



MEMORANDUM

EUGENE WATER & ELECTRIC BOARD



TO: Commissioners Brown, Carlson, Barofsky, McRae and Schlossberg
FROM: Rodney Price, Assistant General Manager
DATE: February 1, 2022
SUBJECT: FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Authorization Updated
OBJECTIVE: Board Action

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 ongoing funding for emergency actions and approved watershed recovery efforts.

In addition to EWEB investments, staff is actively pursuing outside resources to support watershed recovery, and other relevant resiliency and/or infrastructure projects. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is one of several likely sources of funding for long-term recovery and resiliency projects. Other funding sources are Oregon Emergency Management, Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), USFS and Bonneville Power Administration. In April, the Board should expect a Correspondence memo on EWEB’s process for evaluating additional government funding options and project priorities.

Discussion

Below is a brief listing of planned FEMA grant proposal funding we are pursuing in 2022 and the breakdown of funding sources to satisfy the FEMA 25% non-federal match requirement.

Floodplain Restoration Project work at Quartz and Finn Rock Reach (Phase 2)

FEMA = \$3,185,400 EWEB = \$414,000 Other = \$3,221,500

Floodplain Restoration Planning/Design for future Project FEMA grants

FEMA = \$567,203 EWEB = \$88,000 Other = \$91,000

Watershed Restoration Planning/Design for future Project FEMA grants

FEMA = \$338,400 EWEB = \$49,500 Other = \$53,250

As part of the grant application process, FEMA requires the governing body of the public agency requesting funds to authorize an ‘agent’, defined as “the individual directly involved with overseeing the grant”, to execute all forms and documents associated with the grant request on behalf of the public agency. Last year, the Board authorized Rod Price as the COO at the time, to act as EWEB’s authorized agent. Karen Kelley is now COO and directly overseeing the grant work, so is best suited to be the authorized agent for EWEB in this capacity. This authorization is codified by resolution and a form documenting the resolution must be included with the grant application (see Attachment A).

Recommendation

The EWEB Board is asked to authorize Karen Kelley as EWEB’s agent for purposes of the FEMA application process. Rod Price and Deborah Hart have previously been authorized and may serve as backups or in a redundant capacity.

Requested Board Action

Approve resolution designating Karen Kelley 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 Karen Kelley, Chief Operations Officer
(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 1st day of February, 2022.

CERTIFICATION

I, John Brown, 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 1st day of February, 2022.

(Signature)

(Official Position)

(Date)