

**EUGENE WATER & ELECTRIC BOARD  
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**HAYWARD BOARD ROOM  
555 OAK STREET**

**January 30, 2026  
10:00 A.M.**

Commissioners Present: John Brown, President; Sonya Carlson, Vice President; Tim Morris, Mindy Schlossberg, John Barofsky, Commissioners

President Brown called the executive session to order at 9:54 a.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(a)**

The EWEB Board of Commissioners met in Executive Session to conduct interviews with persons considered for hiring of EWEB's General Manager.

Others present: Diedre Williams, EWEB Chief People Officer; Lanie Mycoff, Managing Director, Mycoff Fry Partners, LLC.

President Brown adjourned the Executive Session meeting at 4:00 p.m.

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Assistant Secretary

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President

**EUGENE WATER & ELECTRIC BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 3, 2026  
5:45 p.m.**

**Commissioners Present:** President John Brown, Vice President Sonya Carlson (online); and Commissioners John Barofsky, Mindy Schlossberg, and Tim Morris

**Commissioners Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Frank Lawson, General Manager; Deborah Hart, Assistant General Manager/Chief Financial Officer; Diedre Williams, Chief People Officer; Aaron Balmer, Financial Services Manager; and Lanie Mycoff, Mycoff Fry Partners LLC Managing Director (online)

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Call to Order [00:00:00]**

President Brown called the regular meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

**Agenda Check [00:00:05]**

Due to an influx of public input, there was discussion amongst the Board of Commissioners to reduce individual testimony to two minutes and allow for a maximum of one hour for public comment.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Barofsky moved to reduce individual testimony to two minutes and allow a maximum of one hour for public comment. Commissioner Morris seconded. **The motion passed, 4:0:1; President Brown, Commissioner Barofsky, Commissioner Schlossberg, and Commissioner Morris voting in favor; Vice President Carlson abstained.**

**Items from Board Members and General Manager [00:04:37]**

General Manager Lawson thanked Assistant General Manager Deborah Hart for filling in during his absence.

**Correspondence [00:05:50]**

Highlights from the following correspondence items were displayed via PowerPoint presentation:

1. 2026 State Legislative Session Update
  - Session convened yesterday and will adjourn no later than March 9
  - Status of EWEB Legislative Agenda as Adopted in December:
    - Monitoring: Cap and Trade, Virtual Power Plants, and Nuclear Energy Study
    - Supporting: Solar Consumer Protection Legislation
    - Neutral/Amend: Balcony Solar
2. Willamette Treatment Plant Progress Report
  - Update on progress of work items moved forward since last report

**General Public Input: In-person or by Telephone [00:06:00]**

Andrew Simrin (online), Ward 7, provided testimony in opposition to the EWEB and University of Oregon energy generation pilot project.

Rio Davidson (online) provided testimony in favor of Measure 20-373 – Lane County Watershed Bill of Rights.

Victor Odlivak (online) provided testimony in favor of Measure 20-373 – Lane County Watershed Bill of Rights.

Emma Bartlett (online), Ward 7, provided testimony in opposition to the EWEB and University of Oregon energy generation pilot project.

Jack Dodson (online) provided testimony in opposition to the EWEB and University of Oregon energy generation pilot project.

Andrea Stapleton (online), Ward 8, provided testimony on behalf of the Northwest Center for Alternatives to Pesticides (NCAP) in favor of Measure 20-373 – Lane County Watershed Bill of Rights.

Isa Eisenburg (online) provided testimony on behalf of members of the Climate Justice League in opposition to the EWEB and University of Oregon energy generation pilot project.

Drew Thomas (online) provided testimony in favor of Measure 20-373 – Lane County Watershed Bill of Rights.

Gene Enos (in-person), Ward 4, provided testimony against smart meter fees and in opposition to the EWEB and University of Oregon energy generation pilot project.

Rob Dickinson (in-person) provided testimony in favor of Measure 20-373 – Lane County Watershed Bill of Rights.

Aerin Nilsen (in-person) provided testimony in favor of Measure 20-373 – Lane County Watershed Bill of Rights.

Jere C. Rosemeyer (in-person), Ward 8, provided testimony in favor Measure 20-373 – Lane County Watershed Bill of Rights.

Christina Shew (in-person) provided comments related to Measure 20-373 – Lane County Watershed Bill of Rights.

Eric Dziura (in-person), Ward 6, provided comments related to Measure 20-373 – Lane County Watershed Bill of Rights.

Janet Ayres (in-person) provided comments related to rate increases and the Customer Care Program.

