MEMORANDUM

EUGENE WATER & ELECTRIC BOARD

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

FROM: Deborah Hart, Assistant General Manager/CFO; Aaron Balmer, Financial Services Manager; Timothy Poublon, Power Risk Supervisor; Amanda Lane, Senior Financial Analyst

DATE: April 1, 2026

SUBJECT: Annual Report on Power Trading Compliance

OBJECTIVE: Information

Issue

Board Strategic Direction Policy SD8 (SD8), which governs Power Risk Management, requires the Chief Financial Officer to present a report to the Board covering trading and contracting compliance on at least an annual basis. This backgrounder summarizes compliance activities for calendar year 2025.

Background

In addition to SD8, Board Strategic Direction Policy SD6 requires funds used for EWEB's power market activities to be managed to maximize customer benefit while minimizing adverse impacts on retail prices. Accordingly, EWEB's power market activities must support anticipated load and generation requirements.

SD8 establishes the Power Risk Management Committee (RMC), a cross-functional team currently comprised of five voting members (Members) responsible for oversight of power trading operations, ensuring compliance with SD8, establishing compliance limits, and maintaining the Power Risk Management Procedures (Procedures).

Discussion

The RMC responsibilities outlined in SD8 are summarized below, including compliance status and approved exceptions.

Anti-Speculation Statutes: **In Compliance**

Compliance with Board Policy and anti-speculation statutes are maintained through megawatt limits on market positions designed to prevent speculative activity and manage exposure to price volatility. Changes to load or generation forecasts may result in temporary position limit exceedances. In such cases, positions are required to be brought back into compliance no later than the next trading day unless an exception is approved in accordance with Procedures.

EWEB maintained compliance with this provision in 2025, including forward market positions extending through 2026. No financial position limit exceptions were requested.

Mid-Term Volumetric Market Position Exceptions:

- In May, updates to load forecasts for 2026 and beyond caused the Q2 2026 position to exceed the Mid-Term compliance threshold by 2 average megawatts. The Fiscal Services Supervisor and Power Planning Supervisor approved an exception to hold the exceedance pending review at the June RMC meeting, at which time the RMC approved continuation of the exception. The exceedance was cured following an update to generation forecasts in late June.
- In August, an update to Bonneville Power Administration entitlement for FY 2026 caused the Q4 2026 position to exceed the Mid-Term compliance threshold by 2 average megawatts. The Financial Services Manager and Power Planning Supervisor approved an exception to hold the exceedance pending review at the August RMC meeting, at which time the RMC approved continuation of the exception. The exceedance was cured via trade in November.
- In December, updates to resource output sales for Q1 2026 caused the February and March 2026 positions to exceed the Mid-Term compliance threshold by 2 and 13 average megawatts, respectively. The Power Risk Supervisor and Energy Resource Manager approved an exception to hold the exceedances pending review at the January RMC meeting to allow sufficient time for staff to finalize firm generation updates. The February exceedance was cured the following week upon entering the Short-Term compliance period. The March exceedance was cured in mid-January following generation revisions.

Short-Term Volumetric Market Position Exception:

- In late December, increased hydro generation combined with unseasonably low retail demand caused the December 2025 position to exceed the Short-Term compliance threshold. The Power Risk Supervisor and Energy Resources Manager approved an exception to hold the exceedance for the remainder of the month, and the exceedance was cured the following week of December.

Development of Detailed Control Procedures: **In Compliance**
SD8 requires the RMC to establish and maintain procedures governing roles, responsibilities, trade activity, and exception authorization. In Q3 2025, staff solicited internal feedback and incorporated clarifications and updates to evolving business practices into a revised Procedure document. The revised Procedures were unanimously approved by the RMC on December 16, 2025.

Notification of Changes to Compliance Limits: **In Compliance**
No changes to compliance limits were recommended by staff or approved by the RMC in 2025.

Oversee Control Infrastructure and Monitor Compliance: **In Compliance**
The RMC meets monthly to review compliance limits. Members also receive weekly Short-Term updates providing insight into current compliance status and emerging market conditions that may influence future periods.

One instance of procedural noncompliance was identified in 2025:

- In October, Power Risk Staff identified delayed entry of bilateral transmission trades into the ETRM system beyond the trade entry timeline specified in the Procedures ("*as soon as practicable and no later than close of the following business day*"). Expectations were clarified and the matter was resolved.

Authorize and Monitor Risk Reports for Financial Results, Market Positions, and Credit Exposure: **In Compliance**
Members receive reporting materials prior to each monthly RMC meeting to monitor financial results, market positions, and credit exposure. Meetings were held in hybrid format each month in 2025.

Review and Approve Contracts Which Impact EWEB's Power Portfolio: **In Compliance**
The RMC provides oversight of contracts affecting EWEB's power portfolio to ensure alignment with Board-mandated risk mitigation and financial stability objectives. For contracts requiring Board approval, the RMC provides preliminary review and direction in advance of Board action. No changes to approval thresholds were requested in 2025.

The RMC approved one contract that did not require Board approval:

- In June, the RMC approved a one-year extension of an existing power sales and services agreement.

The RMC provided preliminary review of one contract in advance of Board action:

- In November, the RMC approved staff's recommendation for the General Manager to present a Board resolution authorizing negotiation and potential execution of a service territory transfer. Board approval was required due to the sale of power supply assets, regardless of financial impact, as specified in SD8.

Recommendation and Requested Board Action
This item is information only and no Board action is requested.

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TO:	Commissioners Brown, Carlson, Morris, Schlossberg, and Barofsky
FROM:	Brian Booth, Chief Energy Resource Officer; Megan Capper, Energy Resource Manager; Jonathan Hart, Power Planning Supervisor
DATE:	February 20, 2026
SUBJECT:	Resource Adequacy Update
OBJECTIVE:	Information

Issue

The Board was provided information in January [Link Here] discussing forecasted resource adequacy challenges in the Pacific Northwest. Staff will discuss regional trends, results from these studies, and EWEB's approach to bolstering near-term local resource adequacy at the April Board meeting.

Background

Regional Resource Adequacy

EWEB has been tracking the rising potential for resource adequacy issues in the Northwest for the past several years. With the post-COVID boom in regional electricity consumption, driven by electrification, economic growth, and technology (including data centers), the region has seen higher and more volatile wholesale electricity prices and tighter markets, reflecting reduced surplus generating capacity during peak periods. This growth is occurring at the same time as large "baseload" coal generation in the region has either shut down or is scheduled to shut down in the near future.

Utilities have responded to this increase in demand by attempting to increase supply, with additional gigawatts of new renewables, storage, and dispatchable (thermal) generation being planned, permitted, or under construction. However, these projects are hampered by supply chain challenges and transmission congestion and, by some measures, would still be insufficient even if all planned projects were completed on time.

