

To: Portland Utility Board (PUB)
From: Melissa Merrell, PUB Analyst
Re: Discussion Memo BES Strategic Plan Statement of Support
On: October 31, 2017

Based on your input and discussions at previous board meetings, I've crafted the following statement of support for your consideration. Please send me any suggested changes prior to next week's meeting.

The Bureau of Environmental Services (BES) and its employees provide core services to the residents of the City of Portland, protecting the area's watersheds and collecting and treating wastewater and stormwater. BES manages a large portfolio of capital assets that are aging and a complex stormwater system and operates in an uncertain regulatory environment; all of which pose challenges that require purposeful planning and thoughtful investment. The Portland Utility Board (PUB) enthusiastically supports the roadmap laid out in the bureau's new 10-year strategic plan and commends the bureau's staff and leadership for their work over the past two years to identify six core goals that will guide the bureau's work over the next decade. The PUB looks forward to working in partnership with BES to prioritize the strategic initiatives through the city's budget process and to craft metrics for measuring their progress towards achieving the outcomes identified in the strategic plan.