Katie Geiser (in-person) provided testimony in favor of Measure 20-373 – Lane County Watershed Bill of Rights.

Michelle Holman (in-person) provided testimony in favor of Measure 20-373 – Lane County Watershed Bill of Rights.

Lily Pearl Johnson (in-person), Ward 7, provided testimony in favor of Measure 20-373 – Lane County Watershed Bill of Rights.

Bernadette Bourassa (in-person) provided testimony in favor of Measure 20-373 – Lane County Watershed Bill of Rights.

Jim Neu (in-person), Ward 7, provided comments related to the EWEB and University of Oregon energy generation pilot project.

Nick Squires (in-person), Ward 7, provided testimony in favor of Measure 20-373 – Lane County Watershed Bill of Rights.

Mark Robinowitz provided comments related to Measure 20-373 – Lane County Watershed Bill of Rights.

Sue Pileggi (in-person), Ward 6, provided testimony in favor of Measure 20-373 – Lane County Watershed Bill of Rights.

Santiago Gause (in-person), Ward 1, provided testimony in favor of Measure 20-373 – Lane County Watershed Bill of Rights.

Katja Kohler-Gause (in-person) provided testimony in favor of Measure 20-373 – Lane County Watershed Bill of Rights.

Jenny Bohrman (in-person) provided testimony in favor of Measure 20-373 – Lane County Watershed Bill of Rights.

Dillon Thomson (in-person), Ward 1, provided testimony in favor of Measure 20-373 – Lane County Watershed Bill of Rights.

Commissioner Schlossberg thanked members of the public for providing testimony. She stated that while she is against aerial spraying, she feels that Measure 20-373 is too broad.

Commissioner Barofsky remarked that the EWEB and University of Oregon energy generation pilot project was created to gather data and is not an ongoing, implemented policy.

Vice President Carlson thanked members of the public for providing testimony. She suggested moving the conversation about Measure 20-373 further up in the agenda.

President Brown emphasized his longstanding advocacy protecting the local watershed and stated that he would have preferred being engaged in discussions about Measure 20-373 sooner.

Given public interest in agenda item No. 10, there was consensus to move Items No. 5, 6 and 7 – Approval of the Consent Calendar(s) and Item No. 9 – Resolutions No. 2602 and 2603 to follow No.10 Resolution No. 2607 – Watershed Bill of Rights – Lane County Measure 20-373.

## **BOARD ACTION AND GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS**

### **General Manager Recruitment (No Memo) [01:12:47]**

President Brown provided an update related to the General Manager recruitment process. He explained that the EWEB Board of Commissioners, with assistance from Mycoff Fry Partners, held a robust selection process. Initially, there were 18 applicants for the General Manager position. He said that seven applicants were selected for shortlist interviews, and two finalists (Candidate A and Candidate B) were selected for a second round of interviews.

Commissioners expressed their satisfaction with the General Manager recruitment process.

President Brown invited Commissioners to state their preference for Candidate A or Candidate B.

Commissioners unanimously expressed favor for Candidate A, citing their qualifications, experience, and aligning values.

**MOTION:** President Brown moved to authorize the Eugene Water and Electric Board (EWEB) Chief People Officer, with support of general counsel, to negotiate a contingent employment contract with John Hairston of Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) in alignment with current market practices and the compensation levels approved by the Board on October 7, 2025. Negotiated initial employment contract will be subject to review and final Board decision at a future Board meeting. Commissioner Barofsky seconded. **The motion passed unanimously, 5:0:0; President Brown, Vice President Carlson, Commissioner Barofsky, Commissioner Schlossberg, and Commissioner Morris all voting in favor of the motion.**

### **Resolution No. 2607 – Watershed Bill of Rights – Lane County Measure 20-373 [01:24:34]**

Commissioner Barofsky engaged the Board in a discussion about Resolution No. 2607, relating to Lane County Measure 20-373 – Watershed Bill of Rights.

He acknowledged public comments about mitigating aerial spraying; but pointed to the vagueness of the ballot measure and potential unintended consequences to EWEB and its ratepayers. Commissioner Barofsky presented a draft Resolution and received feedback from fellow Commissioners at a previous Board meeting, held on January 6, 2026. Commissioners' input along with input from legal counsel was used to craft Resolution No. 2607, which was before the Board at the February 3, 2026 Board meeting.

Vice President Carlson described the measures she has taken to review and research the proposed Watershed Bill of Rights. She reaffirmed her commitment to watershed protection and expressed a desire to collect more information about the measure. She suggested the Board consider delaying the vote until their next Board meeting.

