

EWEB Board Consent Calendar Request

For Contract Increases

The Board is being asked to approve additional funds for construction services with **Pacific Excavation, Inc.** for the E. 40th Ave. Storage Tank Tree Removal Work.

Board Meeting Date: 9/7/2021

Project Name/Contract #: E. 40th Ave Storage Tanks – Tree Removal/ Contract 21-109-PW

Primary Contact: Karen Kelley Ext. 7153

Contract Amount:

Original Contract Amount: \$111,000.00

Term of Agreement: One Time

Additional \$ Previously Approved: N/A

Invoices over last approval: N/A

Percentage over last approval: N/A

Amount this Request: \$35,000.00

Resulting Cumulative Total: \$146,000.00

Contracting Method:

Method of Solicitation: Formal Invitation to Bid

If applicable, basis for exemption: N/A

Option to Renew? No

Approval for purchases “as needed” for the life of the Contract Yes No

Proposals/Bids Received (Range): 5 responses – (\$110,500 to \$336,975)

Selection Basis: Lowest Responsible and Responsive Bidder

Narrative:

Operational Requirement and Alignment with Strategic Plan

Due to the large community interest in this project, the Board is being asked to approve an increase to construction contract 21-109-PW for tree removal services at the E. 40th Ave Water Storage site even though the contracted amount remains below the threshold for typical Board Approval. This work is being done to facilitate the construction of two new 7.5 million gallon seismically resilient water storage tanks. These are the first two tanks to be constructed as part of a series of large base-level storage tanks to be constructed over the next 10 years as part of the Distributed Storage Approach developed in the 2015 Water System Master Plan. The new storage will replace the existing structures at College Hill, Hawkins Hill, and Santa Clara and will provide a more resilient storage system for the water utility.

EWEB contracted Cameron McCarthy to provide arborist and landscape design services and in 2021 contracted with Murray Smith Associates to work as part of a team to provide engineering design and construction services for the two new tanks including providing the required services for tree removal work.

Contracted Goods or Services

The construction work that will be completed as part of this contract includes removing approximately 265 trees from within the footprint of the tanks and hauling them to offsite locations. Approximately 25% of the trees on

the property are being removed as part of the project.

Additional Work Needed:

The additional costs were associated with three different issues that arose on the job site.

On August 2, 2021, an interim Stay was issued by the Land Use Board of Appeals in response to a motion to appeal the project’s City of Eugene Erosion Permit. The Stay was lifted on August 8, 2021. During the time that the interim stay was in place, EWEB incurred costs associated with the downtime of crews and equipment in the amount of \$23,694.

In addition, the City of Eugene requested that EWEB have the contractor install additional rock over the site to provide a safe spot for equipment and work to take place and to help with dust mitigation. The cost associated with this work was \$9,080.10.

Lastly, EWEB had the contractor create five tree snags rather than fully removing trees to create habitat for birds and other wildlife on the edge of the work zone. This cost associated with this work was \$2,021.25.

Purchasing Process

In May 2021, EWEB issued a formal Invitation to Bid for tree removal services to facilitate the construction of the new partially buried storage tanks at the E 40th Ave storage tank site. The solicitation was publicly advertised on ORPIN. Five (5) bids were received and Pacific Excavation, Inc. provided the lowest bid and was deemed responsive and responsible.

Vendor Name	City, State	Offered Price	Ranking (for RFPs)
Pacific Excavation Inc	Eugene, OR	\$110,500	N/A
Suulutaaq Inc	Anchorage, AK	\$336,975	N/A
Fremont Forest Systems Inc	Independence, OR	\$250,000	N/A
Elk Mountain Construction Inc	Sandy, OR	\$146,400	N/A
O’Malley Brothers Corporation	Gresham, OR	\$146,850	N/A

Prior Contract Activities

EWEB Contract No.	Project Name (Description)	Board Approval Date	Project Duration (Notice to proceed to close out).	Original Contract Amount	Final Contract Amount
20-208	Concrete Removal & Replacement Services	1/5/2021	1/9/2021-Present	\$192,210	NA
20-204	36th Ave Water Main	11/3/2020	11/5/2020-04/2021	\$340,370	\$353,459
19-176	Lab and Backup Services Building	2/4/2020	2/7/2020-1/22/2021	\$2,418,000	\$2,492,943
20-093	House Water Supply	NA	5/27/20-7/28/2020	\$93,900	\$93,900
002-2019	Carmen Smith Water System Improvements	3/5/2019	3/7/2019-9/28/2019	\$244,000	\$380,423

Contract activities are being completed timely and with reasonable change orders.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Management requests the Board approve an increase to the Contract with Pacific Excavation for Tree Removal Services at the E. 40th Ave Water Storage site. Approximately \$25M is included in the five year Water Capital Plan for the construction of these facilities. Variances will be managed within the budget process and Board policy.