Multiple studies from reputable and diverse organizations have shown this issue to be credible and growing. Energy Environmental Economics (E3) published a study in 2019[1], showing that although the Northwest had a less than 5 percent chance of facing rolling blackouts at that time, prolonged cold winter events that were modeled could result in 65 hours of shortfall every decade under those modeled conditions, substantially more than the 24 hours that are considered acceptable.

1 https://www.ethree.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/E3_Resource_Adequacy_in_the_Pacific-Northwest_March_2019.pdf

Regional reliability entities and utilities were alerted to the immediacy and magnitude of this issue when E3 released its "Phase 1" study last year[2], showing a small but growing double-digit chance of rolling blackouts in the Northwest. This risk first appears under stressed conditions in winter 2026 and grows to a magnitude between 5.6 and 8.7 gigawatts by 2030, depending on how many of the generating projects currently under construction are completed on time. Sylvan Energy Analytics, in partnership with Gridlab, recently published its own study and review of E3's findings[3] and confirmed that there is a growing problem that must be addressed.

The Northwest Power and Conservation Council recognized this risk in 2023 when it published its Pacific Northwest Power Supply Adequacy Assessment for 2027[4] which showed multiple future scenarios in which the odds of a regional shortfall increased into the double digits, beyond normal tolerances.

The Pacific Northwest Utility Conference Committee (PNUCC) 2025 Northwest Regional Forecast[5], which is an aggregation of utility integrated resource plans (general and loads) from investor- and community-owned utilities across the region, stated the *"region is dangerously close to experiencing significant energy supply disruption, which could lead to blackouts during peak demand events. Energy emergencies during extreme weather events are increasing in frequency and threatening reliability." The report concluded that* while there is convincing evidence that demand for electricity is clearly rising, plans for new large loads and the energy transition may be delayed due to challenges in expanding energy infrastructure. Addressing these difficulties is critical to ensuring a reliable, affordable and resilient power supply for the region.

Resource adequacy challenges are not just isolated to the Pacific Northwest but are also a concern across the entire western interconnection (wester grid). WECC is a regional entity that coordinates and plans for the reliability and secure operation of the electric system in the West. According to the WECC Western Assessment of Resource Adequacy 20246, the pace of change is increasing the risks to reliability across North America. The supply of electricity is not growing fast enough to keep up with demand growth. What was once a simple problem of supply and demand has become complicated by rapid change and increasing variability. Unless we prioritize reliability as the resource mix evolves and becomes more variable, we are at risk for serious and more frequent disruptions. The West must move quickly and more decisively to ensure resource adequacy over the next decade.

While every study involves assumptions by analysts, and therefore yields an expected range of results, they have all shown the same conclusion: the Northwest must proactively address growing multi-day winter capacity shortfalls or risk rolling blackouts. This includes generators, gas suppliers, transmission owners and operators, and load-serving utilities like EWEB.

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2 https://www.newsdata.com/clearing_up/supply_and_demand/new-study-projects-nearly-9-gw-resource-gap-in-pacific-northwest-by-2030/article_c0be8707-4a11-4b4e-bc47-948bb0e526eb.html
3 https://gridlab.org/portfolio-item/pnw_nearterm_winterra/
4 https://www.nwcouncil.org/fs/18158/2023-1_adequacyassessment.pdf
5 https://www.pnucc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025-PNUCC-Northwest-Regional-Forecast-final.pdf
6 https://feature.wecc.org/wara/

Potential Customer Impacts

If regional shortfalls occur, EWEB could be directed to shed load by turning off electricity supply to customers or offsetting load through local generation. This order would come from our Balancing Authority, the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), and EWEB system controllers (dispatchers) would have minutes to respond. EWEB has a "Load Shedding" procedure in place for this event, whereby dispatchers would drop service to as many feeders and/or substations as are required to meet the order. Feeders without critical public services (e.g. hospitals, police, fire, wastewater, etc.) would be shut off first while every attempt would be made to preserve electric service for critical services. These rolling blackouts would last for a number of hours per feeder before being rotated to others. The duration of the feeder outages would depend on the number of feeders that must be dropped to meet the required amount of load shedding. Rolling blackouts are considered a last resort measure to prevent uncontrolled cascading outages and protect the integrity of the broader grid.

EWEB and other utilities recognize that even short-duration outages during extreme weather can pose challenges and potential dangers for customers, particularly vulnerable populations and critical facilities. During winter conditions, such interruptions could affect heating systems, traffic control, businesses, and essential services.

In January 2024, the Northwest experienced conditions that could have triggered rolling blackouts during a period of extreme cold when high loads coincided with partial outages on the Northwest's major transmission intertie with California and natural gas supply curtailments due to an unplanned multi-hour outage of the Jackson Prairie natural gas storage facility in Washington. For EWEB at this time, temperatures were cold with ice-related outages at Carmen Smith, Walterville, and our generator at International Paper that left us purchasing power in a very expensive market.

EWEB's Role in Resource Adequacy

As discussed in the January memo, the selection of the Block with Shaping product from Bonneville leaves EWEB with the obligation to balance and integrate its retail customer load with the rest of the region. This is different from the Load Following product where Bonneville would provide this integration service on behalf of EWEB. Under either product EWEB would have been required to integrate its generating resources with emerging organized markets. Successful integration of retail customer load and generation resources is necessary to maintain grid reliability.

A requirement of Markets+ and the Western Resource Adequacy Program will be that EWEB demonstrate access to resources capable of meeting its peak capacity needs under defined, including constrained, conditions. Strategic situational use of the University of Oregon turbine, as discussed in this board packet, has been identified as one of several countermeasures that EWEB could deploy in regionally constrained situations.

It should be noted that while the Northwest power market runs on contracts that emulate the physics of the underlying grid, it is the physics that ultimately drive reliability. While EWEB could be individually resource adequate, the regional grid could still be impacted by rolling blackouts. If ordered to shed load by the BPA, EWEB must comply. Even if BPA were resource adequate, EWEB could still be impacted by uncontrolled cascading outages if the

broader regional grid were to collapse. Put bluntly, there is a scenario in which EWEB does its part and is still taken down by a larger system failure, which is why coordination with regional partners through adequacy standards set under the WRAP program are so important.

All of the scenarios described above are possibilities, not certainties. The odds are that the combination of poor hydro conditions and extreme winter weather that would drive a shortfall does not materialize and that the grid remains stable for years to come. There is also a very real scenario in which neighboring balancing areas and other electric utilities experience rolling blackouts, while EWEB is able to avoid them, or at least mitigate impacts to residents through prevention strategies.

Discussion

Common Regional Recommendation

E3 and Sylvan/Gridlab have recommended a number of near-term actions for strengthening the grid until additional generation and transmission can be built. In Phase 2 of the study, E3 also offers guidance on long-term solutions and models least-cost portfolios under various policy and technological constraints. Near-term recommendations that are readily actionable by EWEB include:

- **Develop demand management strategies that focus on winter needs.** These include energy efficiency investments that provide heating benefits and demand response programs that minimize impacts to residential customers should load shedding be required. Gridlab specifically identified large-load curtailments as a way to shield residential customers under most scenarios.
- **Prepare for potential emergency conditions.** These preparations include mobilizing emergency backup generators, re-evaluating hydro emergency operations, and refreshing load shedding procedures.