Commissioner Morris also reaffirmed his commitment to watershed protection. He shared his perspective that the measure is incomplete and broad. He said he would be in favor of either voting or delaying the vote to receive more information.

Commissioner Schlossberg said she would also be in favor of delaying the vote to receive more information.

President Brown said he appreciates the intent but agrees that Measure 20-373 is vaguely written. He cited the risk associated with potential lawsuits. He expressed that it was unfortunate the Board was not included in earlier conversations about the Measure.

Commissioner Barofsky agreed, stating that he is in favor of the intent but in disagreement about the implementation of the measure.

Regarding Vice President Carlson's suggestion to delay the vote, President Brown recommended receiving collective input on details of the measure.

Responding to a question posed by Commissioner Barofsky, Vice President Carlson responded that her intent is to consult with legal counsel, receive information about similar measures elsewhere, and learn specifically how the measure will protect EWEB's work.

**MOTION:** Vice President Carlson moved to delay voting on Resolution No. 2607 until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting in March 2026. Commissioner Morris seconded. **The motion passed, 4:1:0; Vice President Carlson, Commissioner Barofsky, Commissioner Schlossberg, and Commissioner Morris voting in favor; President Brown voting against.**

## **Approval of Consent Calendar A – Minutes and Routine Contracts [01:55:39]**

### **MINUTES**

1. a. January 6, 2026 Regular Session
- b. January 12, 2026 Executive Session
- c. January 13, 2026 Executive Session

### **CONTRACTS**

2. Key Line Construction and Wilson Construction Company – for additional funds for Electric Line Crew Services. \$3,000,000 based on Formal Invitation to Bid (Original Contract Amount \$5,000,000, Resulting Cumulative Total \$8,000,000 over 5-years between both contracts).

**MOTION:** Commissioner Barofsky moved to approve Consent Calendar A. Commissioner Morris seconded. **The motion passed unanimously, 5:0:0; President Brown, Vice President Carlson, Commissioner Barofsky,**

**Commissioner Schlossberg, and Commissioner Morris all voting in favor of the motion.**

**Approval of Consent Calendar B – Nonroutine Contracts and Other Consent Items  
[01:56:10]**

**CONTRACTS**

3. Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories (SEL) – for a new master product and services agreement for Generation and Substation Communication Systems. \$2,500,000 (Over 4-years) based on Direct Negotiation (Sole Source).

**RESOLUTIONS**

4. Resolution No. 2606 – Board Appointments, Committees, Outside Liaisons.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Barofsky moved to approve Consent Calendar B. Commissioner Morris seconded. **The motion passed unanimously, 5:0:0; President Brown, Vice President Carlson, Commissioner Barofsky, Commissioner Schlossberg, and Commissioner Morris all voting in favor of the motion.**

**Items Removed from Consent Calendar [01:56:36]**

There were none.

**Resolution No. 2602 and 2603 – Requesting City of Eugene authorization for issue of Electric and Water Revenue Bonds [01:56:40]**

Assistant General Manager/Chief Financial Officer Deborah Hart and Financial Services Manager Aaron Balmer presented Resolution No. 2602 and 2603 – Requesting City of Eugene authorization for issue of Electric and Water Revenue Bonds via PowerPoint presentation.

Mr. Balmer presented information pertaining to the Bond Issuance Process, as follows:

February

- Board approval – resolution to go to City Council
- City Council authorization

March – April

- Public Notice
- Prepare preliminary official statement

May

- Board approval – supplemental resolution to issue bonds
  - Electric - \$113 million, new and refunding
  - Water - \$58 million, new and refunding

June

- Bond issuance/sale

He highlighted the need to borrow to support electric and water capital projects, as follows:

Electric – \$113 million

- Carmen Smith
- Waltham
- Substation upgrades
- Transmission upgrades

Water – \$58 million

- College Hill reservoir
- Mains
- Bertelsen expansion
- Willamette Treatment Plant Design

Mr. Balmer presented two bar graphs (one for electricity and one for water) depicting estimated debt services over the next thirty years. He closed by stating that borrowing is used to manage rate affordability and is a prudent financial step when used strategically to support significant capital projects.

