

EWEB Board Consent Calendar Request

For Contract Awards, Renewals, and Increases

The Board is being asked to approve a Memorandum of Agreement with **McKenzie River Trust** for the **acquisition and management of Finn Rock properties**.

Backgrounder Attached (required if over \$1 million) No

Board Meeting Date: April 5, 2016

Project Name/Contract#: Management of Finn Rock Properties

Primary Contact: Steve Newcomb Ext. 7391

Purchasing Contact: Quentin Furrow Ext. 7380

Contract Amount:

Original Contract Amount: \$750,000 (\$250k and up to an additional \$500k)

Additional \$ Previously Approved: \$ N/A

Invoices over last approval: \$ N/A

Percentage over last approval: N/A %

Amount this Request: \$750,000

Resulting Cumulative Total: \$750,000

Contracting Method:

Method of Solicitation: Grant to Facilitate Property Acquisition

If applicable, basis for exemption: EWEB Rule 6-0110 (d)

Term of Agreement: April 2016 – December 2017

Option to Renew? No

Approval for purchases "as needed" for the life of the contract No

Narrative:

On November 9, 2015 in a special session, the Board approved use of up to \$750,000 to support stewardship and restoration of the 269-acre Finn Rock property (also known as the McKenzie Camp). The Board is being asked to approve a new agreement with the **McKenzie River Trust** of Eugene, Oregon that provides funding support for stewardship and restoration of the Finn Rock property located near Blue River.

The **McKenzie River Trust (MRT)** was successful in its bid for the 269 acre property through a closed bid auction by Rosboro Lumber Company in November 2015. This property contains floodplain forest with extensive wetlands, braided side channels, and the mainstem McKenzie River flowing through it. This section of the McKenzie River provides spawning habitat for Chinook salmon, foraging habitat for Bull trout, and is a stronghold for native *Redside* rainbow trout. Interior forests are diverse and include impressive stands of cottonwood, Big-leaf maple, and cedar. By acquiring the property, the Trust is preventing the development of up to 6 residences. Protection of this site helps ensure both significant fish and wildlife habitat conservation and protection of Eugene's drinking water source.

Staff has negotiated an agreement with the **McKenzie River Trust** of Eugene, Oregon. As part of this agreement, EWEB will provide a grant of \$250,000 by end of April 2016 and will match up to \$500,000 raised by **MRT** as part of a funding campaign for this property in November 2017. Staff are prepared to enter into this agreement with **MRT** pending Board approval.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Management requests the Board approve a Memorandum of Agreement with **McKenzie River Trust** for the **acquisition and management of Finn Rock properties**. Funds for this agreement will be split evenly between water and electric reserves in 2016 and 2017.

Action Requested:

Contract Award
 Contract Renewal
 Contract Increase
 Other

Funding Source:

Budget
 Reserves
 New Revenue
 Bonding
 Other

Form of Contract:

Single Purchase
 Services
 Personal Services
 Construction
 IGA
 Price Agreement
 Other (Grant)

SIGNATURES:

Project Coordinator: _____

LT Manager: _____

Purchasing Manager: _____

General Manager: _____

Board Approval Date: _____

Secretary/Assistant Secretary verification: _____