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CUSTOMER NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2023

This month we share some background information on some of the connections we have, both internally and externally, that provide our organizational structure and allow us to add value to our customers and the region.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Rainbow is governed by a five-member volunteer Board of Commissioners. Board members are elected in odd-numbered years to a four-year term of office, selected from registered voters residing within the District. Rainbow's Board meets monthly to manage finances and adopt the policies that guide the staff and govern the District's customers.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Rainbow's Budget Committee consists of the five Board Members, plus five additional electors that are appointed by the Board to a three-year term of office. (Electors are registered voters residing within the District). **We currently have one vacancy on our Budget Committee.**

To serve on the Budget Committee you need to be a district customer, an eligible voter, and attend a minimum of two evening meetings. This year the meetings are at 5:30 pm on April 12 and May 10. Previous public budgeting experience is helpful but not required. If you are interested or would like to know more, please call Superintendent Jamie Porter at 541-746-1676 or email us at office@rwdonline.net.

LANE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (LCOG)

Rainbow Water District is a member of the Lane Council of Governments, a voluntary association of local governments in Lane County working together to adopt policies and coordinate planning and technology at the regional level. A member of Rainbow's Board is also appointed to serve on LCOG's Board of Directors along with other representatives from over thirty member agencies.

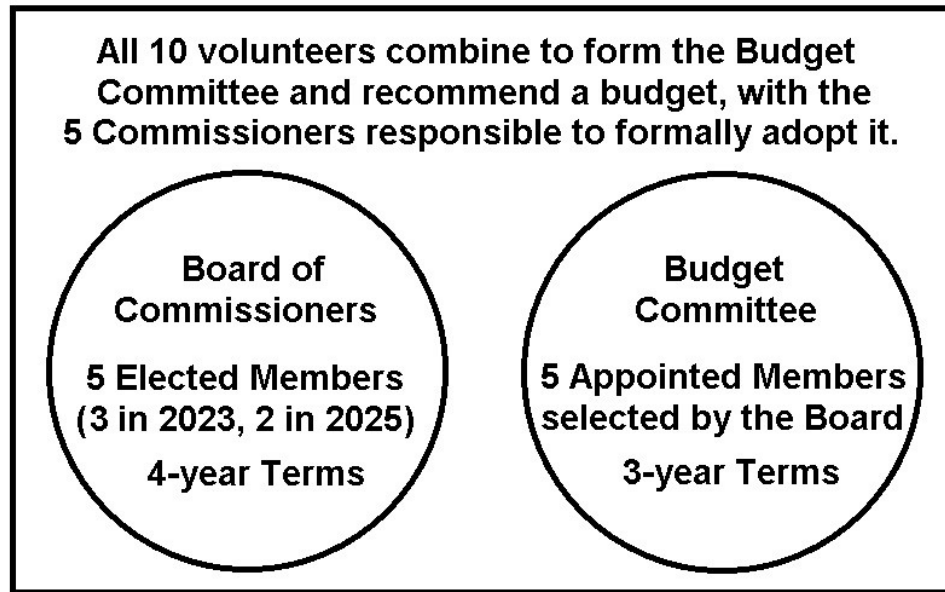
OREGON WATER/WASTEWATER AGENCY RESPONSE NETWORK (ORWARN)

Beyond our regional partnerships with EWEB and SUB, and the small neighboring water systems we support, Rainbow is a member of the statewide ORWARN. This group is composed of member utilities providing voluntary assistance to each other during an emergency incident. Since emergencies may transcend jurisdictional boundaries, effective coordination and sharing of resources is essential in preserving lives and property. We are proud to make ourselves available to help others in need with the limited resources (staff and equipment) that we are able to share, and we are comforted knowing that others have our back should we need assistance.

Find us on the web at www.RWDonline.net or use the [Facebook](#) link for Rainbow-Water-District.

Rainbow Water District seeks Budget Committee members!

Rainbow Water District is seeking volunteers (must be a District water customer) who are interested in serving on our Budget Committee. We are taking names through March 3.



Budget Committee members learn about the District and help the Commissioners decide how the District can best use its resources to serve the community. You can help!

There is currently one vacancy on the Budget Committee:

- Position 2 to serve April & May 2023, April & May 2024, and April & May 2025.
(If willing to continue serving, members may serve additional three-year terms.)

Committee volunteers typically attend two meetings during April and May, held during the regularly scheduled Board meeting from 5:30-7:30 pm on the second Wednesday of the month. Additional meetings are rare but may be called if needed. Members are responsible to review documents on their own time, then will discuss and vote on proposals at our public meetings.

Financial experience is desirable but not required. We will provide training and orientation. Please submit a short email/letter describing your interest and any applicable experience:

You may email your letter of interest to: office@rwdonline.net

Or you may mail your letter of interest to: Superintendent Jamie Porter
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Please call our office at (541) 746-1676 if you have questions or request additional information.