



MEMORANDUM

EUGENE WATER & ELECTRIC BOARD

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TO: Commissioners Carlson, Barofsky, McRae, Schlossberg, and Brown
FROM: Kelly Hoell, Climate Policy Analyst & Advisor
DATE: August 24, 2023 (Sept 5, 2023, Regular Board Meeting)
SUBJECT: Launch of EWEB's Climate Guidebook, v1.1
OBJECTIVE: Information

Issue

EWEB's Climate Guidebook, v1.1 will launch on EWEB's website no later than Tuesday September 5, 2023.

Background

At the January 3, 2023, Regular Board Meeting, EWEB staff introduced the concept of EWEB's Climate Guidebook.

At the Feb 7, 2023, Regular Board Meeting, EWEB staff introduced a set of draft principles meant to define the general direction EWEB seeks to move on three topics that relate to climate change for inclusion in v1.0 of Guidebook. The three topics included: EWEB's Carbon Policy & GHG Reduction Principles, EWEB's Distributed Generation Principles, and EWEB's Green Hydrogen Principles.

At the March 7, 2023, Regular Board Meeting, EWEB staff introduced the full content of v1.0 of the Climate Guidebook to the Board of Commissioners. Content was presented in two parts: Part 1 included an overview of the format and structure of the Guidebook content and Part 2 included a deeper dive into the results of EWEB's 2021 and 2022 greenhouse gas inventory results and reporting on EWEB's commitments within Eugene's Climate Action Plan 2.0 (CAP2.0). Version 1.0 of the Guidebook as presented in March 2023, included feedback received from initial public outreach to eleven (11) public and non-profit community organizations as well as revised content to the Principles, based on public comment and Commissioner feedback from the February Board meeting.

Discussion

This correspondence is to alert the Board of Commissioners that v1.1 of EWEB's Climate Guidebook will go live on EWEB's website no later than Tuesday September 5, 2023. We are launching the resource in an easy-to-access HTML format on our website so readers can jump around to the sections of content most applicable to their interests (encyclopedia style), in addition to being available for download as a full PDF.

Since the first version (v1.0) was presented to the Board in March 2023, content has been added. To distinguish between the two versions, the current content is described as Version 1.1 (v1.1).

Significant changes/additions included in v1.1:

- Chapter 2 Climate Policy: updated language, additional regional initiatives added, changes to Local Eugene Initiatives section, call out boxes about “*Why does this matter to EWEB?*” added throughout the chapter.
- Chapter 3 Power Supply & Transmission: updated language and links to represent the completion of the 2023 IRP.
- Chapter 5 Climate Impacts on EWEB – Resiliency & Adaptation: updated language about EWEB’s 2023 adopted Wildfire Mitigation Plan and map of emergency water stations added.
- Chapter 6 EWEB Internal Operations GHG Reductions: additional detail about EWEB’s internal GHG inventory for 2021 and 2022 added.
- Appendix A: Glossary: Terms added to glossary.
- Appendix B: EWEB’s Climate Change Policy (SD15): Links and Relevant Resources section was expanded to include connections to all Board meetings and work sessions where this policy was discussed.
- Appendix C: EWEB’s Resiliency Policy (SD22): This appendix was added as this policy was passed in August 2023.
- Appendix D: EWEB’s Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Policy (SD23): This appendix was added as this policy has been discussed several times throughout 2023 and is expected to be passed no later than December 2023.
- Appendix E: EWEB’s Carbon Intensity Guidance: This appendix was finalized since v1.0 and includes sections covering the challenges of the existing policy context for GHG reporting, common protocols, and resources for GHG reporting (including the World Resources Institute, The Climate Registry, and CDP), and relevant emissions factors for EWEB customers.
- Appendix F: EWEB’s Role in City of Eugene’s CAP2.0: Graphics were updated under B10 EWEB Energy Efficiency Initiatives to use the Northwest Power Pool Non-Baseload Emissions Factor in Figure 40, Content was added to B11 Limited Income Programs.

Recommendation

None.

Requested Board Action

Please read and use the Guidebook as a resource to answer constituent questions or understand EWEB’s approach to Climate Change. Please provide feedback and/or requests for future content to EWEB’s Climate Policy Analyst & Advisor via General Manager Lawson.