



MEMORANDUM

EUGENE WATER & ELECTRIC BOARD

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TO: Commissioners Brown, Carlson, Morris, Schlossberg, and Barofsky
FROM: Frank Lawson, CEO & General Manager
DATE: February 25, 2026 (March 3, 2026, Board Meeting)
SUBJECT: EWEB/City of Eugene Joint Initiatives Agenda
OBJECTIVE: Action

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.

During the February 3, 2026 Board Meeting, Commissioners discussed a slate of potential topics for the upcoming year's EWEB/City of Eugene Liaison Agenda. The Board's feedback has been incorporated into an amended Agenda which will be included in the March consent calendar.

Periodically, the EWEB Board President and Vice President, serving as liaisons to the City, will update the Board on discussions and outcomes from their quarterly meetings with City leadership. They may also recommend revisions to the Agenda as appropriate throughout the year.

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 were appointed Board President and Vice President, respectively. Commissioners wish to provide collective guidance to the Liaisons who are to collaborate, collect, and disseminate information between City of Eugene leadership (Mayor, Council President, and Vice President) and the EWEB Board.

Discussion

As liaisons, the Board President and Vice President wish to create an agenda (or roster) of 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.

During the February board meeting discussion, Commissioners acknowledged the importance of concentrating on priority topics to optimize their limited time with City Leadership. With this in mind, Commissioners agreed EWEB's agenda should primarily focus on the priority topics which are displayed in **bold** text below. Other topics may be addressed as time permits.

City of Eugene Liaison Agenda

#	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) and/or other plans required for permitting and land-use changes supporting a second water treatment plant on the Willamette River in Glenwood.	Solicit Support	EWEB is working closely with City of Springfield staff on these issues.
3.	Fire Hydrant Ownership	Explore opportunity	Any changes require City Council and EWEB Board approval.
4.	Solicit information from City of Eugene pertaining to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status of Climate Action Plan (CAP) 2.0 • Initiatives or actions being planned or considered which may affect EWEB and/or our customers 	Solicit Information	
5.	Explore opportunities to support City with encouraging economic development and affordable housing	Explore opportunity	
6.	Programs of Public Interest and Potential Partnership. Examples including, but not limited to: 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	
7.	Project(s) of Public Interest: College Hill Water Storage, Willamette Treatment Plant, Decommissioning Leaburg Hydroelectric Project, McKenzie Valley Service Territory Allocation	Share Status, Solicit Support	
8.	Rate Design	Share Status	
9.	Water Supply Comprehensive Plan (a.k.a. Master Plan) (Note: minimal information will be available in Q1; expect more updates by mid-year)	Share Status	
10.	Energy Supply Planning	Share Status	
11.	EWEB's Quarterly Results, including EWEB's CAP2.0 reporting metrics	Share noteworthy information	

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

Recommendation

Commissioners should collectively 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 will take place April 1, 2026.

Requested Board Action

Approval of the City of Eugene Liaison Agenda.