

# PARTNERS IN ACTION

## Eugene Water & Electric Board Oregon's Largest Customer-Owned Utility



Adams Elementary is awarded the Green Power grant at Earth Day.

### Programs

EWEB offers many different programs to help customers save electricity, water and money as well as manage their home or business efficiently. These programs include: energy management services which has saved EWEB customers 570 million kWh since 1982, water conservation, and GreenPower.

EWEB, founded in 1911, provides electricity, water and steam to more than 86,000 homes, business, schools and other customers in Eugene, Oregon. As a public utility, EWEB does not operate to earn a profit or to serve the investment needs of stockholders. Instead, EWEB is chartered by the city of Eugene to serve the interests of its citizens. The citizens of Eugene, therefore, are owners of the utility.

EWEB supplies water and electricity – basic services to Eugene residents and businesses enabling them to live and work in the area. Without clean water and reliable, affordable electricity we would not be able to function as a community. The provision of these services in a sustainable way is an important task for EWEB. For more information go to [www.eweb.org](http://www.eweb.org)

EWEB also offers programs to assist low income customers to pay their bills and use less electricity. EWEB has provided over \$11M in grants to local school districts for energy curriculum programs, and sponsors a number of different community education opportunities on energy and water issues.

EWEB has a source protection program in the McKenzie River watershed to help maintain the high water quality we enjoy as well as a water treatment plant at Hayden Bridge to ensure safe drinking water to all customers.

EWEB provides a number of popular recreational facilities free of charge associated with its hydro-electric projects along the McKenzie River.

EWEB also has a sustainability program that aims to improve operational performance of the utility and provide enhanced transparency and accountability to our customers. For more information on all EWEB programs and operations go to [www.eweb.org](http://www.eweb.org)



**MISSION** To be an outstanding provider of energy and water products that meet customers' needs and benefit the citizens of Eugene.

The Eugene Water & Electric Board's water quality is truly extraordinary. Due in part to our pure source, the McKenzie River, nearly 200,000 EWEB water consumers are getting some of the cleanest, tastiest water on the planet.



## Partners

EWEB works with many different partners on projects and programs including:

- McKenzie source protection/watershed management: University of Oregon (UO), Willamette Farm to Food Coalition, Lane County, Oregon Tilth, Eco Trust, Cascade Pacific Resource Conservation and Development Area, McKenzie Watershed Council, McKenzie River Trust, DEQ, Upper Willamette Soil and Water Conservation District, Bonneville Power Administration, Lane Council of Governments, Oregon State University.
- Climate Change: Oregon State University, UO, City of Eugene
- Energy management: Lane Community College, City of Eugene; on low income initiatives-Lane County Human Services Commission, St Vincent de Paul, Lane Independent Living Alliance, HACSA and county services.
- Energy & water education & grants: 4J and Bethel school districts, Partners in Education (PIE) and Green Power grant recipients

## Accomplishments

EWEB has been a fundamental part of helping to create a sustainable community since its inception in 1911. A few of the utility's accomplishments are outlined below:

- 100 years of service to the community supplying water and electricity to Eugene customers
- Leading the way on energy conservation since the early 1980's, and keeping 3.6 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> out of the atmosphere
- River Front Master Plan
- Carmen Smith Hydroelectric Relicensing
- Integrated Energy Resource Plan and current process
- Water system upgrades
- Steam Utility Transition plan
- Paul J. Raver Community Service award for the Community care program to help limited income customers weatherize their homes and pay their utility bills.

## Goals for the Lane Livability Consortium

EWEB goals for participation in the Lane Livability Consortium

- To develop or improve effective working relationships with partner agencies to help create a more sustainable community, through analysis of current gaps and opportunities in planning more holistically for Eugene and Springfield.
- To learn more about consortium partners programs and priorities and identify how we can work more collaboratively toward joint outcomes.
- To bring timely, relevant utility-based information to the consortium to help with the creation of more comprehensive planning for the metro community, including the integration of utility issues.
- Effective partnering with other organizations is an integral part of the way EWEB operates; it is one of the work plan priorities of the newly created sustain-

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