So How Much Water Do You Really Need? EWEB's On-Going Efforts at Developing an Emergency Water Supply System

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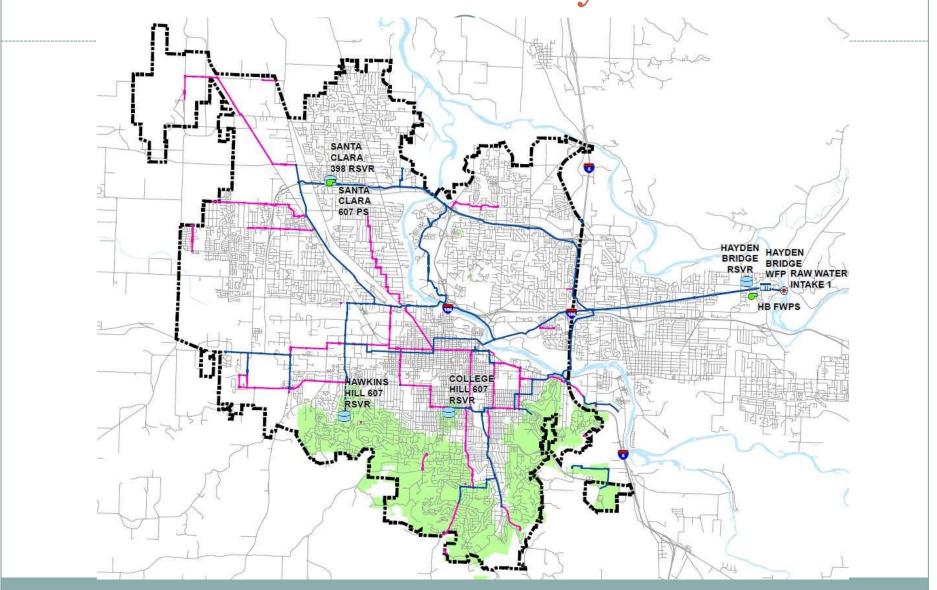
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Presentation Outline

- EWEB's Water System
- The 2012 EWEB Emergency Water Supply Plan
- Initial Efforts
- Diversion
- New Plan
- Communications
- Questions

EWEB's Water System

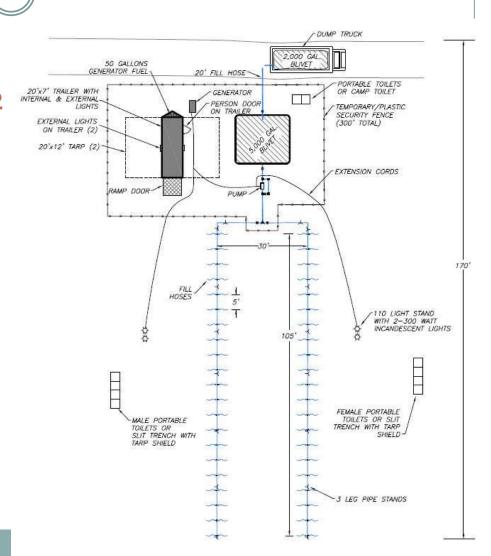


EWEB's Water System

- Founded in 1911
- Serves a population of ~185,000.
- One large base level with 5 smaller higher pressure zones
- 19 storage reservoirs, 1MG to 20MG
- 34 pump stations
- ~800 miles of distribution pipelines
 - o 50% Cast iron
 - o 32% Ductile
 - o 4% Asbestos cement
 - o 9% PVC
 - o 5% Other

2012 Emergency Water Supply Plan

- Prepared EmergencyWater Supply Plan in 2012
 - Goal: Distribute 2 gallons per person per day
 - Multiple distribution locations (6 in Plan)
 - Water supply from 'hardened reservoirs' and ?
 - Water would likely need to be 'trucked' to many sites.



2012 Emergency Water Supply Plan

Logistics are Daunting

- o 300,000 gallons per day
- How to set up sites and deliver while fixing system?
- How to configure an efficient distribution system?
- We got started...



