



MEMORANDUM

EUGENE WATER & ELECTRIC BOARD

Rely on us.

TO: Commissioners Mital, Simpson, Helgeson, Manning and Brown
FROM: Steve Newcomb, Environmental Manager and Suzanne Adkins, Environmental Supervisor
DATE: December 16, 2015
SUBJECT: Revised Environmental Policy (SD2), Resolution No. 1530
OBJECTIVE: Board Action

Issue

As part of the regular cycle of policy revisions, we reviewed the Environmental Policy to make any necessary updates. The Environmental Policy (SD2) has not been reviewed/updated since 2005. The attached resolution for Board action recommends adoption of a revised SD2.

Background and Discussion

The environmental policy was originally adopted in 1997 and updated in 2005. In making the revisions to EWEB's policy, we conducted outreach and research from a wide range of organizations ranging from our regional neighbors such as PGE and Seattle City Light, to progressive businesses with big ideas about environmental stewardship like Disney and Rockwell Automation.

The result is a simple, comprehensive, and hopefully powerful statement about EWEB's environmental policy, and incorporates statements that tie together EWEB's efforts related to greenhouse gas and waste reduction goals, and Sustainability.

Recommendation

Adopt Board Resolution No. 1530 which includes the following:

Attachments include the original and the revised Environmental Policy (SD 2)

Requested Board Action

Review and agree to pass Board Resolution No. 1530.

Policy Number: SD2
Policy Type: Strategic Direction
Policy Title: Environmental Policy
Effective Date: January 6, 2016

EWEB strives to establish a positive environmental legacy for the community we serve and for future generations. In doing so, we are committed to minimizing overall impact on the environment while encouraging environmentally responsible behavior within our own operations.

We will identify, measure and understand the direct and indirect impact of our operations and develop innovative and realistic solutions for mitigating those impacts. We will comply with, and in some cases exceed environmental laws and regulations. Finally, EWEB is committed to communicating regularly its progress in implementing the policies and achieving the targets that it has established as well as continually improving our environmental programs.

Environmental Focus Areas

Compliance

We comply with all applicable environmental laws, regulations, and company procedures. We perform internal audits to confirm compliance with environmental laws governing our operations.

Environmental Planning

We employ a triple bottom line decision-making approach that considers environmental, social and economic impacts.

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction

We will reduce harmful GHG emissions by identifying the sources and implementing solutions, including source elimination, efficiency improvement, minimizing transportation and other fuels, and increasing the use of clean and renewable fuels.

Waste Minimization

We will minimize waste in our operations and business activities and will incorporate waste reduction into all activities; reducing waste through innovative supply chain management, and end-of-life recycling.

Water and Energy Conservation

We will improve water and energy efficiencies in existing operations and invest in new technologies and systems that enhance water and energy conservation. We will include water and energy management as an integral part of planning for future projects to reduce the consumption of water and energy.

Watershed Protection

We protect EWEBs drinking water supply with programs to measure the balance between watershed health and human use over time, and to implement actions, which maintain a healthy balance for production of exceptional water quality.

Natural & Cultural Resource Protection

We protect the lands, waters and ecosystems entrusted to our care which provide habitat for native fish and wildlife, clean water, healthy soils and recreational opportunities.

Transportation

We will adopt reasonable, environmentally friendly transportation solutions to limit emissions from utility-owned and personal vehicles.

Employee Education

We continue to shape environmental awareness and behaviors by helping our employees understand their role in meeting our environmental objectives.

Inspire Action

We engage and inspire employees, customers, and partnering agencies to make positive impacts on the environment.

Source: Board Approved 11/04/1997, Ratified 04/19/2005, Revised 01/05/16
Resolution No. 1530.

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Effective Date: April 19, 2005

EWEB takes responsibility for the environmental consequences of our actions. The Board believes that environmental protection and enhancement are sound business practices that are beneficial to the economy, our community, that support a sustainable future for our world and that enhance EWEB's success as a publicly owned utility. EWEB conducts business in an environmentally sensitive and responsible manner while providing our customers with safe, reliable and responsive utility service. We are committed to innovative, cost effective approaches to environmental challenges, to integration of environmental considerations in all aspects of our activities, and to continual improvement of our efforts to protect and enhance the environment.

The objectives for EWEB's environmental commitment are to:

- Prevent, minimize, or mitigate the environmental impacts of EWEB's products and services.
- Meet or exceed compliance with the letter and spirit of applicable environmental statutes, regulations and standards.
- Actively support our customers with technical and financial assistance to improve their efficient use of energy and water.
- Strive to provide resources that are renewable, sustainable, and have minimal environmental impact to meet our customer's needs.
- Safeguard human health in the conduct of our business.
- Focus on pollution prevention throughout EWEB's facilities and operations.
- Recycle and reuse materials to reduce waste generated by EWEB's activities.
- Foster stewardship of the McKenzie River watershed resources to ensure sustainable watershed health.

Source: Board Approved 11/04/1997, Ratified 04/19/2005

**RESOLUTION NO. 1530
JANUARY 2016**

**EUGENE WATER & ELECTRIC BOARD
RESOLUTION APPROVING BOARD POLICY SD2 MODIFICATIONS**

WHEREAS, the Eugene Water & Electric Board (EWEB) maintains a Board Policy Manual that contains governing policies for the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners periodically reviews said policies and identifies required modifications or amendments to those policies; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners periodically determines that new policy is required to adequately document the work or intention of the Board with regard to governance, Board-staff linkage, strategic direction or executive limitations; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has reviewed a modification to Board Policy SD 2, Environmental Policy and has determined that the modification is appropriate and necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Eugene Water & Electric Board that:

1. The Board of Commissioners hereby grants approval to the modification of SD2 which will be reflected in updated Board Policies.

DATED this 5th day of January 2016.

THE CITY OF EUGENE, OREGON
Acting by and through the
Eugene Water & Electric Board

Acting President

I, ANNE M. KAH the duly appointed, qualified, and acting Assistant Secretary of the Eugene Water & Electric Board, do hereby certify that the above is a true and exact copy of the Resolution adopted by the Board at its January 5, 2016 Regular Board Meeting.

Assistant Secretary