

EWEB continues 2023 budget and rate setting process

As a customer-owned utility, we do not operate to earn a profit. Prices are based on the costs to serve our community with safe, reliable water and electricity.

At their July 2022 public meeting, your elected EWEB Commissioners kicked off a multi-month planning process that will culminate in December with adoption of a 2023 budget and rates for electric and water customers.

PROJECTED RATE INCREASES

As of October 2022, we are projecting an average monthly increase of 3.25% for electricity rates and 6% for water rates. Final 2023 prices for residential and non-residential customers will be adopted at the Dec. 6 Board of Commissioners meeting.

WHY RATE INCREASES ARE NEEDED

Our proposed 2023 budget reflects investments to ensure we can continue to provide safe and reliable water and electricity even as critical infrastructure ages and new challenges arise. Some of the major projects that we are planning for include:

- Building a treatment plant on the Willamette River to improve the resiliency of our water supply
- Rebuilding electric substations to increase capacity and improve reliability
- Upgrading and diversifying drinking water storage facilities
- Addressing structural vulnerabilities of the Leaburg canal
- Upgrading the Carmen-Smith Hydroelectric Project to continue providing local carbon-free power
- Investing in updated technology to improve service
- Implementing wildfire safety and prevention programs

PUBLIC RATE-SETTING PROCESS

We begin the rate-setting process annually in the summer. Through a series of public meetings, your elected Board of Commissioners provides direction and customer-owners are invited to provide testimony on any proposed adjustments. You can watch public meetings online and provide comments in-person, by telephone, or in writing. Find more information at eweb.org/board.

Learn more your water and electric rates at eweb.org/RateInfo.

Programs that can lighten your carbon load and bottom line

ELECTRIC VEHICLE PROGRAMS

Saving fuel can make a big difference in your budget, especially in today's market. Here in Eugene, it costs about \$340/year to charge an electric vehicle, compared to around \$2,000/year to fuel a gas car.

Besides fuel savings, installing an EV charging station at your business comes with other benefits.

Public chargers on your premises can bring in new customers and also help attract and retain employees, especially as more and more people become EV owners.



I want to...

Save on fuel costs and address transportation emissions, the top polluter in our community.

Rebates for qualifying public charging stations:

Level 2 stations: \$1,500

Level 2 at multifamily affordable housing sites: \$2,000

Single-port DCFC public stations: \$10,000

Multi-port DCFC public stations: \$15,000

E-bike Rebate

E-mobility Grant for non-profits or public organizations

EV Carsharing Program (coming soon!)

Public charging can also help put your business on the map—literally. By offering EV charging, you can make your location visible on charging maps and apps, establishing your business as one of the places that provides this much sought-after service. Learn more at eweb.org/ev.

GREENPOWER

Pay a little more in your monthly bill to fund local solar projects, help minimize climate change effects and support renewable energy.

CLEANPOWER

Purchasing renewable energy certificates (RECs) is an affordable way to help green the grid by displacing dirty energy sources with renewable resources like wind and solar.

GreenOptions
CARBON CONSCIOUS PROGRAMS WITH EWEB



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Your Board of Commissioners

Wards 4 & 5	John Brown (President)
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Wards 1 & 8	Matt McRae
Wards 2 & 3	John Barofsky
At-large	Mindy Schlossberg

The citizens of Eugene elect five commissioners to four-year terms. They dedicate their service to the utility as volunteers without pay. Commissioners hold regularly scheduled public meetings on the first Tuesday of each month, typically at 5:30 p.m. Our customer-owners are welcome and encouraged to participate. Meetings are streamed live and archived on eweb.org/board.