After responding to questions from the Board, Ms. Hart and Mr. Balmer recommended approval of Resolution No. 2602 and 2603.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Barofsky moved to adopt Resolution 2602.  
Commissioner Morris seconded. **The motion passed unanimously, 5:0:0; President Brown, Vice President Carlson, Commissioner Barofsky, Commissioner Schlossberg, and Commissioner Morris all voting in favor of the motion.**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Barofsky moved to adopt Resolution 2603.  
Commissioner Morris seconded. **The motion passed unanimously, 5:0:0; President Brown, Vice President Carlson, Commissioner Barofsky, Commissioner Schlossberg, and Commissioner Morris all voting in favor of the motion.**

**Resolution No. 2608 – Board Policy Manual Update [02:25:18]**

Mr. Lawson introduced Resolution No. 2608 – Board Policy Manual Update. He mentioned that proposed revisions were previously forwarded to the Board for review.

He highlighted the following draft language for discussion:

- Any communication by a commissioner to the media which espouses an individual viewpoint on an EWEB-related subject matter should be represented as the commissioner's own viewpoint, made clear it does not represent the position of the Board, and should be shared with fellow commissioners and the General Manager well in advance (typically 48 hours) of expected publication.

- In the event the EWEB-related matter is on an upcoming board agenda, the notification should be provided to the General Manager's Office who shall notify board members within the parameters of public meeting laws.

After receiving further clarification from staff, Commissioners expressed no reservations with the suggested Board Policy Manual updates.

**MOTION:** Vice President Carlson moved to approve Resolution No. 2608 – Board Policy Manual Update. Commissioner Schlossberg seconded. **The motion passed unanimously, 5:0:0; President Brown, Vice President Carlson, Commissioner Barofsky, Commissioner Schlossberg, and Commissioner Morris all voting in favor of the motion.**

### **EWEB/City of Eugene Joint Initiatives Agenda [02:42:27]**

President Brown and Mr. Lawson presented the EWEB/City of Eugene Joint Initiatives Agenda, as follows:

1. City of Eugene authorization for issue of Electric and Water Revenue Bonds
2. EWEB's proposed update and changes to the Public Facilities Service 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
3. Project(s) of Public Interest: College Hill Water Storage, Willamette Treatment Plant, Decommissioning Leaburg Hydroelectric Project, McKenzie Valley Service Territory Allocation
4. Programs of public interest and potential partnership. Examples including, but not limited to: resiliency, energy efficiency, and assistance for limited income.
5. Rate Design
6. Water Supply Master Plan
7. Energy Supply Planning
8. Quarterly results, including EWEB's CAP2.0 reporting metrics
9. Fire Hydrant Ownership
10. Explore opportunities to support City with encouraging economic development and affordable housing

Commissioners discussed the proposed joint agenda.

Commissioner Morris recommended adding a discussion on the City's climate goals to the joint agenda.

Commissioner Schlossberg emphasized soliciting agenda items/information from the City.

Mr. Lawson responded affirmatively and clarified that staff would add soliciting information from the City of Eugene including the status of the CAP 2.0 (Climate Action Plan), issues of interest from EWEB's perspective, and future actions by the City that may affect EWEB.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Barofsky moved to approve the EWEB/City of Eugene Joint Initiatives Agenda. Commissioner Morris seconded. **The motion passed unanimously, 5:0:0; President Brown, Vice President Carlson,**

**Commissioner Barofsky, Commissioner Schlossberg, and Commissioner Morris all voting in favor of the motion.**

**Future Board Agendas [03:00:00]**

Commissioner Barofsky reiterated that the Board reserved time on the next regular meeting agenda for further discussion of Measure 20-373 – Lane County Watershed Bill of Rights.

Mr. Lawson added that additional time may be allotted for public testimony. Commissioner Barofsky sought clarification about the process for seeking information from legal counsel.

Mr. Lawson said he would look into it.

**Board Wrap Up [03:05:05]**

Commissioner Schlossberg concluded that it is exciting to welcome a new EWEB General Manager.

President Brown is scheduled to present at City Club of Eugene on February 10, 2026. He mentioned that he will be travelling to Washington D.C. March 21 through 23, 2026.

**Adjourn [03:13:54]**

President Brown adjourned the regular meeting at 8:58 p.m.

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Assistant Secretary

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President

*Recorded by Terah Van Dusen, Lane Council of Governments (LCOG)*

**EUGENE WATER & ELECTRIC BOARD  
SPECIAL MEETING  
February 17, 2026  
5:30 p.m.**

**Commissioners Present:** President John Brown, Vice President Sonya Carlson (online), and Commissioners John Barofsky (online), Mindy Schlossberg, and Tim Morris

**Commissioners Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Frank Lawson, General Manager; Deborah Hart, Assistant General Manager/Chief Financial Officer; Diedre Williams, Chief People Officer; Lanie Mycoff, Mycoff Fry Partners LLC Managing Director (online); and John Hairston (online)

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**Call to Order [00:00:00]**

President Brown called the special meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Agenda Check [00:00:05]**

There were no changes to the agenda.

