# 2024 Big Freeze Storm Report

After Action Review





Eugene Water & Electric Board



### **Overall Stats**

• Power Outages = 38,000 services

• **ICS** = 17 days

• Staffing = 305 EWEB staff + 54 contracted staff

• Labor hours = 29,000

• **Cost** = \$8 million

• **Safety** = 11 injuries, 1 recordable

## **Electric Service Impacts**

**Restoration** = 97% of customers power restored within 7 days

#### Crews

• 17 Line + 11 Tree

• 16/8 schedule for 15 days straight

#### **Equipment Replaced**

- Poles = 119
- Cross Arms = 253
- Transformers = 84
- Wire = 92,711'

#### Substations offline = 7

### **Other Service Impacts**

#### Generation

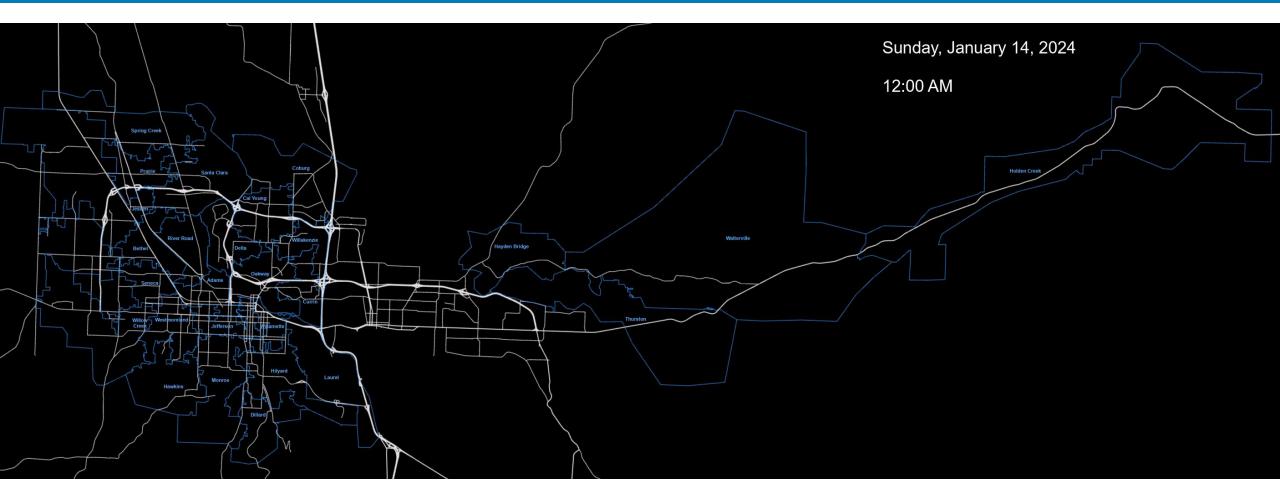
- C/S, LB, WV, employee housing & comm outages
- 4.3 million lost generation Water Treatment
- Ensure access
- Activated generators to run HB at reduced capacity
  Water Distribution
- Activate PS generators & resolve pressure loss/boil for 6 customers
- Repair 9 main breaks Communications
- Maintain systems, refuel generators
- Develop fiber bypass to reconnect Thurston & HB Subs

## **Customer/Comms Impacts**

### **Phone calls**

- Inbound = 25,000
- Outbound = 1,100
- Answer time = 30-70 seconds Emails
- Inbound = 550
- Response Time = 24 hours Website
- Outage map views = 432,405
- Outage page views = 34,078
- Newsroom views = 4,305 Media
- Traditional = 40 stories
- Social = 129 posts, 71% likes

# Restoration





# **Overall Priorities**

# Areas to emphasize (went well)

- Policy driven support and resource allocation for ICS training and continuous improvement efforts
- Pre-storm season stock up on parts, materials, equipment, procurement during event
- Pre-storm season ICS training, drills and process/system preparations

# **Opportunities for improvement**

- Increase bench strength for critical ICS roles (single points of failure, section units and chiefs)
- Refine the Assessment & Restoration process to increase outage map accuracy & efficiency
- Increase discipline in resource management (people, contractors, materials) using formal FEMA ICS forms, templates and processes









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