



El Paso Water Utilities' 5-Year Strategic Plan

2014-15



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Mission

To provide our customers a sustainable water supply and the highest quality water services at a reasonable cost with excellent customer service.

Vision

To sustain the future of the community through proper planning and implementation of diverse and alternative strategies.

Strategic Objectives





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<p>OPERATIONS</p> <p>EPWU will provide reliable and high quality service to its customers</p>	Enhance capital planning efforts through the implementation of capital budgeting methodologies to ensure projects are completed on time and on budget	Over the next year, implement a new capital budget methodology that prioritizes projects based on need and financial impact and ensures that 100% of planned capital projects are completed
	Improve rehabilitation of current infrastructure to ensure a reliable and resilient system	Reduce water main breaks by 10%
	Employ operational excellence program to reduce operational costs and energy utilization	Reduce operation budget and electricity costs by 2% over the next 3 years
	Proactively monitor changes in water quality regulation to ensure providing the highest quality service to customers	Annually report on any government water quality policies that may impact the Utility

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<p data-bbox="250 289 578 380">SUSTAINABILITY & INNOVATION</p> <p data-bbox="250 436 578 835">EPWU will use the latest technological advances and alternative resources to provide a sustainable water supply for the community</p>	<p data-bbox="597 289 963 569">Plan and implement alternative water resource projects to augment current water supplies and ensure a drought proof water supply</p>	<p data-bbox="982 289 1352 485">Increase well capacity to 185MGD over the next three years. Produce 10MGD of advance purified water by 2016</p>
	<p data-bbox="597 856 963 1052">Evaluate resource recovery projects to increase water capacity, decrease costs and energy consumption</p>	<p data-bbox="982 856 1352 1094">Reduce energy consumption by 1% and increase water capacity by 3MGD through resource recovery by 2015</p>
	<p data-bbox="597 1140 963 1251">Plan and secure additional water resources</p>	<p data-bbox="982 1140 1352 1251">Secure an additional 30,000 AF of water by 2019</p>
	<p data-bbox="597 1333 963 1486">Employ innovative technologies to improve efficiencies throughout the Utility</p>	<p data-bbox="982 1333 1352 1444">Reduce operational costs by 2% over the next 3 years</p>

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<p data-bbox="228 310 537 499">EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT & SUCCESSION PLANNING</p> <p data-bbox="228 558 548 867">EPWU will identify candidates, provide training and mentoring, and create opportunities to ensure a well prepared workforce</p>	<p data-bbox="586 310 938 552">Employ a succession planning strategy that will identify and develop employees to prepare them for leadership positions in the future</p>	<p data-bbox="971 310 1295 426">Complete a succession plan within the next year</p>
	<p data-bbox="586 909 932 1192">Craft a cross exposure program for employees to introduce them to other areas of the Utility and develop their management and leadership skills</p>	<p data-bbox="971 909 1312 1108">Over the next year, develop and implement a cross exposure program in operations and engineering</p>
	<p data-bbox="586 1255 927 1413">Implement and train all employees on the principles of continuous improvement</p>	<p data-bbox="971 1255 1256 1455">Train 100% of employees over the next three years on continuous improvement</p>
	<p data-bbox="586 1476 932 1801">Create a project management program that provides training, coaching and mentoring to project managers to ensure the successful execution of capital projects</p>	<p data-bbox="971 1476 1312 1717">Train 100% of engineers on project management over the next three years and have 50% of engineers certified in project management</p>

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<p>FINANCE</p> <p>EPWU will depend on proper financial planning to minimize customer impacts</p>	<p>Evaluate and implement different strategies to prioritize future projects as the needs of the Utility change</p>	<p>Over the next year, Finance and Engineering will use a new capital budgeting methodology that ensures proper capital planning and 100% of planned projects get completed</p>
	<p>Analyze different rate structures to remain financially stable while improving cash reserves and debt service coverage to increase bond rating outlook</p>	<p>Within the next year, evaluate the current rate structure and implement changes</p>
	<p>Evaluate the financial framework for future planning and growth</p>	<p>Over the next year, integrate major projects or initiatives into the financial plan to analyze potential impacts to customers</p>
	<p>Develop new revenue sources</p>	<p>Create one new revenue source each year for the next five years</p>

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<p>CUSTOMERS & STAKEHOLDERS</p> <p>EPWU will improve internal and external communications and improve the quality of life of the community</p>	<p>Employ an internal communication strategy to improve the dissemination of information between diverse areas of the Utility</p>	<p>Over the next year, every functional area will conduct monthly strategic brainstorming sessions.</p>
	<p>Employ a marketing strategy to educate customers on current and future projects</p>	<p>Within the next year, develop a strategic marketing plan to educate customers and stakeholders on EPWU's new initiatives</p>
	<p>Improve the customer service experience for our customers</p>	<p>Accurately measure and reduce the call wait time by 25%</p>
	<p>Improve the aesthetics of the Utility's facilities and streamline process to serve customers more efficiently</p>	<p>Improve the image of visible EPWU facilities by 2019</p>