**BOARD ACTION AND GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS**

**Resolution No. 2610 – Offer of Employment to New General Manager [00:01:27]**

Chief People Officer Diedre Williams presented Resolution No. 2610 – Offer of Employment to New General Manager. She said tentative terms for the employment contract have been reached, including compensation levels approved by the Board at their October 2025 meeting. She noted that the applicant, John Hairston, has satisfied the background check requirements.

Vice President Carlson commented that she was pleased with the General Manager recruitment and hiring process.

Commissioner Barofsky remarked that EWEB found a great candidate and he looks forward to working with Mr. Hairston.

Commissioner Morris agreed with the sentiments shared by other Board members.

Commissioner Schlossberg said the General Manager recruitment and hiring process was smooth and easy. She welcomed Mr. Hairston.

President Brown recognized Mycoff Fry Partners LLC, specifically Lanie Mycoff, for facilitating an excellent recruitment and hiring process. He also welcomed Mr. Hairston.

Mr. Hairston thanked everyone involved in the recruitment and hiring process. He expressed gratitude to the Board and conveyed his excitement about being selected to serve as the EWEB

General Manager. He stated that EWEB is a public treasure and he is committed to ensuring that the utility is transparent, responsive, and deeply connected to the people they are serving.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Schlossberg moved, Vice President Carlson seconded, to approve Resolution No. 2610 – approving the employment agreement for John L. Hairston, Jr. and authorizing the Board President to execute said agreement. The motion passed unanimously, 5:0:0; President Brown, Vice President Carlson, Commissioner Barofsky, Commissioner Schlossberg, and Commissioner Morris all voting in favor of the motion.

**Adjourn [00:09:19]**

President Brown adjourned the special meeting at 5:39 p.m.

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Assistant Secretary

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President

*Recorded by Terah Van Dusen, Lane Council of Governments (LCOG)*

# EWEB Board Consent Calendar Request

*For Cooperative Contracts*

The Board is asked to approve additional funds for **Computer Hardware, Software, and Support** purchases from **Dell Marketing** under the Midwestern Higher Education Cooperative Contract.

Board Meeting Date: March 3, 2026  
Project Name/Contract #: Dell Hardware/Software/Support / MHEC-04152022  
Manager: Daniele McCallum Ext. 7891  
Executive Officer: Travis Knabe Ext. 7770  
**Initial Approval Amount: \$1,500,000 (7/5/2022 - 7/4/2027)**  
**Amount of this Request: \$1,500,000 (through 6/30/2029)**  
**Expected Spend: \$3,000,000 over 7 years**

## Narrative:

The Board is asked to approve increased funding authorization for the Midwestern Higher Education Cooperative contract (MHEC-04152022) with Dell Marketing of Round Rock, Texas. The funds are already allocated within the approved IS Division's budget. EWEB has utilized Dell Marketing through MHEC cooperative contracts since 2017 to purchase computer hardware, software, and support services. Our original 2022 expenditure estimate was based on normal lifecycle replacements and staffing growth. However, Microsoft's decision to end Windows 10 support in October 2025 required EWEB to accelerate hardware replacements beyond our typical lifecycle schedule. While we have not yet exceeded the initially approved contract threshold, we anticipate doing so based on these unplanned replacements and ongoing needs.

EWEB requires ongoing access to this contract for annual purchases of hardware (laptops, monitors, etc.), warranty support, and software. The MHEC cooperative contract provides significant value through:

- Pre-negotiated discounts on Dell-branded and third-party products
- Dedicated Dell representatives who ensure optimal pricing for EWEB
- Streamlined procurement process through an established partnership

EWEB's use of MHEC-04152022 will allow EWEB to receive discount rates ranging from 1.5% - 18%, depending on the items purchased.

## Operational Requirement and Alignment with Strategic Plan

Ongoing replacement of end-user computing equipment is required to sustain a secure, resilient, and reliable technology environment and to mitigate risks associated with aging hardware and software. Purchasing current technology ensures compatibility with supported operating systems and security tools and supports operational resiliency and uninterrupted business operations.

## Purchasing Process

Staff confirmed that MHEC meets EWEB's formal procurement practices and was negotiated favorably for the public sector members eligible to utilize the cooperative.

## **ACTION REQUESTED:**

Management requests that the Board approve increased funding authorization for the use of the MHEC-04152022 cooperative contract for purchasing computer hardware, software, and support from Dell Marketing through June 30, 2029. Approximately \$440,000 was budgeted in 2026 for computer hardware, software and support, and similar amounts will be budgeted annually through the term of the proposed contract. Variances will be managed within the budget process and Board policy.

