



MEMORANDUM

EUGENE WATER & ELECTRIC BOARD

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TO: Commissioners Brown, Carlson, Mital, Simpson and Helgeson and Frank Lawson, General Manager

FROM: Jeannine Parisi, Customer Relationship Manager; Rachael Chilton, Communications Specialist; Holly Shugart, Administrative Assistant and Anne Kah, Executive Assistant

DATE: June 28, 2018

SUBJECT: Record of Decision: Discretionary Education Sponsorships

The following operational decision(s) are hereby formalized and communicated. A Record of Decision is a tool to communicate, within EWEB and/or the Board of Commissioners, decisions that management may make that could have public interest.

RECORD OF DECISION

Title: Discretionary Education Funding

Background: Budget authority for education grants and intergovernmental agreements is board directed and is budgeted in Department 144, Communications, Marketing & Research. The effects of this Record of Decision will not result in any changes to the board directed funding provided directly to school districts.

Distinct from board directed funding as described above, Department 144 holds a discretionary budget for STEM related activities. As of June 2018, the current year's commitments include Salmon Watch, Electrathon Blast/Kilowatt Classic, South Eugene Robotics team, FWEE Hydro Academy @ Rocky Reach Dam, BRING (1 yr. contract), and the Solar Challenge (supported through Greenpower contributions).

Decision: The above discretionary commitments will be honored in 2018. In future years, EWEB will continue to fund the Salmon Watch program through the Department 144 discretionary education budget and the Solar Challenge will be funded through Greenpower.

All new requests for recurring, multi-district sponsorships will be vetted with the General Manager, and added to this Record of Decision if approved. The budgetary source will be determined on a case by case basis.

One-time requests for educational sponsorships will be managed through the community investment application process. The General Manager's Office will evaluate the events by their STEM merits and the reach of their benefits to multiple school districts. In accordance with the strategic plan, we will focus our efforts on maximizing the broadest benefits of our services for all customers; activities that are specific to a particular school rather than providing a broad benefit will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis through the community investment review process. Approved requests will be funded by the discretionary community investment budget which is held in Department 110, General Manager.

Decision/Effective Date: June 12, 2018

Expected Impact: Future funding levels for discretionary education spending may vary, and for the most part, will be financed through the General Manager's budget.

Method of Implementation: Record of Decision

Decision Maker(s): General Manager