



# MEMORANDUM

EUGENE WATER & ELECTRIC BOARD



TO: Commissioners Schlossberg, Brown, Carlson, Barofsky and McRae

FROM: Rod Price, Assistant General Manager; Karl Morgenstern, Watershed Recovery Program Manager

DATE: April 21, 2021

SUBJECT: FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Authorization

OBJECTIVE: Board Action

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### Issue

This is a consent calendar item to approve a “Designation of Agent” resolution required as part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant application process.

### Background

Damage to the McKenzie River Watershed from the Holiday Farm fire was extensive and will require significant, on-going investment to mitigate long-term impacts to drinking water quality. In response to the fire, the EWEB Board of Commissioners allocated over \$1M for emergency actions and approved a watershed recovery surcharge to be collected on water customers’ bills for on-going monitoring and restoration efforts.

In addition to EWEB investments, staff is actively pursuing outside resources to support watershed recovery. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is one likely source of funding for long-term recovery and resiliency projects. After the recent fires throughout Oregon, FEMA announced millions in available funding through its Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). EWEB and its partners submitted three Letters of Interest for the HMGP grants, all of which were accepted to move forward as full applications.

### Discussion

The table below is a brief description of each FEMA grant proposal. If approved for funding, FEMA will reimburse the applicant for up to 75% of eligible project costs.

FEMA HMPG Proposal	Description	Project Cost
Watershed Fire Recovery & Restoration	Continue site-specific restoration on high priority private properties via Pure Water Partnership	\$411,000
Middle McKenzie Floodplain Restoration Planning/Design	Plan/design large-scale floodplain restoration projects on private properties located in the floodway acquired or placed under conservation easements.	\$680,000

Floodplain Restoration Implementation	Conduct floodplain restoration activities at Finn Rock property (210 acres owned by McKenzie River Trust) and 120 acres of Quartz Creek floodplain to reduce flood risk and protect water quality.	\$3,948,000
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As part of the grant application process, FEMA requires the governing body of the public agency requesting funds to authorize an ‘agent’ to execute all forms and documents associated with the grant request on behalf of the public agency. This authorization is codified by resolution and a form documenting the resolution must be included with the grant application (see attachment A).

**Recommendation**

The deadline for the first round of FEMA grant applications is May 28, 2021. The EWEB Board is asked to authorize Rod Price as EWEB’s agent for purposes of the HMPG application process, thereby allowing EWEB to submit for FEMA grant funding as planned.

**Requested Board Action**

Approve resolution designating Rod Price as EWEB’s agent for the watershed recovery HMGP applications.

# DESIGNATION OF AGENT

## RESOLUTION

**BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Commissioners OF the Eugene Water & Electric Board  
(Governing Body) (Public Entity)

**THAT Rod Price, Assistant General Manager**  
(Name) (Title)

is hereby authorized to execute for and in behalf of

the Eugene Water & Electric Board,

a public entity established under the laws of the Oregon, all required forms and documents for the purpose of obtaining financial assistance for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), or Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Post Fire (HMGP-PF), or the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program under the Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018 (DRRA) or the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) program, as pertains to federal mitigation grant programs indicated below (check all that apply):

HMGP     HMGP-PF     BRIC     FMA

Passed and approved this 4th day of May, 2021.

### CERTIFICATION

I, Mindy Schlossberg, duly appointed and President  
(Name) (Title)

of Eugene Water & Electric Board, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of  
(Public Entity)

a resolution passed and approved by the Board of Commissioners  
(Governing Body)

of the Eugene Water & Electric Board on the 4th day of May, 2021.

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(Signature)

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(Date)