**BUDGET CATEGORY:** IS Division O&M Budget: Stores Materials & Supplies; Hardware & Software Purchases

# **EWEB Board Consent Calendar Request**

*For Cooperative Contracts*

The Board is being asked to authorize the use of a cooperative contract for **One (1) Altec Insulated Backyard Digger Derrick with Global Rental Company (Altec)**.

Board Meeting Date:	March 3, 2026	
Project Name/Contract #:	Altec DB41B Insulated Backyard Digger Derrick / 26-038-G	
Manager:	Tyler Nice	Ext. 7419
Executive Officer:	Lisa Krentz	Ext. 7450
<b>Expected Spend:</b>	<b>\$ 267,000 (One-Time)</b>	

## Narrative:

The Board is being asked to authorize the use of the Sourcewell 040924-ALT cooperative contract for the purchase of one (1) Altec DB41B insulated backyard digger derrick, with man-bucket and trailer.

## Operational Requirement and Alignment with Strategic Plan

For EWEB's Electric Operations, having the right equipment is crucial for safe and efficient operations of our crews. EWEB line operation have requested an insulated backyard aerial bucket which is designed to be used on concrete driveways, which our service bucket trucks often exceed the weight capacity of our customer-owners' driveways.

This specialized backyard aerial bucket also provides the necessary height and stability to safely work on service drops to the meter and reach the distribution lines that are in many of our customers backyards. Having the ability to navigate tight spaces and uneven terrain which is essential for our Lineman. These lifts fit through a standard walkthrough gate, making backyard jobs easily accessible. Their enhanced outreach capabilities allow for easy access to overgrown branches and hard-to-reach areas, which minimizes the use of ladders and manual climbing.

EWEB's staff researched different models but chose this model as it has the same operating controls as our existing service buckets and larger bucket trucks to promote standardization of our fleet. Standardization is a common fleet practice that is implemented to reduce maintenance costs and establish familiarity in operation and maintenance, crew safety, and a consistent understanding of manufacturer repair and maintenance requirements.

EWEB staff reviewed procurement options and confirmed this equipment was previously awarded through a competitive cooperative process—an efficient, cost-effective method. If approved, staff will purchase the Altec DB41B insulated backyard digger derrick with man-bucket and trailer at the contract price.

Global Rental Company, Inc. (Altec Industries) has responded to our recent solicitations as the lowest bidder and a responsive vendor, by utilizing a cooperative contract. They can deliver this unit in a time-period to meet our need for availability by delivering it within 300-days after receipt of PO, so this procurement will fall under the 2026 budget.

## Purchasing Process

Sourcewell is a local government unit from the state of Minnesota that assists public agencies to contract more efficiently than as an individual entity. They establish competitively awarded cooperative purchasing contracts on behalf of itself and its participating agencies, including EWEB. Sourcewell follows the competitive contracting process to solicit, evaluate, and award contracts for goods and services which facilitates the public procurement process and leverages governmental agencies purchasing power.

Sourcewell Contract 040924-ALT was executed on June 11, 2024, with an initial expiration date of June 11, 2028.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Management requests the Board authorize the use of a cooperative contract for the purchase of one (1) Altec DB41B insulated backyard digger derrick from Global Rental Company (Altec). This procurement is planned and budgeted for in the Electric Type 1, Capital Replacement budget of \$2.2 million for Vehicles budget for 2026. Variances will be managed within the budget process and Board policy.

**BUDGET CATEGORY:** Electric Capital, Type 1, EWEB Equipment

## **EWEB Board Consent Calendar Request**

*For Contract Awards, Renewals, and Increases*

The Board is being asked to approve new contracts with **Oregon Woods Inc., Northwest Reforestation LLC, and Habitat Contracting LLC** for **As-Needed Vegetation Management Services on EWEB Owned or Controlled Properties.**

Board Meeting Date: March 3, 2026  
Project Name/Contract #: Vegetation Management Services / 26-008-S  
Manager: Scott Milovich Ext. 7408  
Executive Officer: Karen Kelley Ext. 7153

### **Contract Amount:**

Original Contract Amount: \$600,000 – Oregon Woods Inc. (26-008-1-S)  
\$75,000 – Northwest Reforestation LLC (26-008-2-S)  
\$75,000 – Habitat Contracting LLC (26-008-3-S)  
Additional \$ Previously Approved: \$0  
Spend over last approval: \$0  
Amount this Request: \$750,000  
% Increase over last approval: NA  
Resulting Cumulative Total: **\$750,000 (Between 3 contracts over 5-years)**

