FY24 WLAB GOALS

Previously Provided to City Council in the January 2025 Submittal

- 1) Continue to provide guidance for expanding the utility's renewable energy portfolio to achieve the community's renewable energy ordinance goals.
 - a. Support implementation of City's updated Community Solar Program
 - **b.** Participate in work sessions with City Council on the TEA renewable energy study
 - c. Work with Utility Staff to recommend changes to the current renewable energy ordinance past 2028 goal
- 2) Seek solutions to further improve the utility's successful demand side management (DSM) and efficiency programs for the community.
 - **a.** Review and encourage utilization of Federal and State funding opportunities for the City utility and their customers
 - **b.** Encourage implementation of an EV charging program or rate structure to encourage charging at off peak periods.
 - **c.** Support the AMI implementation Study
- 3) Continue to Improve WLAB communication with the community and Council, specifically:
 - **a.** Promote the communities use of the web linked email access to WLAB members and utility staff
 - **b.** Host a public meeting to seek community input on current water and electric utility issues
 - c. Submit a FY23 annual report to City Council by the end of calendar year 2023.
- 4) Develop a set of utility rate metrics to evaluate rate affordability and encourage their use them to evaluate future utility rate changes.
- 5) Support the utility staff on the implementation of recommendations from IERMP for necessary distribution and transmission system improvements and expansions.
 - **a.** Support capital projects to expand the capacity and redundancy of the PercheCreek and Bolstad Substations.
 - **b.** Support development of a plan to upgrade Hinkson Creek Substation to avoid flooding impact and allow MU to upgrade its requested transmission access.
 - **c.** Continue to support the development of a transmission plan as recommended by the IERMP recommendations.
- 6) Support staff to conduct a capacity study in FY 25 to be prepared for changing market conditions with MISO.

FY 2026 WLAB GOALS

- 1. Sustainability
 - a. Review and provide recommendations on the City's irrigation ordinance
- 2. Community and Council Outreach and Communication
 - a. Continue board outreach to the community and Council

- b. Plan and attend additional educational trainings for Board members, City Staff, and Council members
- c. Plan one community outreach meeting
- 3. Utility Rate Metrics
 - a. Continue review of the power cost adjuster to determine if adjustments are required
 - b. Provide recommendations regarding an annual water rate adjustment based on consultant's water cost of service study completed in 2025
- 4. Integrated Resource Planning
 - a. Review the City's Integrated Resource Plan ("IRP")
 - b. Provided recommendations based on the IRP
- 5. Capital Project Review
 - a. Continue review of capital projects to support justifications for continued investment to ensure the utiltiy provides realiable, safe, and adequate service.