Other regional recommendations include permitting and interconnection reforms to accelerate new generation development, greater regional coordination, and careful management of large-load interconnection requests. These are less directly actionable by EWEB but staff are engaged in these policy areas within our service territory and with our regional partners.

EWEB Near-Term Actions (Responses to Recommendations)

EWEB staff have been actively working on the near-term, actionable recommendations. As approved by the Board, EWEB's 2026 Annual Organizational Goal 8 *"Large Customer Peak Mitigation - Refine the Demand Side Management Plan (DSMP) and rate-design planning based on initial peak mitigation initiatives with largest electric customers"* initiates this recommendation. It is expected that EWEB will focus on our largest "contract-based" customers in 2026, targeted commercial and industrial applications/segments in 2027, and aggregated residential programs in 2028.

EWEB continues to invest in all cost-effective energy efficiency and will develop a Demand-Side Management (Implementation) Plan in 2026 in response to the results of the Demand-Side Potential Assessment completed in 2025.

Per EWEB's 2026 annual goals, EWEB is also working with the utility's largest customers to reduce their contribution to EWEB's peak loads, particularly during times of grid stress.

Staff are also preparing for potential emergency conditions. Emergency backup generators can supplement typical utility generation during critical moments and provide grid support that could help avoid or mitigate rolling blackouts. As discussed in this packet, staff have engaged the University of Oregon on a pilot agreement in which EWEB can call upon UO's combined heat and power plant during times of grid stress.

Should rolling blackouts prove unavoidable, it is critically important that load shedding be executed in an organized and controlled manner. If handled quickly and deliberately, such events could be relatively benign, with short outages rotating from one neighborhood to the next. If mishandled, outages could cascade and escalate rapidly, an experience Texas endured several years ago and one that the Northwest should take every possible measure to avoid.

For the long term, E3 offers a number of additional recommendations and models least-cost portfolios under various assumptions. These options and those recommended by the NW Council, Sylvan/Gridlab, and others will be explored further as part of EWEB's 2027 Energy Resource Study.

Community Awareness and Engagement

As EWEB evaluates both near-term and long-term strategies to address resource adequacy risks, staff recognize that these decisions involve trade-offs that are of interest to customers and the broader community.

EWEB will seek to ensure transparency around these efforts and will use existing communication and engagement channels, such as the Power Partners e-newsletter and the Community Table dialogue forum, to share information and, where appropriate, invite feedback as options are evaluated.

Recommendation and Requested Action

No Board action is requested at this time. This information is presented for background and context on an operational issue relevant to electricity delivery in the Pacific Northwest. Future Board actions may be informed by this information.

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

FROM: Sarah Gorsegner, Business Continuity Manager; Jeannine Parisi, Strategic Program Manager

DATE: March 20, 2026 (April 7, 2026, Board Meeting)

SUBJECT: Resiliency Policy (SD-22) Annual Report

OBJECTIVE: Information Only

Issue
EWEB is committed to providing essential electric and water services to the community. The utility has adopted a comprehensive policy to guide mitigation, planning, response and recovery activities to limit the impact and duration of disruptive events to these critical services.

Background
In August 2023, the Board approved Board Policy SD22, which outlines four categories of resiliency:

- Infrastructure and Systems
- Workforce
- Finance
- Community

The policy directs the General Manager to incorporate resiliency considerations into Strategic Plans, Long-Term Financial Plans, Capital Improvement Plans, annual budgets, and organizational goals. Policy implementation includes risk assessment and mitigation planning for major threats, maintaining operational readiness for incident response, and developing continuity of operations plans to speed recovery from disruptive events. The policy also requires an annual report to the Board summarizing the status of strategic initiatives and annual goals associated with policy implementation. The first annual report was delivered to the Board in February 2025.

Discussion
Improving resiliency was one of three overarching business priorities in EWEB's 2025 Strategic Plan and was represented both explicitly and implicitly in the utility's 5-year deployment themes. This organizational commitment permeated over half of the eighteen strategic goals, from energy resource planning, to cyber and wildfire risk mitigation, to major capital investment and information systems projects.

Tracking progress on EWEB's annual goals is a significant component of the Strategic and Operational Quarterly report. While not an exhaustive representation, the following accomplishments further demonstrate SD-22 implementation progress by policy category.

INFRASTRUCTURE and SYSTEMS

Modernizing enterprise information systems reduces security and system failure risks while improving analytical capabilities to optimize asset and program utilization. In 2025, tools implemented through EWEB Enterprise Solutions (EES) were fully operational and stable, and EES Season 2 work shifted from defect management to prioritizing enhancements.

Water and electric capital plans emphasize resilient spine investments such as baseline reservoir replacements and substation rebuilds. Other water resiliency enhancements included rebuilding the Hayden Bridge backwash pump for plant reliability and with grant support, determining preferred alternatives to replace two transmission river crossings.

Electric reliability and wildfire risk mitigation projects were completed in the Dillard substation region of South Eugene, with sixteen transmission poles replaced and 1000 feet of distribution line moved underground near the Amazon Headwaters Trail.

Just one year after suffering heavy damage from the 2024 ice storm, EWEB closed out a project to redesign and construct 1.3 miles of transmission line that is a critical pathway serving both International Paper and the Hayden Bridge Plant. This complex engineering and permitting project was completed in record time to re-establish service redundancy and build back stronger, installing steel structures with higher ice-load ratings instead of wood poles. Then last December, a transmission tower along the Thurston Transmission Tap collapsed when flood waters undermined the structure. Emergency repair work enabled us to move the new structure further away from the riverbank and long-term designs call for metal poles and other strategies to mitigate channel migration risks.

In 2025, the first phase of continuity of operations planning work was launched. Business impact analyses were completed for five essential functions (water from intake to base level storage, electric from substation to meter, trading floor and power planning, fleet and facilities and financial expenditures). For each business line, key personnel, systems, vendors, equipment and interdependencies were identified and continuity metrics were defined. Phase one culminated in documentation of key risks and mitigation recommendations to improve EWEB's ability to sustain core functions under duress. It also helped establish a framework for developing and prioritizing future continuity of operations plans.

FINANCE

There is a natural tension between maintaining financial health metrics, such as affordability goals and reserve targets, and funding investments fostering system resiliency. Federal and state grants offer opportunities to advance resiliency efforts at lower cost to EWEB, though grants often come with additional administrative/indirect costs. EWEB takes a thoughtful approach when pursuing grants to ensure alignment with planned work and

staff capacity. The utility was awarded a state grant to support planning the future electrification of EWEB's fleet and is in negotiations for another $1M grant for wildfire mitigation work. EWEB also received nearly $2M in additional BPA funds, bolstering customer access to energy efficiency incentives without impacting rates.