### **Contracting Method:**

Method of Solicitation: Formal Invitation to Bid (ITB)  
If applicable, basis for exemption: NA  
Term of Agreement: 5-years (April 6, 2026 to April 5, 2031)  
Option to Renew? No  
Approval for purchases “as needed”: Yes  No   
Proposals/Bids Received (Range): 11 (\$46.00 - \$167.00 per hour per person)  
Selection Basis: Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidders (Multiple Awards)  
Narrative:

### Operational Requirement and Alignment with Strategic Plan

EWEB requires vegetation management services for various FERC required vegetation management projects on EWEB owned and/or controlled properties. The work requires specialized skills of restoration professionals who are both knowledgeable about and experienced with native/invasive plants and habitat restoration and have the ability to perform the physically demanding aspects of vegetation maintenance in natural environments. Much of the work consists of emergent projects that are identified either by staff or are required by FERC inspections and can include restoration and cleanup from storms, fire and other natural disasters. Whereas a large portion of this work is budgeted in the Environmental department, some required projects are associated with Generation and other department budgets. The intent of the solicitation was to identify contractors who are fully equipped to respond to a wide variety of potentially time-critical work in support of Generation. Preference in assigning work

will be given to the contractor with the particular skills/equipment required. Since multiple contractors had the required experience and equipment, and the solicitation allowed for multiple contract awards, preference will be given to the contractors with the lowest cost and the needed availability when assigning work.

Contracted Goods or Services

Vegetation management and enhancement primarily employs power equipment, such as, but not limited to weed-eaters, chainsaws, brush hogs and hand tools, with various pieces of heavy equipment required to complete some projects. As agreed upon by EWEB’s Environmental Specialist, this work will be performed on EWEB owned and/or controlled properties primarily in the hydroelectric project boundaries within the McKenzie River corridor. Work will be assigned on an emergent basis. EWEB and the Contractor will coordinate the staffing plan, and project schedule prior to the work being performed. This Contract is to replace Contract 21-265-S that expires on April 5, 2026.

Purchasing Process

In January of 2026, Staff issued a Formal Invitation to Bid for Vegetation Management Services on EWEB owned and controlled properties within the State of Oregon primarily in the EWEB McKenzie Corridor. This solicitation was advertised on the OregonBuys website, and eleven (11) bids were received. Oregon Woods Inc., Northwest Restoration LLC, and Habitat Contracting LLC were deemed the lowest responsive and responsible bidders.

Proposals/Bids Received

Contractor Name	City, State	*Offered Price	Ranking (for RFPs)
Oregon Woods Inc.	Eugene, Oregon	\$46.00	NA
Northwest Reforestation	Salem, Oregon	\$50.00	NA
Habitat Contracting LLC	Eugene, Oregon	\$65.00	NA
R&R Contracting	Turner, Oregon	\$69.00	NA
Rocha Reforestation Inc.	Turner, Oregon	\$70.00	NA
Brink Brothers Inc.	Pleasant Hill, Oregon	\$74.00	NA
Forest Restoration Inc.	Philomath, Oregon	\$74.31	NA
Pacific Northwest Land Reclamation LLC dba Northwoods Land Management	Junction City, Oregon	\$85.00	NA
Arborists of America Inc.	Sherwood, Oregon	\$93.00	NA
Ash Creek Forest Management LLC	Hillsboro, Oregon	\$115.00	NA
Mackay Sposito Constructors LLC dba Riparia Environmental	Vancouver, Washington	\$167.00	NA

\*Offered Price is equal to one crew member per hour. Normal crew is four (4) persons at 800 hours per year, with a 5-year contract.

Prior Contract Activities

Oregon Woods Inc.

EWEB Contract	Project Name (Description)	Board Approved	Project Duration (Start to Close)	Original Amount	Approved/Amended Amount to Date (Total)	Reason Code
23-012-S	Carmen Transmission Line and Canals Vegetation Management	4/4/2023	5/3/2023 – 12/31/2028	\$650,000	\$650,000	

22-246-3-S	Small Lot Vegetation Management	2/7/2023	2/8/2023 - 1/31/2028	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	
21-265-S	Vegetation Management Services EWEB McKenzie Corridor	4/5/2022	4/7/2022 - 4/5/2026	\$200,000	\$600,000	AW
Reason Code: AM = Additional Materials, AW = Additional Work, EW= Emergency Work, SD = Staff Directed, UC = Unforeseen Conditions, Other						

The previous contract 21-265-S was increased in 2024 through board approval and then an additional 25% added in 2025. These increases were required to cover substantial undertakings, including the 2023 Lookout Fire response, 2024 Ice Storm, vegetation work at newly obtained properties, and numerous significant FERC required compliance projects. Timely and cost-effective responses to these types of tasks is the purpose of these contracts.