Potential Distribution Sites



- Criteria
 - Sufficient area
 - Adequate access
- Number of sites
 - 14 Potential Sites were identified
 - Assumption made that not all would be accessible
- MOUs
 - Developed to ensure cooperation.
 - The smaller the organization –
 the easier it was to secure an MOU.

Memorandum of Understanding

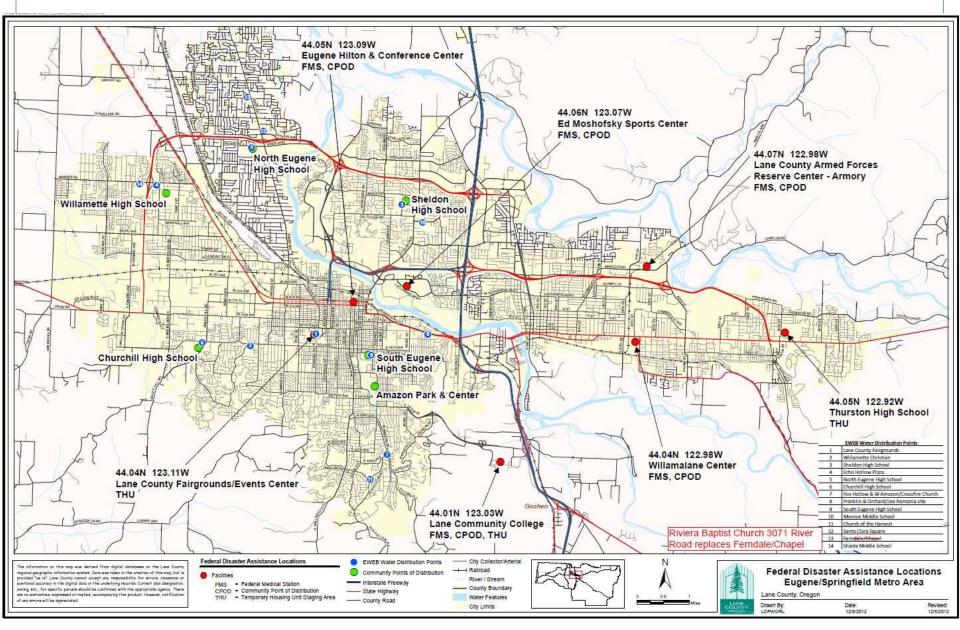
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Eugene Water & Electric Board

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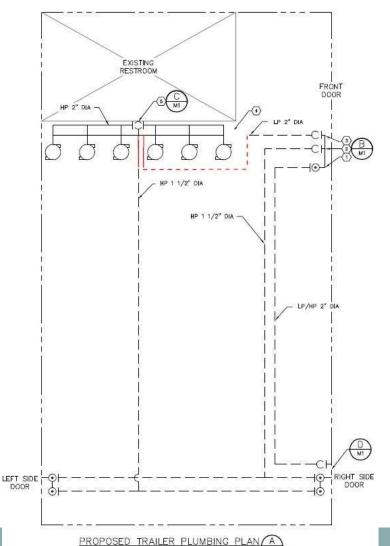
4J School District
Sheldon High School 2455 Willakenzie/Rd. Eugene, OR 97401
Churchill High School 1850 Bailey Hill Rd. Eugene, OR 97405
South Eugene High School 400 E 19th Ave. Eugene, OR 97401
Monroe Middle School 2800 Bailey Ln. Eugene, OR 97401

Sites



• Design Criteria:

- Towable with a full size pickup
- Self contained with all distribution piping, signage, generator, etc.
- Able to provide water from a pressurized source or an 'open' tank or container i.e. Equipped with pumps.
- With an adequate number of spigots.
- Provided with a bathroom





• Water can be provided from within the trailer.



• First trailer geared toward public education/outreach.

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- Second and third trailers provided with exterior distribution connections only and have greater pumping capacity.
- ~\$40k each



 Pumps – Grundfos MQ shallow well pumps

• Can be bypassed.



