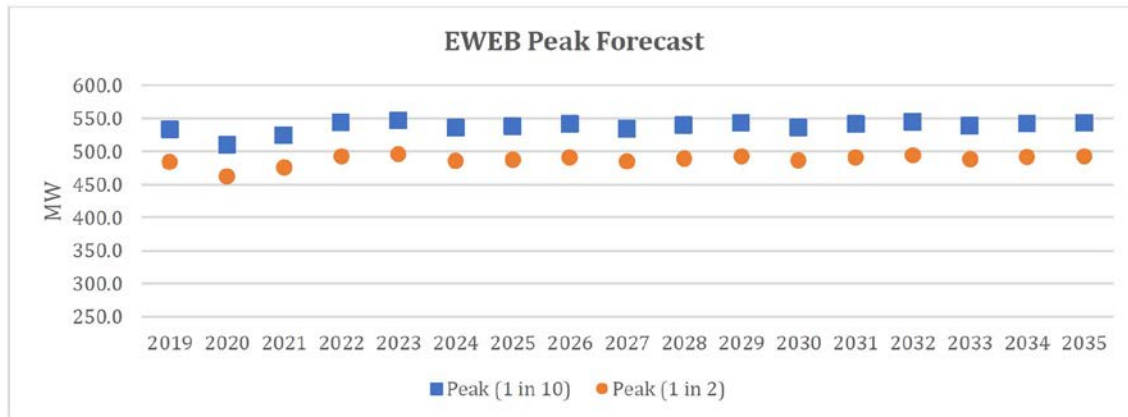




The following questions have been posed by Commissioners prior to the scheduled Board Meeting on August 4, 2020. Staff responses are included below, and are sorted by Agenda topic.

Electrification Impact Analysis Report (EIAR) Draft Review (ACKERMAN) – Please explain what “Peak (1in 10)” vs. “Peak (1 in 2)” means in the EWEB Peak Forecast chart.



RESPONSE: When evaluating operating peaks, it is important to understand the likelihood of the peak occurring over time. For example, an “all time peak” would be the highest hourly demand in the history of our system.

A (1 in 10) peak means the loads you’d expect from a weather event that would happen once every ten years. A (1 in 2) means the load expectation from an event that would happen once in two years, which is often referred to as “typical” or “normal” weather. The 1 in 10 event usually captures more extreme weather events, and so it will capture a higher peak load impact than typical (1 in 2).

By way of example, this past winter was close to a “normal” (1 in 2) weather pattern. The cold & snow event of early 2018 was about a (1 in 10) year pattern. Average weather will see low temperatures just below freezing, while a peak event will see low temperatures in the teens.

Quarterly Strategic & Operational Report for Q2 2020- Water Operations Report, Source protection (PRICE) -

Regarding the efforts of seeking grants for storm water treatment right next to our intake. I’m wondering had we not gotten the grants would we have done this work out of our budget. I sense this would be a very high priority project as it is literally a few hundred feet from our Hayden intake.

RESPONSE: Yes, this project would have been planned/executed with EWEB only money. While it is not called out in the budget specifically, it is part of a multi-year plan for the area to help manage stormwater and run off. A storm water pipe has already been installed, as well as ongoing property and agreement work.

Consent Calendar

CONTRACTS

WESCO Distribution Inc. – for underground separable connectors (PRICE) – Why is there a Wesco-Alternate Bid? There is a comment about no protests being received. I think that is the first time I have seen that language. What is a protest in terms of the procurement process? Have we received any on other bids in the last couple of years?

RESPONSE: WESCO is a distributor representative for multiple manufactures and in this situation they offered bids for two different manufacturers they represent, Hubbell and Richards.

There are two different protest processes in Public Procurement, one is for protest of award, these occasionally can escalate to the Board. The other is for protesting the requirements of the contract, either the scope of work/specifications or terms and conditions. This allows contractors to indicate concern for overly restrictive specifications. We do occasionally receive protests from Contractors either for bidding alternative products, revising terms and conditions aligned with Contractor's risk tolerance, or when there is concern about the evaluation process.