EWEB actively pursues FEMA reimbursement for expenses incurred when responding to federally declared disasters. In 2025, EWEB received $554k related to 2024 Ice Storm damage; the larger reimbursement application for some $6M is still pending with FEMA.

As power purchases represent the largest expenditure in EWEB's budget, finalizing the 20-year power supply contract with BPA was a significant 2025 milestone. The 'block with shaping" product selection is a good fit with our own power generation resources and secures access to low-cost, low-carbon, highly reliable and flexible power for the next two decades. On a related note, Carmen Generator 1 overhaul was completed, and both units are now available to respond to daily energy demand fluctuations and buffer EWEB from energy market exposure.

WORKFORCE

The ability to deliver for the community starts with our people—and we are intentionally investing in a workforce that is prepared, supported, and resilient. Efforts include improving organizational readiness to respond to emergent incidents through training and exercises, building bench strength and succession plans to maintain delivery of core services, and offering programs in support of employee health, safety, emotional and financial well-being.

Related to operational readiness, EWEB continues to improve the frequency, quality and reach of emergency response exercises and introduced a more formal after-action reporting structure to document issues and track continuous improvements. The utility has made significant progress towards achieving compliance with the ICS training policy, with ICS 100 at 80% participation and ICS 300/400 above 70%.

In 2025, Managers and Supervisors completed surveys to identify critical roles that deliver or directly support delivery of essential water and electric services. The survey helped highlight roles that have long recruitment and training lead times and/or specialized skillsets and certifications. This effort is foundational to succession plan development and other workforce continuity planning efforts.

COMMUNITY

Helping prepare our customers to self-sustain during prolonged service outages is a cornerstone to community resiliency. As demonstrated in the 2025 Community Investment report, EWEB public engagement efforts include a range of risk mitigation, emergency preparation and response topics and tactics. This includes the Pledge to Prepare Campaign and related newsletters, site tours at Currin substation and College Hill reservoirs, neighborhood presentations and a robust social media presence. So far in 2026, over 3,000 community members are participating in Pledge to Prepare, along with KLCC.

The grand opening of the Kennedy Emergency Water Station (EWS) was well attended and marked completion of the last planned emergency water site. The EWS program has transitioned from construction to operations and maintenance, including crafting procedures, training expectations and inter-agency agreements necessary to activate the sites if/when needed. EWEB intends to host an annual public event at a selected EWS site to maintain public awareness of the program and as a training opportunity.

Interagency partnerships represent another mechanism to improve community resiliency. This involves collaboration during joint training events, such as the annual McKenzie River Spill Drill and Wildfire Preparedness exercises, as well as participation in standing inter-agency teams and planning processes.

The Pure Water Partners (PWP) is a prime example of government, non-profit and community members coming together to restore forests along the McKenzie River, mitigating future wildfire risk and protecting water quality. The PWP wrapped up two Oregon Watershed Enhancement Grants last June, marking the official end to post-Holiday Farm fire work. Since the fire, almost 1 million native trees and shrubs were planted across 560 acres of private and non-federal properties within the Holiday Farm Fire perimeter. Additionally, EWEB and its fire agency partners are conducting enhanced fuels reduction work in the lower McKenzie and South Eugene region with the support of a $1M federal appropriation.

Lastly, EWEB recognizes that the ability to prepare, respond and recover from disruptive events is not uniform across our community. The Enhanced PSPS Support program was designed with our most vulnerable customers in mind. In 2025, procedures for this program, as well as overall electric outage communications, were refined. Tailoring communication methods and programs to support our most vulnerable customers is an on-going effort.

Recommendation/Requested Board Action
None at this time. In addition to this annual memo, SD-22 implementation progress is tracked through quarterly reports (both core work and annual strategic goals) as well as through Board approval of strategic, financial and capital plans. It is also cross-referenced in annual Climate Guidebook updates.

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TO:	Commissioners Brown, Carlson, Morris, Schlossberg, and Barofsky
FROM:	Jason Heuser, Public Policy and Government Affairs Program Manager
DATE:	March 27, 2026
SUBJECT:	2026 Legislative Session Summary
OBJECTIVE:	Information

Issue
EWEB monitors, influences, and strategically plans around legislative and regional policy issues.

Background
The Board adopts general policy directives for advocacy on legislation and other public policy matters, which guide the work of EWEB's lobbying activities. When political considerations test the applicability of those directives, the General Manager makes a determination as to whether a fundamental shift in direction is required. The Board may be asked to reaffirm policy directives or direct staff to make necessary adjustments.

The 2026 Oregon Legislative Session convened on February 2 and adjourned on March 6. Much of the sessions bandwidth was used to address rebalancing of the state budget to address deficits coming into session – a key component of this rebalance was the passage of legislation disconnecting state and federal tax code to mitigate loss of state revenue as a result of federal tax policy changes.

Discussion

Final Status of Key Bills Tracked by EWEB

<u>HB 4029 – Solar Consumer Protection Legislation – SUPPORT – PASSED</u>
The unsuccessful solar consumer protection legislation from 2025 that EWEB worked to develop as part of a work group was reintroduced this session as HB 4029. The bill includes important requirements for a model disclosure a solar installer would have to provide, designed to give consumers accurate and transparent information they can use to determine if rooftop solar is right for them. The disclosure includes a good-faith estimate of projected utility bill savings using utility-specific rate and net metering policy information. EWEB joined with the Oregon Solar Energy Industry Association and Oregon Consumer Justice to testify together as a panel in support of the bill. This bill should help consumers and could result in good-actor local solar installers recapturing market share from a recent influx of out-of-state companies employing high pressure and deceptive sales tactics. The bill also includes enhanced enforcement authority for the Oregon Department of Justice as well as a strengthened consumer private right-of-action for damages.

HB 4029 was approved 57-0 by the House of Representatives on February 12 and approved 25-4 by the Senate on February 25. HB 4029 was signed into law by the Governor on March 5.

Cap and Trade – MONITOR – NO BILL

There was no bill introduced or informational committee hearing conducted that related to carbon cap and trade program authorization. This topic will be left to unofficial discussion in the interim between now and the 2027 legislative session.

SB 1582 – Virtual Power Plants – MONITOR – FAILED

Distributed Power Plants are distributed but centrally managed groups of customer distributed energy resources (DERs, i.e. smart thermostats, rooftop solar panels, batteries, etc.) that provide supply, reduce demand, and provide services to the grid when needed by a utility company. Aggregators (proposed in the legislation to be a non-utility third party aggregator) manage communication, dispatch, and control to a large group of resources to provide the required grid services in the required quantity at the time the grid requires it. SB 1582 only applies to investor-owned utilities – it would direct them to offer a tariff for virtual power plants that meets criteria outlined in the bill and implemented at the Oregon Public Utility Commission (OPUC) that regulates Oregon IOUs**.**

SB 1582 received a public hearing on February 9 but did not advance out of committee before the deadlines.

