

EWEB Board Consent Calendar Request

For Contract Increases

The Board is being asked to approve additional funds for services with **Oregon Woods, Habitat Contracting, and Integrated Resource Management** for vegetation management services.

Board Meeting Date: 11/2/2020

Project Name/Contract #: Vegetation Management Services / ITB 001-2017

Primary Contact: Rod Price Ext. 7122

Contract Amount:

Original Contract Amount: \$400,000 (between 3 contracts)

Term of Agreement: **5 years**

Additional \$ Previously Approved: \$ n/a

Invoices over last approval: \$ [Click here to enter text.](#)

Percentage over last approval: [Click here to enter text.](#)%

Amount this Request: \$300,000 (between 3 contracts)

Resulting Cumulative Total: \$700,000

Contracting Method:

Method of Solicitation: Formal ITB

If applicable, basis for exemption: n/a

Option to Renew? Contracts automatically renew annually up to five years total

Approval for purchases "*as needed*" for the life of the Contract Yes No

Proposals/Bids Received (Range): \$38-\$48/hour (selected contractors); \$144-\$225/hour (non-selected)

Selection Basis: Lowest responsive and responsible bidders (multiple awards)

Narrative:

Operational Requirement and Alignment with Strategic Plan

In April 2017, the Board approved three contracts for as-needed vegetation management services for FERC required vegetation management projects on EWEB owned/and or operated properties. The work requires specialized skills of restoration professionals who are both knowledgeable about and experienced with native/invasive plants and habitat restoration and have the ability to perform the physically demanding aspects of vegetation maintenance in natural environments. Much of the work performed to-date consists of emergent projects that are identified by staff or required by FERC inspections.

Staff would like to utilize these contracts to support the Short-Term Revegetation Actions under EWEB's Watershed Restoration and Recovery strategy following the Holiday Farm Fire. Estimated cost of services to support these efforts is \$300,000 across the existing contracts. EWEB anticipates that the additional spending under these contracts will be reimbursed by FEMA.

Contracted Goods or Services

The additional work needed will be predominately related to the restoration efforts under EWEB's Watershed Restoration and Recovery strategy. Services will include: site preparation; the implementation of best management practices to reduce soil erosion; site stabilization; hazard tree mitigation and riparian restoration.

Purchasing Process

In April 2017, the Board Awarded multiple contracts for vegetation management services. The Lowest responsive and responsible bids were received from Habitat Contracting, Oregon Woods, and Integrated Resource Management and awarded contracts.

Prior Contract Activities

Staff has engaged with Habitat Contracting and Oregon Woods for services under these contracts. Integrated Resource Management's location has restricted their ability to be competitive for assigned work to-date. Spend-to-date is as follows:

Integrated Resource Management - \$0

Habitat Contracting - \$135,648.53

Oregon Woods - \$150,444.00

ACTION REQUESTED:

Management requests the Board approve an increase to the contracts with Oregon Woods, Habitat Contracting, and Integrated Resource Management for vegetation management services. Funds for these services were approved at the October 2020 Board Meeting, under an amendment to the 2020 Water O&M budget to support water source protection related to the Holiday Farm Fire. \$1,000,000 of the budget amendment is expected to fund these services.