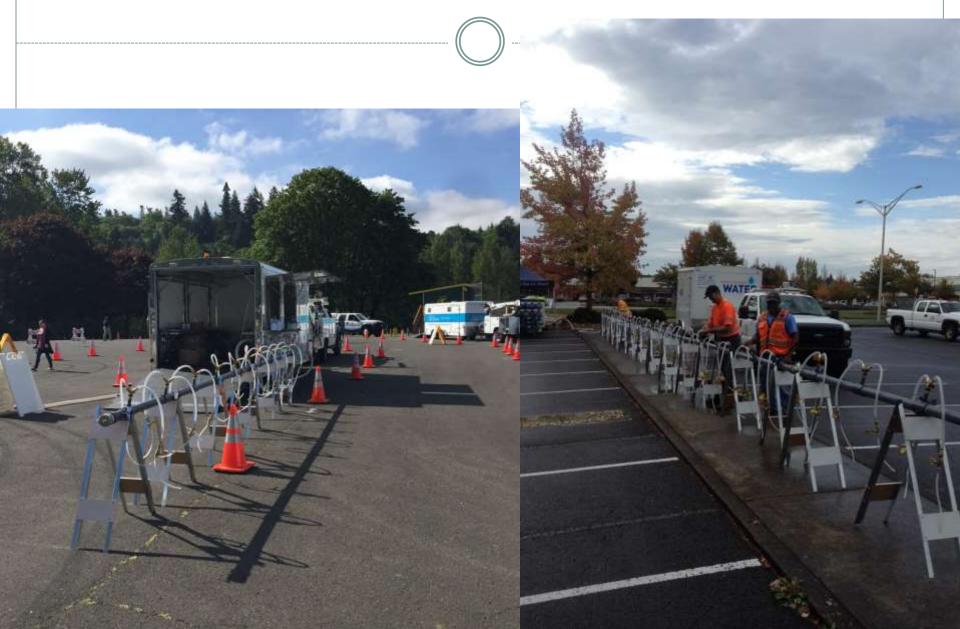


Hauling Water

- Biggest Issue to Overcome
- Blivets and Hard
 Side Containers



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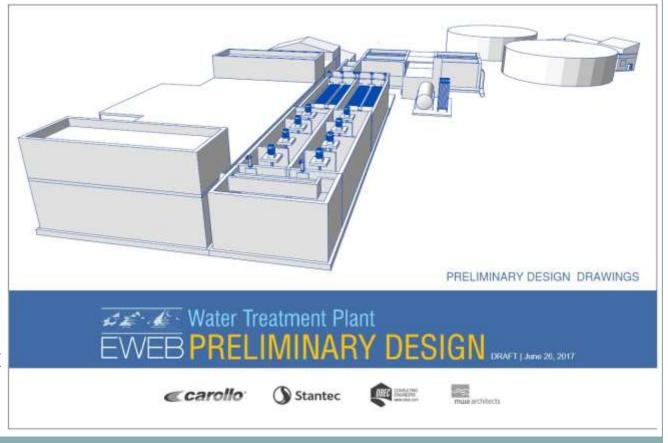




Diversion



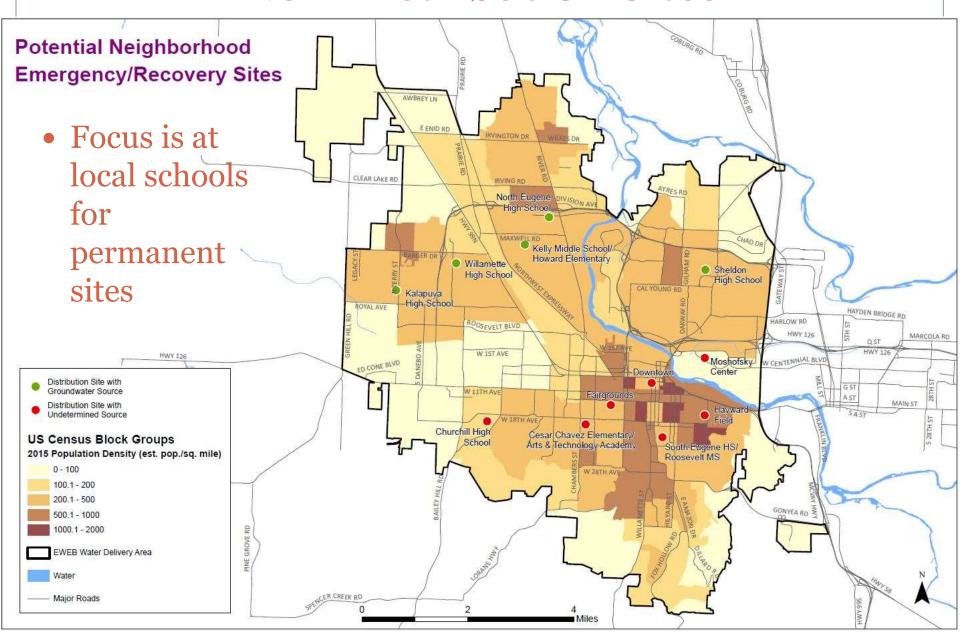
- Focused on our Second Source Project
 - 10-15 MGD to meet minimum demands
 - Resources diverted to project
 - Work stalled on emergency supply project