HB 4080 – Balcony Solar – NEUTRAL/AMEND – FAILED

Plug-in solar – sometimes called "balcony solar" – purports to be a "plug-and-play" solar panel with a simple installation compared to rooftop solar. The panel features a micro-inverter and plugs into a standard outlet, providing up to 800 watts. It is a lower cost solar option that reduces "soft" costs (non-hardware costs) of rooftop solar. The plug-in panels are portable, so renters can take them when they move. The plug-in panels can be placed on a balcony, on the top of a carport, or on an RV, etc.

An estimated 3 million "balcony solar" kits are in operation in Germany. In the United States, Utah's legislature unanimously passed a bill in 2025 that would exempt portable solar devices like balcony solar from state regulations that require interconnection agreements with the local utility. HB 4080 followed an approach similar to Utah, including a provision that plug in solar panels without a utility interconnection are not eligible for net metering.

Amendments to HB 4080 were needed to indemnify electric utilities when plug in solar panels are used by customers and required that plug in solar panels incorporate UL-listed anti-islanding protection and automatic shutoff that isolates the device from the building electrical system during any loss of utility power, preventing any possibility of back-feed onto distribution lines. The bill proponents drafted an amendment that would have addressed these issues identified by electric utilities, however, issues raised by other groups including Oregon Fire Chiefs, Landlords and IBEW will require work that necessitates more time. This bill will likely be reintroduced next legislative session.

HB 4080 received a public hearing on February 5 but did not advance out of committee before the deadline.

HB 4046 – Nuclear Energy Study – MONITOR – FAILED

This bill would direct the Oregon Department of Energy to conduct a study on nuclear energy, including advanced nuclear reactors. ODOE would be directed to engage with tribal governments, consult with certain state agencies and organizations and utilize funding from federal, private and other public sources to carry out the study and submit the report to the interim state legislative committees related to energy not later than February 15, 2027.

HB 4046 had a public hearing on February 10 and was approved by the House Climate, Energy and

Environment Committee 12-0 with a subsequent referral to the Joint Ways and Means Committee, where it remained upon adjournment.

HB 4108 – Noncontiguous Annexation – NEUTRAL/AMEND – PASSED
Under current Oregon law, annexation is limited to contiguous properties. HB 4108 creates a voluntary, property-owner-initiated annexation pathway for qualifying non-contiguous residential parcels. The bill applies only within urban growth boundaries, only to residential or mixed-use residential properties, and only where utilities are already in place. Cities retain full discretion to approve or deny annexations, and no property owner is compelled to participate.

HB 4108 was supported by the Eugene Chamber of Commerce, the City of Eugene and Lane County. Due to opposition to the bill's statewide applicability as introduced, the bill was amended to apply only to the City of Eugene, by name. EWEB coordinated with the bill's sponsor, local State Representative Lisa Fragala, to provide technical input on the language of the bill with the goal of mitigating any negative effects or unintended consequences for EWEB operations and EWEB authorities under the Eugene City Charter – this input is reflected in the bill as amended.

HB 4108 was approved 39-2 in the House of Representatives on February 18. The Senate amended and approved the bill 26-3 on March 4 afterward the House concurred with the Senate amendments and repassed the bill 47-4 on March 6. The bill awaits the Governor's signature.

Oregon Government Ethics Commission (OGEC) Reforms Package – SUPPORT – PASSED
Three bills were approved by the legislature to reduce uncertainty and fears for local elected officials and local governments caused by unintended consequences of past legislation, rulemaking, and OGEC opinions that were limiting the ability to conduct routine business, organize meeting logistics, gather information, and support volunteers. This package of bills represents an important step toward restoring clarity, practicality, and fairness in Oregon's ethics laws. The bills approved in the package were as follows:

HB 4177 – Public Meetings Law & Serial Communications Clean Up: Ensures that substantive deliberation by a quorum occurs in public while allowing individual officials to seek information, discuss procedural matters, and communicate with constituents and the media without penalty. The Governor is being lobbied by media organizations to veto HB4177. Unless vetoed, the bill will become law in early April. Should the bill become law, and implementation details defined, legal counsel will advise of EWEB of specific impacts.

HB 4159 – Oregon Government Ethics Commission Membership: Requires the Governor's appointee to the OGEC to represent the local government perspective, ensuring more balanced oversight of the public officials under the commission's jurisdiction.

HB 4161 – Reasonable Food & Beverage Accommodation: Clarifies a recent agency opinion that providing food and beverages to public officials is a "prohibited use of office." This bill recognizes that providing local officials – who are often volunteers – with sustenance during long public meetings facilitates productivity and is not unethical.

Recommendation/Requested Board Action
These are informational updates, and no action is required at this time.

MEMORANDUM

EUGENE WATER & ELECTRIC BOARD

Rely on us.

TO:	Commissioners Brown, Carlson, Morris, Schlossberg, and Barofsky
FROM:	Willamette Treatment Plant Project Team (Karen Kelley, Chief Water Operations Officer)
DATE:	March 25, 2026 (April 7, 2026, Board Meeting)
SUBJECT:	Willamette Treatment Plant Progress Report
OBJECTIVE:	Information

Issue

One of EWEB's 2026 Strategic Goals is to "work with the Board to decide Willamette Drinking Water Filtration Plant conditions of continuance and scope based on completed project prerequisites". This project is complex, of high community interest/impact, and as discussed at the October 21, 2025, work session, regular (potentially monthly) updates will be provided to the board to show the progress made in each area of work. This memorandum (memo) provides an update on the previous month's progress towards developing a second source of supply on the Willamette River.

Background

EWEB is one of the largest communities in the Pacific Northwest that relies on a single source of supply to provide potable water for domestic, fire suppression, and emergency uses. EWEB is pursuing development of a second source of water on the Willamette River and is working on several aspects of the project at once, including working towards completing a preliminary design (30% design), obtaining land use and environmental permitting approvals, and implementing a communication strategy.

Discussion

The following work items were moved forward this month:

- Preliminary Design
  - Staff completed the last 5 workshops and drafted technical memorandums for the Intake and Treatment Plant preliminary design. Draft preliminary design report will be submitted to staff by the end of April.
  - Completed preliminary site layout drawings.
- Land Use
  - The Lane County and Springfield Planning Commissions took action at the March 17th Planning Commission Meeting and unanimously recommended, without conditions, advancing the Development Code and Refinement Plan text amendments to the County Commissioners and City Council for approval.

    - EWEB's application received 21 comments of support and none in opposition (see Attachment A).
- Environmental Permitting
    - US Army Corps of Engineers provided provisional approval of the Removal/Fill Permit. The approval is contingent on issuance of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) 401 Certification.
- Communications
    - Provided project briefings to the Eugene Chamber of Commerce and the Springfield Chamber of Commerce.
    - Scheduled a presentation to the Eugene Chamber Local Government Affairs Council (LGAC) for April 9.
    - Met with Down to Earth Distributors and Peterson Cat to discuss potential impacts of the pipeline construction and ways to mitigate.
    - Participated in listening sessions with MRT on the future of the Willamette Confluence property upstream of the intake.
    - Sent notice of land use public comment opportunity to project interest email list.
    - Provided information to Lookout Eugene for a story on the land use hearing.

