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(SWLCWPUD)**

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**BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA  
28 April 2026 – 10:00 AM**

The budget meeting will be held at the District Office, 7740 Hwy. 101 North, Yachats, OR

1. **BUDGET MEETING CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
  - a. Review the terms of the committee members
  - b. Appoint Budget Committee Chairperson
3. **PRESENTATION OF THE BUDGET DOCUMENTS AND BUDGET MESSAGE**
4. **RECOMMENDED CHANGES FROM THE COMMITTEE CHAIR**
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
6. **APPROVE BUDGET DOCUMENTS AS PROPOSED OR AMENDED**
7. **ANNOUNCE THE NEXT BUDGET MEETING IF REQUIRED**
8. **ADJOURN THE MEETING**

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**BUDGE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
 28 April 2026 – 10:00 AM

<b>1. BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING CALL TO ORDER</b>	President Cuellar called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.
<b>2. ROLL CALL</b>	President Cuellar deemed that a quorum was present: PUD President Cuellar, PUD Vice President Tucker, PUD Director Sherkow, Waverly Hayner, Victor Bayley, Jeff Criner, and Bill Turner (former PUD Director). Ms. Angela Vogl, PUD Manager, was also present.
a. Review the terms of the committee members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WAVERLY HAYNER Term ends 2025</li> <li>• VICTOR BAYLEY Term ends 2025</li> <li>• JEFF CRINER Term ends 2028</li> <li>• BILL TURNER Term ends 2028</li> </ul>
b. Appoint Budget Committee Chairperson	Mr. Hayner was appointed as the Chair by acclamation.
<b>3. PRESENTATION OF THE BUDGET DOCUMENTS AND BUDGET MESSAGE</b>	<p>DM Vogl presented a PowerPoint presentation on the budget issues and highlights. Copies of the formal budget pages and the Budget Message had been previously distributed.</p> <p>Growth in new customers had reached a peak in FY 22 and has since tailed off. Operations &amp; Maintenance (O&amp;M) costs have matched available General Fund revenue fairly well.</p> <p>Policy questions concerning a possible water rate increase were presented for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does the rate structure cover SWLCWPUD's expenses should a drought or other unanticipated variable create a significant decline in water use?</li> <li>• Several components of critical infrastructure are near the end of their useful life. How does SWLCWPUD address system upgrades from a financial standpoint?</li> <li>• SWLCWPUD is securing a new federal loan with the USDA to improve the PUD infrastructure and ensure neighboring entities cannot annex any portion of the district. This will create additional debt.</li> </ul> <p>A five-year table of loan obligations was presented. New anticipated projects (USDA and State) were not included. A table showing the field personnel pay levels and position in the Pay Scale framework anticipated for FY 27 was shown. See below. The highlighted items represent individual employee's ranking at the end of the year and their gross pay (in thousands of dollars for the entire FY 27).</p>

SWLCWPUD APPROVED PAY SCALE – FY 27									
Position	Prob	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Group H: WT3-WD3	\$76	\$80	\$86	\$88	\$90	\$93	\$94	\$95	\$97
Group G: WT3-WD2 or WD3-WT2	73	78	83	85	87	89	92	94	96
Group F: WT3-WD1 or WD3-WT1 or WD2-WT2 (with Fil. End.) or WT3	69	75	80	83	85	87	89	92	94
Group E: WT1-WD2 or WT2-WD1	66	71	77	79	82	84	86	88	90
Group D: WT2 or WD2	63	67	74	76	78	80	83	85	87
Group C: WD1 or WT1	60	64	71	73	75	77	79	82	84
Group B: Ready for Stand-By Duties	56	61	67	69	72	74	76	78	80
Group A: Start – Field Crew	53	57	64	66	68	71	73	75	77

Noteworthy items under the Materials and Services Budget were discussed.

