

FY24 WLAB Goals and Objectives

September 1, 2024 Status

- 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 **(Complete)**
 - b. Participate in work sessions with City Council on the TEA renewable energy study **(Complete)**
 - c. Work with Utility Staff to recommend changes to the current renewable energy ordinance past 2028 goal **(Complete)**

- 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 **(WLAB continued to support this effort)**
 - b. Encourage implementation of an EV charging program or rate structure to encourage charging at off peak periods. **(WLAB continued to support this effort, City implemented a EV charging pilot)**
 - c. Support the AMI implementation Study **(WLAB continued to support this effort, City is exploring an alternate path with existing metering vendor)**

- 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 **(WLAB continued to support and successfully utilize the email link.)**
 - b. Host a public meeting to seek community input on current water and electric utility issues. **(Public meeting held in November 2023 and planning another for later 2024.)**
 - c. Submit a FY23 annual report to City Council by the end of calendar year 2023. **(Complete, attended Council meeting to share overview and answer questions.)**

- 4) Develop a set of utility rate metrics to evaluate rate affordability and encourage their use them to evaluate future utility rate changes. **(Completed for water and will be included in the water cost of services study in FY2025.) (Also, at the request of City, the WLAB reviewed the water utility financials and recommended a rate increase for FY2025 to sustain financial viability of the utility.)**

- 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. **(WLAB continued to support these projects)**
 - b. Support development of a plan to upgrade Hinkson Creek Substation to avoid flooding impact and allow MU to upgrade its requested transmission access. **(WLAB continues to support the efforts to address these issues.)**
 - c. Continue to support the development of a transmission plan as recommended by the IERMP recommendations. **(WLAB continues to support a transmission plan for the southern part of the utility system.)**