Scheduled intake site visit in early April with adjacent neighbors.

Requested Board Action

This memo is for information purposes only. No action required.

Attachment A

Willamette Treatment Plant Public Comments

Joint Planning Commission Meeting: Glenwood Refinement Plan and Development Code Text Amendments

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City of Springfield
Community Development Division

Re: Support for EWEB's Willamette Water Treatment Plant in Glenwood

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing on behalf of the Eugene Family YMCA to express our strong support for the Eugene Water & Electric Board's Willamette Water Treatment Plant project in Glenwood.

As one of the largest nonprofit community centers in our region and an essential partner in emergency response, we rely on reliable access to high-quality water every day. Water is fundamental to our operations: we depend on it for our showers, drinking fountains, childcare programs, commercial kitchen and sanitation for the thousands of community members who walk through our doors each week.

We are proud of the strong partnership we have built with EWEB to advance community resilience. EWEB's Emergency Water Station was thoughtfully sited and constructed at the edge of YMCA property, complementing a facility that was built to the highest seismic standards and includes both a commercial kitchen and an on-site generator. Together, these assets position the YMCA's 5-acre campus to serve as a vital community resource in the aftermath of a major disaster.

In addition, the YMCA and EWEB have collaborated on a community-facing initiative to encourage individual emergency preparedness through EWEB's *Pledge to Prepare* program. In January 2026, an expert facilitator will lead three sessions designed to help participants become *2 Weeks Prepared* for emergencies by taking practical, achievable steps. Participants will also receive a free three-gallon water container, a HELP/OK sign, and a packet of emergency preparedness materials to support continued readiness at home.

These complementary efforts establish a strong foundation for local emergency response. However, our ability to function effectively as a community hub during times of crisis ultimately depends on EWEB's continued capacity to deliver clean, safe, and reliable water.

Currently, our community relies on a single water source and a single water treatment plant. This places us all at considerable risk: a significant natural or human-caused incident affecting the McKenzie River or the Hayden Bridge facility could result in an extended community-wide water outage. Such an event would severely limit our ability to provide our normal critical services such as child care, but also emergency services in the event that people are displaced from their homes.

We believe that establishing a second, seismically resilient water treatment plant in Glenwood is vital to our region's safety and long-term stability. A second source strengthens public health protection, supports continuity of essential community services, and aligns with best practices already adopted by comparable cities across the country. We also appreciate that EWEB has approached this project with thoughtful consideration for Glenwood's development goals and environmental stewardship.

We strongly encourage the City of Springfield to approve the land use changes necessary to advance the Willamette Water Treatment Plant. This project represents responsible planning and a shared commitment to ensuring that our community has dependable access to clean water—during day-to-day life and in the moments when it matters most.

Thank you for your consideration and for your attention to this essential community infrastructure.

Sincerely,

Brian Steffen
CEO
Eugene Family YMCA

LISA FRAGALA
STATE REPRESENTATIVE
HOUSE DISTRICT 8

March 16, 2026

City of Springfield
225 Fifth Street
Springfield Oregon, 97477

RE: Springfield Development Code and Glenwood Refinement Plan text amendments; City of Springfield (811-25-000061-TYP4, 811-25-000062-TYP4), Lane County (509-PA25-05436)

(Submitted via email)

Dear Planning Commission:

The Willamette Treatment Plant proposed by the Eugene Water & Electric Board (EWEB) will provide a critical second source of drinking water for 200,000 people and has the full support of the undersigned. As the state representative for House District 8, and as someone who has spent decades working in our schools and local communities, I know that access to clean, reliable drinking water is at the heart of Eugene-Springfield's quality of life. From families at home to businesses downtown, every part of our community depends on knowing that water will always be safe and available.

EWEB's ability to provide water is currently compromised by its reliance on a single water source and treatment plant, making the system more vulnerable to disasters, wildfires, extreme storms, and climate change. The Willamette Treatment Plant will mitigate these risks by providing a secure, seismically resilient facility capable of producing water through extreme disasters.

This investment reflects the collaborative spirit and forward-thinking planning that our constituents value and expect from their public institutions.

Thank you for considering the code and refinement plan text amendments necessary for the Willamette Treatment Plant. Your support of EWEB's treatment plant project will provide our community with the resilience needed to withstand natural and human-caused disasters—keeping our residents, businesses, and institutions safe and thriving for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Lisa M. Fragala

Lisa Fragala
State Representative
House District 8

March 12, 2026

City of Springfield
225 Fifth Street
Springfield Oregon, 97477

Springfield Development Code and Glenwood Refinement Plan text amendments; City of Springfield (811-25-000061-TYP4, 811-25-000062-TYP4), Lane County (509-PA25-05436)

Dear Planning Commission Members:

The City of Eugene supports the Eugene Water & Electric Board's (EWEB) plan to construct the Willamette Water Treatment Plant in Glenwood.

As Eugene's City Manager Pro Tem, safeguarding the health and safety of the nearly 180,000 people who call our city home, and the thousands of visitors we welcome each month, is my highest priority. This includes oversight of all the city's services and operations.

Eugene currently has a single source and single treatment plant for drinking water, which puts our community at great risk of experiencing a prolonged outage due to a natural disaster, accident or equipment failure.

Access to clean water is essential for a thriving community, and Eugene relies on EWEB water to thrive. And our business community – made up of over 300 companies large and small – need water to operate.

Diversifying our water sources by building a new treatment plant on the Willamette River will help Eugene achieve water resiliency. It will give EWEB operational flexibility to complete maintenance on their aging treatment plant during periods of low demand, and provide fire suppression, protect public health, and maintain economic stability during emergencies.

The benefits of a secondary water source are significant: minimizing water supply interruptions improve public safety, allow businesses to stay operational and keep people employed, and ensure community stability during times of emergency. Thank you for considering the development code and refinement plan text amendments necessary to move this project forward.

Sincerely,

Matthew Rodrigues
City Manager Pro Tem
City of Eugene

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February 27, 2026

City of Springfield
225 Fifth Street
Springfield Oregon, 97477

RE: Springfield Development Code and Glenwood Refinement Plan text amendments; City of Springfield (811-25-000061-TYP4, 811-25-000062-TYP4), Lane County (509-PA25-05436)

Dear Planning Commission Members,

I am respectfully writing in support of the Eugene Water & Electric Board's (EWEB) proposal to construct a new water withdrawal and treatment facility on the banks of the Willamette River.