New Focus

- After Second Source Project was deferred.
- Revised Emergency Water Supply Program
 - Establishment of permanent sites with:
 - **▼** Established sources of water wells, other?
 - Microgrid electrical backup
 - Goal is 5 sites in 5 years
 - Supplemented by mobile distribution trailers/temporary sites/portable water treatment trailers

New Distribution Sites



Water Required at Each Site

- Based on 2 gallons per person per day and population served
- Do not want to provide too much capacity – just takes more power

	GPM (24 Hr)	GPM (10 Hr)
Sheldon High School	40	100
North Eugene High School	30	60
Kelly Middle School/Howard Elementary	20	50
Willamette High School	20	50
Kalapuya High School	30	60
Hayward Field	20	50
South Eugene High School/Roosevelt Middle School	30	60
Cesar Chavez Elementary/ATA	20	40
Churchill High School	20	40
Fairgrounds	20	40
Downtown (Hilton/Conference Center)	20	40
Moshofsky Center	20	50

Distribution Sites

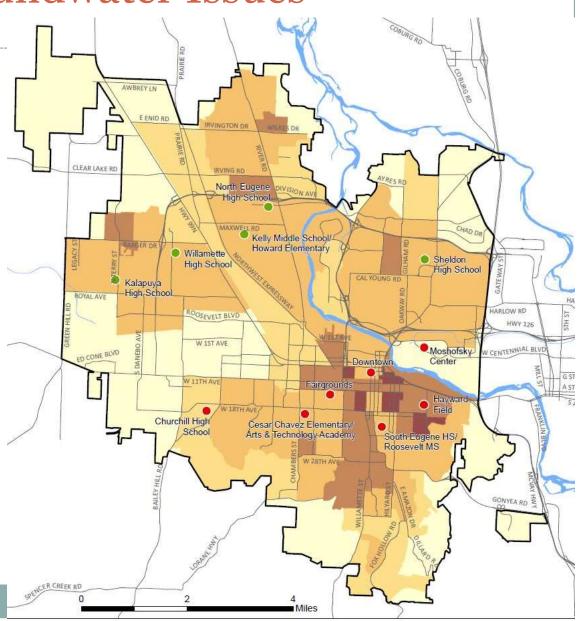
- Each permanent site to have:
 - A source of supply well with back-up power?
 - Stored Water Distribution Equipment
- First site to be established this summer



