



MEMORANDUM

EUGENE WATER & ELECTRIC BOARD

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TO: Commissioners Brown, Carlson, Morris, Schlossberg, and Barofsky
FROM: Frank Lawson, CEO & General Manager
DATE: January 28, 2026 (February 3, 2026, Board Meeting)
SUBJECT: EWEB/City of Eugene Joint Initiatives Agenda
OBJECTIVE: Guidance, Potential Action (***Discussion moderated by the Board President***)

Issue

It is the Board's desire to partner and exchange information with the City of Eugene on a variety of matters, including but not limited to EWEB's role in decarbonization, resiliency, and emergency preparedness.

Commissioners wish to provide collective guidance to the Board President and Vice President, who as liaisons to the City of Eugene are to collaborate, collect, and disseminate information between City of Eugene leadership (Mayor, Council President, and Vice President) and the EWEB Board. At the February 3, 2026, meeting, Board members will have an opportunity to consider and recommend items for potential inclusion in the 2026 City of Eugene Liaison Agenda.

Background

Annually, the Board assigns liaison roles to individual Commissioners who will act as conduits for cooperating and exchanging information with other agencies or organizations. Accordingly, the Board agreed that the appropriate liaisons with City of Eugene leadership should be the EWEB Board President and Vice President. This year, John Brown and Sonya Carlson are Board President and Vice President, respectively, and will interact with City of Eugene leadership in this capacity.

Discussion

As liaisons, the Board President and Vice President create an agenda (or roster) at the beginning of each year to identify subjects, issues, and/or opportunities (a.k.a. Agenda) to be discussed with City of Eugene leadership. Where appropriate, the Board shall agree, via Board vote, on positions or actions that may involve organizational resources or investments. At a minimum, the Agenda should contain a description, liaison role/action, and Board position, if applicable. Some examples are shown below for consideration.

City of Eugene Liaison Agenda

No.	Subject, Issue, Opportunity	Liaison Role*	Board Position
1	City of Eugene authorization for issue of Electric and Water Revenue Bonds	Solicit Support	
2	EWEB's proposed update and changes to the Public Facilities Services Plan (PFSP)	Solicit Support	EWEB is working closely with City of Springfield

	and/or other plans required for permitting and land-use changes supporting a second water treatment plant on the Willamette River in Glenwood.		staff on these issues.
3	<p>Project(s) of Public Interest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College Hill Water Storage • Willamette Treatment Plant • Decommissioning Leaburg Hydroelectric Project • McKenzie Valley Service Territory Allocation • (List Others) 	Share Status, Solicit Support	(N/A)
4	<p>Programs of Public Interest and Potential Partnership; Examples including, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Resiliency - Energy Efficiency (e.g. targeted customer engagement with focus on incentives for efficient construction, bulk retrofits) - Assistance for Limited Income (e.g. improve design, delivery, and reach of programs with focus on bill assistance, prepayment, and customer engagement) 	Share EWEB goals and direction, check for alignment.	
5	Rate Design	Share status	
6	Water Supply Master Plan	Share status (Note: minimal information will be available in Q1; expect more updates by mid-year)	
7	Energy Supply Planning	Share status	
8	Quarterly Results	Share Noteworthy Information	(N/A)

		including EWEB's CAP2.0 reporting metrics	
9	Fire Hydrant Ownership	Explore opportunity	Any changes require City Council and EWEB Board approval
10	Explore opportunities to support City with encouraging economic development and affordable housing		
11	(Additional Topics)		

*Potential Liaison Roles: share; solicit support; response; action; inquire; communicate EWEB position; other...

Recommendation

Prior to the February 3, 2026 meeting, individual Commissioners should prepare to discuss and recommend proposed items for inclusion in the City of Eugene Liaison Agenda, as described above, including description, liaison role, and proposed position. Commissioners should collectively develop and approve a City of Eugene Liaison Agenda at least annually prior to the first meeting with City of Eugene leadership. The first meeting of 2026 is scheduled for April 1.

Periodically, the EWEB liaison(s) shall report back to the Board the content and/or outcome(s) of the discussions with City leadership and shall propose revisions to the City of Eugene Liaison Agenda as applicable throughout the year.

Requested Board Action

Develop the 2026 City of Eugene Liaison Agenda. (Formal approval to occur via the March 3, 2026 consent calendar.)