Locating the plant in Glenwood on a plot of land that is seismically resilient and above the floodplain maximizes the investment for the community. Much of our local water infrastructure was built decades ago before we became aware of our earthquake risk, and severe weather and other natural disasters have also shifted the water planning paradigm. This plant would be built with modern risks in mind, adding an extra level of protection for all those connected to it.

Rainbow Water District (Rainbow) serves our own Lane County customers and supplies water to the Springfield Utility Board for use by city customers. Rainbow is connected to EWEB's water system through interties. These interties enable our utilities to share water in times of crisis. Allowing EWEB to build a second treatment plant in Glenwood would increase our regional ability to bounce back from a disaster, and give Rainbow a better chance of accessing shared water to benefit customers in north and west Springfield.

Local water utilities pride ourselves on working as a team to safeguard the health and wellness of the residents we serve. It is in this spirit of teamwork that we humbly ask for your approval of the code and refinement plan text amendments necessary for EWEB to build the Willamette Treatment Plant.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Jamie

Jamie Porter, PE
Superintendent

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

November 1, 2025

City of Springfield
225 Fifth Street
Springfield Oregon, 97477

RE: Development code and refinement plan text amendments; Case No. 811-25-000061-TYP4 & 811-25-000062-TYP4 (City of Springfield) and 509-PA25-05436 (Lane County)

(Submitted via email)

Dear Councilors:

The Eugene Water & Electric Board's (EWEB) proposed Willamette Treatment Plant is a critical step necessary to secure a second source of clean drinking water for our community. The University of Oregon fully supports the project and the benefits it will bring to our entire region.

As our region changes, so do the demands on our infrastructure. A second water source is essential to ensure our community is prepared for the future and resilient in the face of emergencies and extreme weather events that are becoming increasingly common.

The University of Oregon is an economic and cultural engine for the region. Clean drinking water is essential to the university and the tens of thousands of people who work, study, live and visit here.

- University buildings are heated with central boilers that function by converting water to steam, creating heat and keeping faculty, staff, and students warm through the winter season. Access to water is critical to maintain these functions.
- Over 24,000 students, many of whom live in Springfield, rely on the University to provide reliable access to clean water for drinking and hygiene on campus.
- Our residence halls provide housing, access to drinking water and sanitation for over 5,500 students.
- Our kitchens provide meals to the greater campus community and require clean water to provide safe access to food.
- We conduct millions of dollars of scientific research on campus that requires access to clean water.

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- Thousands of annual visitors who come to our region for outdoor recreation and to cheer for our world-class athletic teams need clean drinking water.

Having only one source of water in the region puts critical university functions at extreme risk. Supporting EWEB's efforts to establish a second water source in Glenwood is a proactive step that demonstrates foresight, responsibility, and a commitment to protecting our community's future.

Thank you for your consideration of this project and the important resilience benefits it will provide to the University, the community, and the region.

Sincerely,

Jamie Moffitt

Sr. Vice President for Finance & Administration and CFO

University of Oregon

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March 15, 2026

City of Springfield and Lane County Joint Planning Commission
Andy Limbard, City of Springfield
Jared Bauder, Lane County
(submitted via email)

RE: Glenwood Refinement Plan, Development Code Amendments, and EWEB's Willamette Facility

Dear Andy, Jared and members of the Commission,

On behalf of the Board and staff of McKenzie River Trust, I submit these comments on the Eugene Water and Electric Board (EWEB) proposal to construct a water withdrawal and treatment facility on the banks of the Willamette River in Glenwood. We are supportive of the amendments needed to allow for the siting of this community resource. We are excited to see how the facility will catalyze broader efforts in Springfield and Eugene to better connect the community to its watersheds.

We appreciate EWEB's attempt to mitigate the impacts of this proposed construction project on existing mapped wetlands, the riparian zone, and the river itself beneath the Ordinary High-Water mark. What has been proposed appears well-researched and to be consistent with common best practice. We appreciate the extent of the planning work that has been coordinated with David Evans and Associates, a firm that knows the mitigation process and knows the river well. Given the site's characteristics and the proposed mitigation, we have no great concerns about the underlying work being proposed to construct and operate the source water facility.

Perhaps more importantly, we are excited at the prospect of EWEB extending its significant watershed conservation investments into the Coast Fork and Middle Fork of the Willamette River, which converge approximately one mile upstream of the project site. McKenzie River Trust is the current owner of the 1,300-acre Willamette Confluence Conservation Area, through which both forks of the river run before converging that the actual confluence, just upstream of the EWEB site. Since the first mention of the new source water facility years ago, we have encouraged EWEB staff, Commissioners to expand and adapt the partnership that has invested in the health of the McKenzie Watershed to the Middle and Coast Forks of the Willamette. The partnerships in the McKenzie have contributed to a wide range of community benefits:

- Acquiring floodplain land for long term conservation
- Providing financial and technical support for watershed stewardship to farmers and residents
- Removing post-wildfire hazardous materials from the watershed
- Restoring floodplain connectivity and complexity
- Establishing and maintaining a water quality monitoring system
- Establishing and maintaining an emergency hazardous spills response program
- Supporting K-12 and higher education watershed learning opportunities and research

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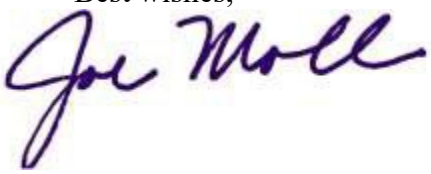
EWEB has been a core member of the overlapping partnerships driving all of these efforts. Their financial support, technical expertise, and commitment to creative experimentation have all provided tremendous leverage for community conservation. This is to be expected for a utility that draws upon the McKenzie River for its core mission. We know that EWEB will be similarly driven to maintain and improve watershed conditions in the Coast and Middle Forks of the Willamette River, given their vested interest in the health of the new water supply.

You are likely aware that we have made similar comments of support for the Springfield Utility Board's water treatment project being developed on the McKenzie River, also with strong encouragement for ensuring the health and long-term resilience of our rivers' floodplains. The placement of hardened infrastructure in a river or its floodplain should always be undertaken with great care, a healthy dose of humility, and with a commitment to the well-being of the larger watershed. The need for secondary or redundant water intakes and treatment for the Eugene-Springfield is clear. The site EWEB has chosen on the Willamette River appears to be well suited for such a facility. They seem to have proposed adequate mitigation for the site impacts.

We look forward to working with EWEB, Lane County, the cities of Springfield and Eugene, Willamalane, the US Army Corps of Engineers, and many other community partners to ensure that we give back far more to the watershed than we ask of it. With these growing opportunities to expand all aspects of source water conservation into the Coast and Middle Forks of the Willamette River, we are encouraged to know that EWEB will continue to be a core partner in these efforts.

Please contact me if you have further questions about that collaborative work or about this letter of support for the project at hand.