- Vehicle Operations - Inflation increase and addition of Blodgett Fuel Storage
- Auditing - FY 25 audit is not complete, anticipated May/June 2026. Budget accounts for 2 payments for auditing
- Water Samples - 3% rate increase from lab, additional charges from PFAF testing
- Rock & Gravel - Several easement road maintenance projects, river rock for hydrant installs, sand for waterlines
- Postage & Shipping - USPS postage rate \$0.78 effective July 2026. Not enough mail issued to qualify for bulk discount rate

FY 27 Budget Items:

\$61,000 Main & Distribution Supplies

\$37,000 Plant Supplies

- Anticipated inflation on materials and parts
- Continued troubleshooting and system repair

Small tools budget was also covered.


In the Capital Project area, the following was briefed to the committee on the Waterline Project for FY 27:


Phase	Timing	Associated Cost
95% design review, submittals		\$67,000
Bid Phase	22 days	\$27,000
Contracting	17 days	\$20,000
Construction Support		\$407,431
Labor Standards Compliance		\$15,000
Construction	180 days	\$4,470,000
Environmental and Permitting		\$40,000
Contingency		\$445,000
Closeout	8 days	
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$5,491,887</b>

	<p>Fire Hydrants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Several hydrants are unable to be repaired due to manufacturing changes</li> <li>• New locations have been identified in conjunction with YRFPD</li> <li>• Budget for (5) new hydrants, funded from internal reserves (excluding those included in the Waterline Project)</li> </ul> <p>Water Meters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated with an Automated Meter Reading System and set up test area</li> <li>• More accurate, less staff time</li> <li>• Meters will be funded from internal reserves</li> </ul> <p>Hach service contract - Quarterly service to calibrate turbidity meters at both WTPs</p> <p>Instrumentation replacement / update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitor dosing</li> <li>• Monitor water quality</li> <li>• Accurate data collection</li> <li>• Secure backbone for OHA compliance</li> </ul> <p>For the Equipment Fund, the budget includes a new 4-door Tacoma pickup truck procured with government pricing - ETA July 2026</p>
<p><b>4. RECOMMENDED CHANGES FROM THE COMMITTEE CHAIR</b></p>	<p>None from the Committee Chair</p>
<p><b>5. PUBLIC COMMENT</b></p>	<p>None</p>
<p><b>6. APPROVE BUDGET DOCUMENTS AS PROPOSED OR AMENDED</b></p>	<p>There was a general discussion by Committee members concerning funding, water rates and debt financing. The budget didn't include the near-term possible USDA loan for the third filter at Blodgett, nor the SCADA upgrades. It did not include possible Infrastructure Act or State Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan funding. Because these sources have not been secured, it was decided that future Budget Amendments could handle any such additions as they occur.</p> <p>Director Sherkow stated his concerns about the need to start building up some reserves in light of the new loan debt was the PUD was contemplating in the near-term. He didn't want to have insufficient reserves nor have to implement a sharp water rate increase in future years (required to have increased debt service). He suggested a water rate increase higher than the one built into the draft budget. He also pointed out that the PUD is facing finance charges during the construction phase of the Waterline Project (require to pay the contractor within 30 days but not getting reimbursement from BizOR for 60 to 90 days). This could cost the PUD an estimated 5% on the amount in the reimbursement delay.</p> <p>It was estimated that this cost could be approximately \$60,000 in FY 27 and was not recognized in the budget. Director Sherkow asked that the DM examine this amount for accuracy. Given this issue, the Committee asked that the Capital Budget be increased by \$60,000 and that money be found from the income sources to correspond. If the \$60,000 was not sufficient or correct, it was left to the DM to provide a more correct figure before the FY 27 Budget was presented to the PUD Board.</p>

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	After further discussion, PUD President Cuellar moved that the budget draft, as amended, with refinements to be made by DM Vogl, be recommended to the PUD Board for adoption. Mr. Bayley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
<b>7. ANNOUNCE THE NEXT BUDGET MEETING IF REQUIRED</b>	None
<b>8. ADJOURN THE MEETING</b>	Chair Hayner adjourned the meeting at 12:05 PM

  
\_\_\_\_\_, Board President  
Roxie Cuellar, Director Subdivision 1  
Date 6/23/26

  
\_\_\_\_\_, Board Secretary  
Franklin Sherkow, Director Subdivision 4  
Date 6/23/26