NA

Competitive Fair Price

EWEB sent notification of the bid directly to 15 companies who had participated in or expressed interest in substation construction work. One company decided not to bid as the scope of work did not require enough electrical work to match their core skills. Another stated that they had not been able to put a bid together in a timely enough fashion, even with the bid being extended an extra week. Another company stated that they felt they would not be as competitively priced as more local companies. A fourth company could not meet the minimum qualification regarding safety training. A fifth stated that they were looking for more water bearing structural projects. The remaining firms did not express interest.

Prior Contract Activities

EWEB Contract	Project Name (Description)	Board Approved	Project Duration (Start to Close)	Original Amount	Approved/Amended Amount to Date (Total)	Reason Code
22-060	Polk St Water Main Replacement	6/7/22	6/7/22-12/15/22	\$900,000	\$920,779	UC
22-107	Glenwood Site Access Road	8/2/22	8/8/23-11/15/22	\$261,000	\$233,449	
22-141	8 th Ave Water Main Replacement	9/6/22	9/7/23-1/15/23	\$396,000	\$428,428	UC

Reason Code: AM = Additional Materials, AW = Additional Work, EW= Emergency Work, SD = Staff Directed, UC = Unforeseen Conditions, Other

ACTION REQUESTED:

Management requests the Board approve a contract with Wildish Building Company for construction services at Danebo Substation. Funds for this contract are accounted for in the 2025 Capital Plan of \$77.8 million. Variances will be managed within the budget process and Board policy.

BUDGET CATEGORY: Electric Capital, Type 1, Danebo Substation



MEMORANDUM

EUGENE WATER & ELECTRIC BOARD



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.