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News for our business customers



EWEB continues 2026 budget and rate-setting process

EWEB's elected Board of Commissioners recently reviewed proposed rate changes intended to help maintain reliable utility services and support essential investments in Eugene's water and electric infrastructure. The 2026 budget proposal includes the following rate adjustments:

SMALL GENERAL SERVICE CUSTOMERS

Up to 30 kilowatts (kW) per month

Electric: +1.4% Water: +6.7%

MEDIUM GENERAL SERVICE CUSTOMERS

31-500 kilowatts (kW) per month

Electric: +3.2% Water: +6.7%

LARGE GENERAL SERVICE CUSTOMERS

501-10,000 kilowatts (kW) per month

Electric: +2.3% Water: +6.7%

PUBLIC PROCESS

Because EWEB is customer-owned, utility rate-setting and other business is conducted in open public meetings. To watch monthly Board meetings, provide public comment, or contact your elected Commissioner, visit eweb.org/Board.

Learn more about your rates and where your dollars at eweb.org/RateInfo.

CAREFUL PLANNING IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

The costs of delivering water and electricity are rising due to inflation, evolving regulations, and the urgent need to upgrade aging infrastructure. These investments are not optional—they are critical to protecting public health, ensuring community safety, and supporting a resilient local economy.

At the same time, **we must consider what our community can realistically afford**. To reduce pressure on future rates, we're actively seeking savings, improving efficiency, and postponing some planned projects.

Some projects are too important—or carry too much risk—to delay. In making these decisions, we consider not only system performance and failure risk, but also public health and safety, regulatory requirements, environmental impacts, community resilience goals, and long-term cost avoidance.

With these factors in mind, we plan to continue investing in:



Supporting future needs and mitigating seismic and wildfire risks

- Critical substation and electric infrastructure upgrades
- Carmen-Smith hydroelectric project relicensing
- Decommissioning the obsolete Leaburg hydroelectric facility



Meeting Oregon Resilience Plan long-term safety and reliability goals

- Targeted water pipeline replacements
- Planning for a second water source on the Willamette River
- Replacing College Hill Reservoir with seismically resilient tanks