



# MEMORANDUM

EUGENE WATER & ELECTRIC BOARD



TO: Commissioners Helgeson, Brown, Mital, Simpson, and Carlson  
FROM: Sue Fahey, Chief Financial Officer; Sarah Gorsegner, Purchasing & Warehouse Supervisor  
DATE: April 21, 2017  
SUBJECT: Update to EWEB's Public Contracting Rule 2-0150 and Board Policy EL2, Purchasing Controls  
OBJECTIVE: Board Direction

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## Issue

The Board and Management have requested review and clarification of the contract approval processes. As part of that process, Management is recommending updates to EWEB's Public Contracting Rule 02-150 and Board Policy EL2.

## Background

The Board is the Local Contract Review Board as required under ORS279A.060. Board Policy (EL2) and EWEB Contracting Rules (2-0150) provide direction to the Board and staff for Board approval requirements and exemptions.

The last time that the rules were reviewed and approved by the Board was summer 2013 and revisions were approved August 6, 2013 (Resolution 1320). Staff has found that not all provisions were revised as stated in Resolution 1320. The attached drafts are based on the last Board approved language for EL2 and EWEB Contracting Rule 2-0150.

## Discussion

### EWEB Public Contracting Rules and Board Purchasing Controls Policy Update

Management is recommending updates to the Rules and Policies to clarify and streamline approval processes. The key revisions are outlined in the table below, with drafts attached for review.

Applicable Rule	Recommended Revision	Previous
EL2 (1), EWEB Rule 2-0150 (1)	Makes the threshold consistent for all Purchasing contracts at \$150,000.	Construction Services approved by the Board at \$100,000 or above
EWEB Rule 2-0150 (4)(c); EL2 (4)(c), revision will be revised to item 3 for both documents	For cooperative procurements above \$150,000, the Board will approve contracts that EWEB is eligible to use.	Purchases were exempt from Board approval. Specified which cooperative agency EWEB was authorized to use.

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EWEB Rule 2-0150 (4)(a), EL2 (4)(a); revision will be item (5)(a) for both documents	For contracts that are solicited and approved by the Board in 5 year terms, removes redundancy for additional annual review. Only appointed consultants retained beyond the 5 year term would be brought to the Board.	Retained professionals reported annually.
EL2 (6)	Clarifies which contracts are subject to Board Approval.	Non-purchasing and exempt contracts were not clarified by Policy.

Exhibit A: Redlined existing EWEB Contracting Rule 2-0150

Exhibit B: Proposed revised EWEB Contracting Rule 2-0150

Exhibit C: Redlined existing Board Approved EL2

Exhibit D: Proposed revised Board Approved EL2

**Recommendation/Requested Board Action**

Management is requesting Board feedback on the proposed revisions. The policies are scheduled to be approved at the June 6, 2017 Board meeting.

 <b>Public Contracting Rules</b>	Adopted: 1/4/2005 Effective: 3/1/2005
<b>GENERAL PROVISIONS</b>	Revised: <u>2/35/2</u> /2017 Approved: _____

## Division 2: Authority; General Provisions; Protests and Remedies

### 2-0150 Board Approval Thresholds

(1) The Board shall have the sole authority to approve award of all contracts for Goods, Services, Personal Services, Construction, and Equipment that meet or exceed \$150,000.~~the following thresholds:~~

~~— Purchase of all Goods, Services, Personal Services and Equipment: \$150,000 or greater  
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(2) The Board shall have the sole authority to approve all change orders to Board awarded contracts that cause the contract to exceed 25 percent of the last Board approved amount. The Board shall also have the sole authority to approve any change orders where the change order would cause the contract to exceed the Board approval thresholds, as provided in (1) of this rule.

~~(3) The Board shall provide Authorization to Use Cooperative Procurement Contracts when purchases exceed \$150,000.~~

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~~Notification to the Board of the proposed contract(s) shall initially be given to the General Manager as soon as practical. At a minimum, the notification shall include:~~

~~The name of the Leadership Team Manager,  
 The name of the proposed contractor,  
 That the Leadership Team Manager and proposed contractor are immediate family members,  
 A description of the proposed work,  
 Staff's findings,  
 The estimated potential cost of the contract, and  
 The contract term.~~

~~The General Manager will provide the information to the Board at his or her earliest convenience, by whatever means he or she determines to be most appropriate.~~

~~"Immediate Family Member," as used in this rule, means any spouse, domestic partner, child, sibling (of any kind, including in-law), parent (including in-law), or grandchild.~~

(5) This rule does not apply to the following procurements:

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b. Required **sole-source/single seller** contracts, which includes the following:

- Governmentally required taxes, fees, permits and payments;
- Software licenses, upgrades, and fees;
- Equipment and software maintenance ~~agreements; and~~
- ~~Commonly used~~ Financial reporting and credit agencies selected because of their unique, reliable reporting capabilities, ~~and~~
- ~~Other sole-source contracts required to meet governmental requirements, required to maintain existing software and equipment, or in which EWEB has no choice, but to use to maintain business operations.~~

c. ~~Cooperative Procurement Contracts established for multiple-agency use by:~~  
State of Oregon,  
State of Washington  
Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA),  
U.S. Communities,  
The federal General Services Administration, or  
Other governmental entity that is legally sufficient for EWEB's use.

d. ~~Board approved price agreements that specifically identify the contract as a price agreement and the purchases as being made on an "as needed" basis for the life of the contract (e.g. the purchase of stores items "as needed" to perform the utility's regular work).~~


This exception from Board approval does not apply to any contract(s) as set forth in section 34, above.

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~~Application of exception 4 above is at the sole judgment and discretion of the Purchasing Manager and shall only be applied to required single seller/sole-source contracts.~~

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Proposed EL2 Language

**Policy Number:** EL2  
**Policy Type:** Executive Limitations  
**Policy Title:** Purchasing Controls  
**Effective Date:** August 6, 2013; Proposed May 2, 2017

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