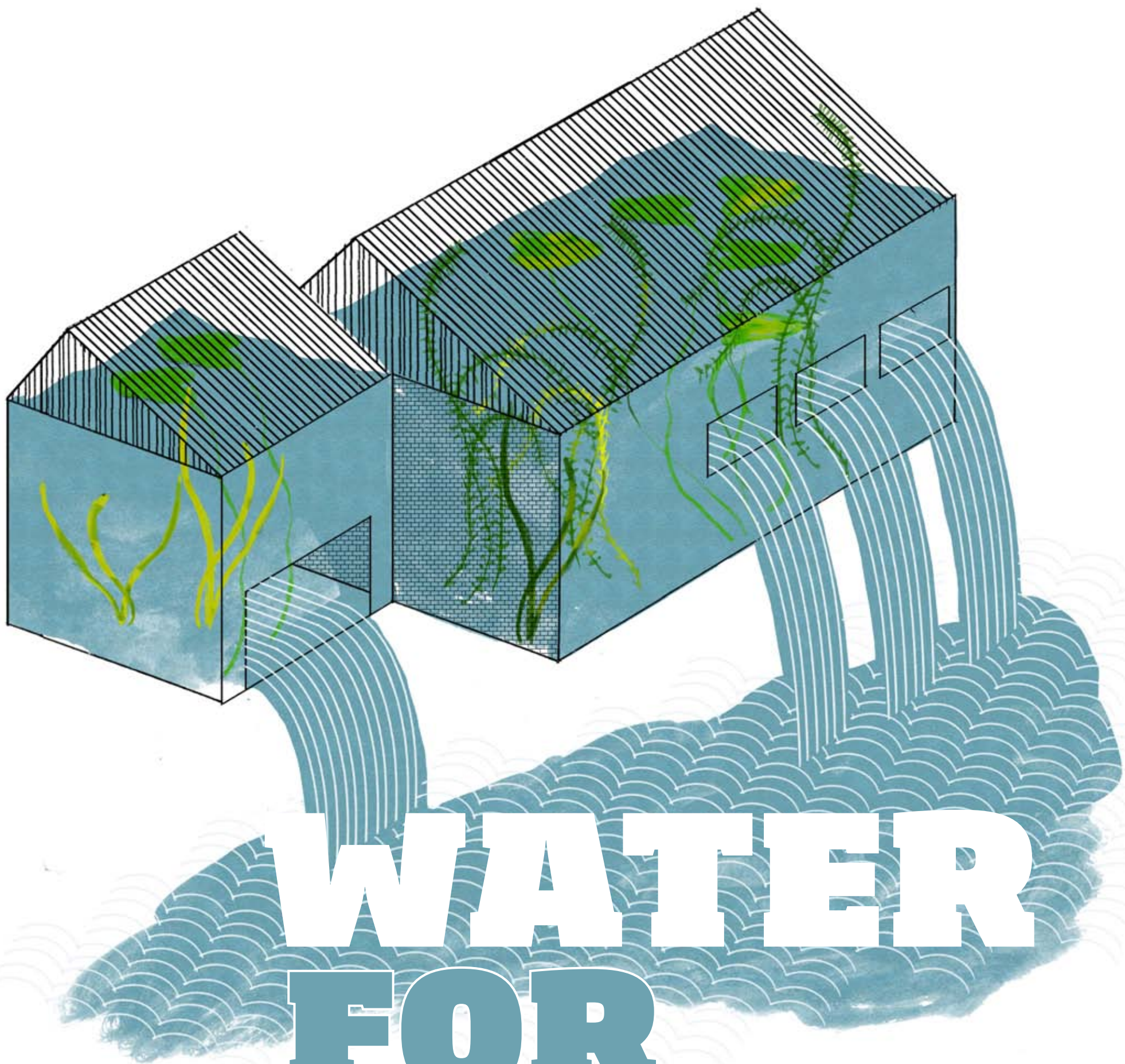




***When disaster strikes,
Eugene needs a
second source
of water***

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A massive earthquake, a toxic chemical spill, a huge forest fire. If a disaster strikes the McKenzie River, it strikes Eugene's sole source of drinking water. There is also the possibility of a "malevolent attack on the water system," EWEB says.

In these worst-case scenarios the Eugene Water and Electric Board (EWEB) has only one or two days of drinking water in its 94 million gallons of storage during the summer months.

And to put it simply: Without water, people die.