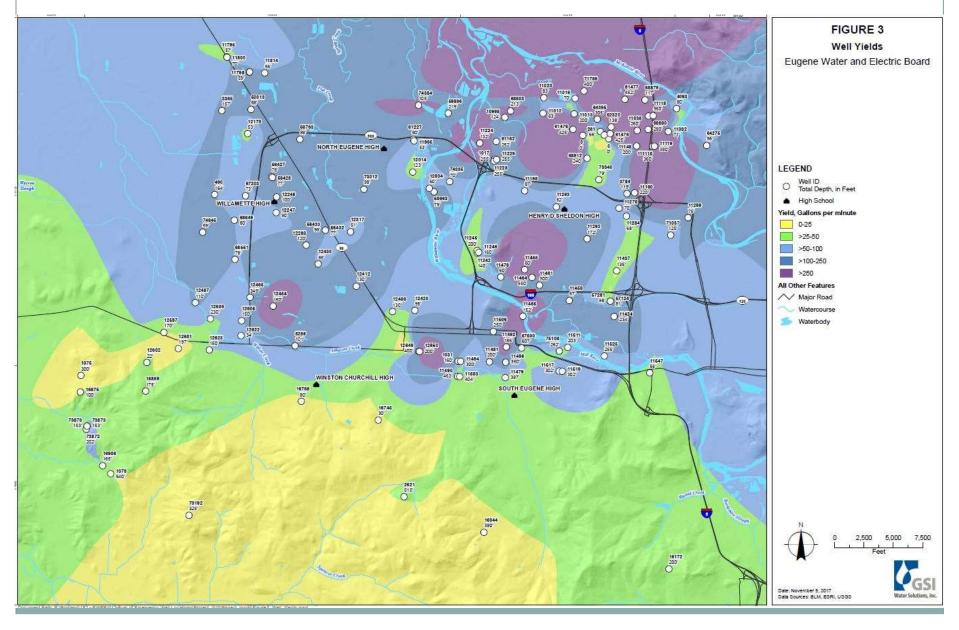
Groundwater Issues

1) Capacity

• Limited groundwater in high population density areas



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2) Water Quality

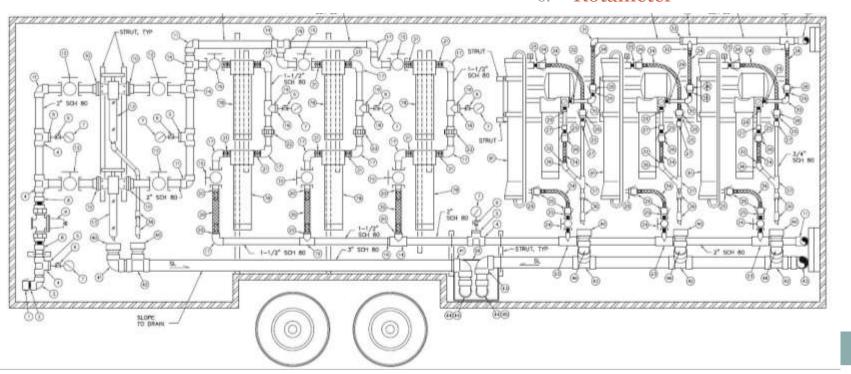
- Criteria for no treatment:
 - Not under the influence of surface water
 - Meets drinking water requirements for:
 - × Coliform bacteria
 - × Nitrate
 - **x** Arsenic
- Limited wells tested to date meet this criteria.
- Goal is to have no treatment to allow non-EWEB staff operate system

Alternatives to Groundwater

- Surface Water
 - Will require treatment
 - Commissioning one portable treatment trailer
 - Looking at options for a small permanent plant
- Storage Hardened Reservoirs
 - Part of the plan but will take years to implement due to cost

- Portable Treatment Trailer
 - o 60 GPM
 - ~\$60k

- 1. Strainer 250 micron
- 2. Cartridge filter 50 micron
- 3. Cartridge filter 50-5 micron
- 4. UF membrane filter and carbon cartridge, self cleaning .015 micron
- 5. Chlorine liquid
- 6. Rotameter





- PortableTreatment TrailerTesting
 - Potable water then river water
 - Replacing UF membrane filters
 - Cartridge Filters and UV for flexibility and to allow for "dry storage"





Currently exploring options

 Potentially combined with a 'micro-distribution" system to provide water to critical areas and those with high population

density



Communications – Public Outreach

- Integral part of program from beginning
- Started with emergency preparedness, shifted to support for second source, and now to new program
- Generally successful but at times difficult to get the facts straight – getting water from your tap is different than walking down the street with a jug of water



"..but we are developing an emergency water supply with wells so it is all going to be ok"

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QUESTIONS?