

**EUGENE WATER & ELECTRIC BOARD
UPRIVER PRESENTATION SESSION
MCKENZIE FIRE & RESCUE TRAINING CENTER
42870 MCKENZIE HIGHWAY
September 19, 2017
6:30 P.M.**

Commissioners Present: Dick Helgeson, President; John Brown, Vice President; Sonya Carlson, Commissioner

Absent: Steve Mital, John Simpson, Commissioners

Others Present: Patty Boyle, Principal Project Manager; Frank Lawson, General Manager; Lisa McLaughlin, Environmental Supervisor; Karl Morgenstern, Environmental Supervisor; Tyler Nice, Systems Engineering Supervisor, Julie Nuttall, Vegetation Management Supervisor; Philip Peterson, Senior Engineer; Mark Zinniker, Generation Engineering Supervisor

President Helgeson welcomed everyone.

Carmen Smith Relicensing Update & Emergency Preparedness

Ms. Boyle and Mr. Zinniker offered an update and Power Point presentation on Carmen Smith relicensing and emergency preparedness.

Holden Creek & Thurston Substation Project Update

Mr. Nice and Mr. Peterson offered an update and Power Point presentation on the Holden Creek and Thurston Substation Project.

Leaburg Lake Silt Management Strategy

Ms. McLaughlin offered a report and Power Point presentation on Leaburg Lake silt management.

Lower McKenzie River Flows during Salmon Season

Mr. Lawson offered a report and Power Point presentation on lower McKenzie flows during salmon season.

Hazardous Spill Response

Mr. Morgenstern offered a report and Power Point presentation on hazardous spill response.

Tree Trimming

Ms. Nuttall offered a report and Power Point presentation on tree trimming.

General Question and Answer Session

An audience member expressed concern with the Walterville Canal, as it leaks onto their property. They also said within the last 20 years, there has been little to no maintenance on the canal.

Mr. Zinniker said that budgets are in place for canal maintenance moving forward. He added that due to the climate, there was a small window each year in which construction or maintenance could be done.

An audience member asked the Board and General Manager to allocate funds for maintenance of the Walterville Canal.

Vice President Brown acknowledged the need for action on this issue, and thanked the audience member for bringing it to EWEB's attention.

An audience member asked how long the license on Carmen Smith was issued for.

Ms. Boyle replied that she anticipated the license would be for 40 years.

An audience member asked how fish passage was being addressed at Trail Bridge.

Ms. Boyle responded they were implementing a trap and haul system at Trail Bridge.

An audience member expressed concern with EWEB patterning their facilities after Cougar Reservoir, because they believed the latter reservoir was dysfunctional.

An audience member wondered if there was an issue with contaminants in the silt deposited above Leaburg Dam.

Ms. McLaughlin reported that a 2015 broad-spectrum analysis was performed on the silt, no incompliant contaminant levels were found.

An audience member asked how lake levels were managed during the rainy season.

Ms. McLaughlin replied that the level of the lake is kept constant regardless of incoming flow.

An audience member thanked EWEB for their attention to keeping Chinook salmon out of the Walterville canal.

An audience member asked that the McKenzie River folk be represented on the EWEB Board.

Vice President Brown reminded the audience member that 6% of their rates go to the City of Eugene. He assured the audience member had the support and representation of the Board and the utility itself.

Conclusion

President Helgeson called the Upriver Presentation Session to a close at 8:01 p.m.

Assistant Secretary

President