

## **EWEB to hold session about site, Published: January 15, 2008 – The Register Guard**

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The Eugene Water & Electric Board will hold an informational meeting Thursday about the new operations complex it hopes to build along Roosevelt Boulevard in west Eugene.

The session will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., in EWEB's North Building, 500 E. Fourth Ave. EWEB and Pivot Architecture staff architects will be on hand to explain the project, answer questions and present preliminary drawings.

The proposed Roosevelt Operations Center will include a main electric and water operations center, a warehouse, a vehicle shop, covered vehicle storage and a materials storage yard. Administrative and customer service functions will remain at EWEB's existing headquarters along the Willamette River near downtown Eugene.

EWEB's elected commissioners have approved a budget of \$83.5 million for the project. The impact on the typical residential customer's combined electric and water rates is about \$64 a year, with the rate increases phased in over the next three or four years.

The new facility is expected to qualify as a "LEED Gold" standard of sustainability as measured by the U.S. Green Building Council.

Next month, EWEB commissioners and the Eugene City Council will be asked on Feb. 5 and Feb. 25, respectively, to pass resolutions authorizing the issuance of bonds to finance the construction. The bonds will be repaid with electric and water revenues.

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