**Habitat Contracting LLC**

EWEB Contract	Project Name (Description)	Board Approved	Project Duration (Start to Close)	Original Amount	Approved/Amended Amount to Date (Total)	Reason Code
21-265-S	Vegetation Management Services EWEB McKenzie Corridor	4/5/2022	4/7/2022 – 4/5/2026	\$200,000	\$175,000	
21-131-S	Vegetation Maintenance and Irrigation Services	NA	7/28/2021 - 12/31/2022	\$48,020	\$96,770	AW
Reason Code: AM = Additional Materials, AW = Additional Work, EW= Emergency Work, SD = Staff Directed, UC = Unforeseen Conditions, Other						

**Northwest Reforestation LLC**

EWEB has no past contracting experience with this firm, but references were checked by Staff and found acceptable.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Management requests the Board approve new contracts with Oregon Woods Inc., Northwest Reforestation LLC, and Habitat Contracting LLC for as-needed vegetation management services on EWEB owned and/or controlled properties within the State of Oregon, primarily in the hydroelectric project boundaries of the McKenzie River corridor. Approximately \$275,000 was planned for these services in the Environmental Management Department 2026 budget of \$2.27 million. Generation may also perform work under these Contracts on an ad hoc basis. Variances will be managed within the budget process and Board policy.

**BUDGET CATEGORY:** Support Services, Environmental Management, Construction and Engineering Services O/M

# **EWEB Board Consent Calendar Request**

*For Cooperative Contracts*

The Board is being asked to authorize the use of a cooperative contract for **one (1) International Dump Truck** with **RWC Group**.

Board Meeting Date:	March 3, 2026	
Project Name/Contract #:	International HX620-SBA Dump Truck / 26-041-G	
Manager:	Tyler Nice	Ext. 7419
Executive Officer:	Lisa Krentz	Ext. 7450
<b>Expected Spend:</b>	<b>\$ 212,000 (One-Time)</b>	

## Narrative:

The Board is being asked to authorize the use of the Oregon State Purchasing Agreement #10700-00049786 for the purchase of one (1) International Dump Truck.

## Operational Requirement and Alignment with Strategic Plan

EWEB's operational requirements include vehicles and equipment essential to supporting its electrical, water, and generation systems.

To ensure a safe, reliable, and efficient fleet, EWEB has established and maintained rigorous standards for all vehicles and equipment.

Under this contract, EWEB will procure a specified chassis and dump bed, complete with all components and accessories, delivered as a turnkey 10-yard dump truck. This acquisition replaces one (1) existing dump truck within the generation utility that has surpassed its useful service life, thereby ensuring continued operational reliability and compliance with fleet standards.

EWEB staff evaluated multiple dump truck models and selected this option because it shares the same operating controls as our current fleet, supporting standardization, at a comparable cost and capability to those models that do not offer standardization. Standardizing equipment is a widely adopted fleet management practice that helps reduce maintenance costs, improve crew safety, and ensure consistent familiarity with operation and manufacturer service requirements.

After careful evaluation of available options, we recommend proceeding with the purchase of a new international dump truck from RWC Group, our local International Truck Dealer. This dealer has consistently demonstrated responsiveness to our operational requirements and provided timely, detailed quotations that align with our specifications. Their proposed configurations meet our performance needs, comply with state purchasing agreements, and offer anticipated delivery within the required timeframe. Additionally, their ability to accommodate custom features, such as toolboxes and body integration, reflects a strong commitment to supporting our fleet objectives. Based on their proven reliability and responsiveness, we believe this purchase represents the best value and ensures continuity of service for our operations.

## Purchasing Process

EWEB staff evaluated available procurement options, including cooperative purchasing agreements, and determined that utilizing the Oregon State Purchasing Agreement #10700-00049786 for the acquisition of this International Dump Trucks represents the most advantageous approach for EWEB.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Management requests the Board authorize the use of a cooperative contract for the purchase of one (1) International Dump Truck from RWC Group. This procurement is planned and budgeted for in the Electric Type 1, Capital Replacement budget of \$2.2 million for Vehicles budget for 2026. Variances will be managed within the budget process and Board policy.

**BUDGET CATEGORY:** Electric Capital, Type 1, EWEB Equipment