Best wishes,



Joe Moll
Executive Director

Jerry Lidz · Mar 17, 2026 · 11:39am

I join other commenters in supporting EWEB's proposal. As has been pointed out in those comments, EWEB currently has only one source of water, on the McKenzie River, and that source is vulnerable to damage from upstream fires, spills of hazardous materials, earthquakes, etc. A second source of clean water for EWEB benefits not only Eugene, but also adds an emergency source of water for Springfield and some unincorporated parts of Lane County. Even without that, this is a good example of a situation where intergovernmental support among the three governments is very appropriate. Please take whatever steps are needed to make this proposal a reality. Thank you very much for considering my comments as well as the others you receive for this proposal. Jerry Lidz

5 / 7 Planning Commissioners have viewed this comment

Hubert Prichard · Mar 17, 2026 · 8:13am

I agree with the establishment of a secondary water source. The risks of damage to the single source should be mitigated and backstopped as proposed.

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Tom Barkin · Mar 16, 2026 · 10:57pm

Eugene and Springfield are fortunate to have the McKenzie and Willamette Rivers available to insure the health of our communities. EWEB's proposed project will be one more example of our communities' ability to work together.

5 / 7 Planning Commissioners have viewed this comment

Andy Howard · Mar 16, 2026 · 10:21pm

I urge the planning commission to support the EWEB proposal to develop a second water treatment plant in Glenwood. Whenever possible, governmental bodies should work in concert for the good of the greater community. Better security of the regional water supply against possible, even likely, future dangers certainly seems to be such a situation. Far better to deal with this issue now, instead of regretful hindsight in the future. I hope the board will take the responsible and forward-looking position by helping EWEB to advance their plans. Thank you for your considered attention to this matter.

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Chris Dunn · Mar 16, 2026 · 9:32pm

I strongly support the development of a second water treatment facility. This is an opportunity for the commission to plan ahead and enhance the resilience of our community.

5 / 7 Planning Commissioners have viewed this comment

Richard Weinman · Mar 16, 2026 · 8:29pm

I support an additional water intake in Glenwood. It's rare that an opportunity comes up for an action to take place that has such critical long term health and safety benefits. Establishing an additional water source is one of those opportunities. Whether it's an earthquake, some sort of chemical spill or something else, another source of water would benefit the entire Eugene and Springfield area and future generations would be grateful for the forward thinking of today's community partners. Especially in this case, what's best for the community in the long run is more important and vital than any short term cost or inconvenience. This is something that should have been done long ago. I urge you to support this effort.

5 / 7 Planning Commissioners have viewed this comment

Jennifer McConochie · Mar 16, 2026 · 5:35pm

Given the reality of climate change and the risk of fire, it makes sense to have an alternative supply of water for Eugene. I support the measure. Jennifer McConochie

5 / 7 Planning Commissioners have viewed this comment

Craig Hickman · Mar 16, 2026 · 1:29pm

I support the development of the second source of water for EWEB. It seems the smart and reasonable thing to do.

6 / 7 Planning Commissioners have viewed this comment

Kathryn Kruger-Hickman · Mar 16, 2026 · 1:13pm

I am writing to urge the Planning Commission to vote in favor of land use code amendments allowing EWEB to build a backup water treatment plant on land it owns in Springfield/Glenwood. This secondary plant is much needed as a resource in case EWEB's sole existing plant is damaged or needs to be shut down.

6 / 7 Planning Commissioners have viewed this comment

Michael Sullivan · Mar 16, 2026 · 12:48pm

EWEB's proposed water treatment facility in the Glenwood area would make a vital contribution to the resiliency and safety of the Metro area. Wildfires, potential seismic events and surface water contamination all pose serious threats to the integrity of the existing water supply. The distribution and full build of water supply and treatment along both the Willamette and McKenzie Rivers would greatly enhance the flexibility and resiliency of the Metro wide water supply system. Please give your positive consideration and approval to the proposed Glenwood Refinement Plan Development Code Amendments to make the construction of EWEB's proposed facility in Glenwood possible. Thank you for your consideration Mike Sullivan

6 / 7 Planning Commissioners have viewed this comment

Andrew Verner · Mar 10, 2026 · 12:53pm

As a neighbor of the new water tanks being built by EWEB on College Hill, I'm a firm believer in the need for a resilient water infrastructure. For this reason, I strongly support the need for a second EWEB water source, to be paid for exclusively by EWEB customers, and urge you to approve the code and refinement plan text amendments necessary for EWEB to build the Willamette Treatment Plant. The existing Hayden Bridge plant was built three quarters of a century ago when seismic codes were non-existent and the threats of extreme weather caused by climate change had not yet manifested, as they would in the 2020 Holiday Farm fire and the 2024 ice storm. There is little we can do to avert similar events or, God forbid, the Big One (earthquake), but we can at least be prepared. A second water source and water treatment facility will benefit not only EWEB customers but water users throughout the Eugene-Springfield area, given the interties with SUB and Rainbow. Please do the prudent thing and make the decision that will benefit the greatest number of people in the Eugene-Springfield area.

6 / 7 Planning Commissioners have viewed this comment

Bruce Abel · Mar 7, 2026 · 8:07am

We desperately need an additional source of drinking water in Eugene/Springfield. I strongly support this effort to approve all plans to expedite the planning and approval process. There is nothing more important to our future than access to clean drinking water. Our current source of water may be inadequate or compromised in the future and the time to address this issue is right now.

6 / 7 Planning Commissioners have viewed this comment

bob Stager · Mar 2, 2026 · 11:02am

How can I participate? I'm passionate about Oregon and Northwest water supply! You never Know what natural disaster or manmade disaster will affect our water supplies. Old simple but wise statement "do not put all your eggs in one basket." Oregon's and Northwest pass generations had the fore site to create some of the best water services for its people & future generations. We should & must do the same for future generations. EWEB not only is looking ahead for the best interest of the local population. Its also looking out for our ecosystem. " What is good for the Goose is good for the gander" EWEB has proven to be a reliable manager of our Water and Power needs. I have Worked in the water supply systems in the NW since 1989 working with cities in Alaska, Washington and Oregon. It's amazing to see how well these entities take care of our water supplies and environment. We are defiantly in good hands with EWEB looking out for our best interest and generations to come!

6 / 7 Planning Commissioners have viewed this comment

JOHN HAAKANSON · Mar 1, 2026 · 2:46pm

I write in support of the proposed water treatment plant, intake and associated water transmission systems in Glenwood, to be built and funded by EWEB. The region's water resiliency will be considerably enhanced when Eugene obtains a second water source. EWEB's Hayden Bridge plant is 76 years old and cannot be taken offline for seismic upgrades, which poses a severe threat in the event of an earthquake or other natural disaster. In addition, the region has had two close calls this decade, including the 2020 Holiday Farm fire, which burned close to the Hayden Bridge area, and the 2024 ice storm, when 2/3 of SUB's water customers were issued "boil water" alerts after Springfield's water system lost power, and EWEB's system was forced to run on a generator. Thank you for your service and your consideration. Best regards, John Haakanson

6 / 7 Planning Commissioners have viewed this comment