

EWEB Board Consent Calendar Request

For Contract Increases

The Board is being asked to approve a personal services contract with **Stillwater Sciences, Inc.** for **Biological Evaluation and Spotted Owl Analysis** that is now requiring additional funds.

Board Meeting Date: 11/2/2021
Project Name/Contract #: Biological Evaluation and Spotted Owl Analysis / 19-130-PSC / Task 1
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Contract Amount:

Original Contract Amount: \$112,400
Term of Agreement: 26 months
Additional \$ Previously Approved: \$25,000
Percentage over last approval: N/A (Board has not previously approved)
Amount this Request: \$25,000
Resulting Cumulative Total: **\$167,400**

Contracting Method:

Method of Solicitation: Direct Negotiation
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): N/A
Selection Basis: N/A

Narrative:

This Contract was originally executed in October 2019. The additional funds required will cause this Contract to cross the \$150,000 threshold and now require the Board's approval.

Operational Requirement and Alignment with Strategic Plan

Biological Evaluation and Spotted Owl Analysis are FERC License requirements to assist EWEB in coordinating both License and non-License related construction actions with Federal Agencies. Complying with our FERC License is critical to maintaining that License and addresses a 10-year Strategic Priority of renewing electric supply resources.

Additional Work Needed:

Expansion of the Biological Evaluation (BE) from a focus on wildlife species to include a separate plant species BE and 2) expanded work on spotted owl consultation for changes in scope for existing license required projects and additional projects that were not included in the original license application. Examples of these projects include the expanded spillway at Smith Reservoir and the Trail Bridge Load Bank.

Contracted Goods or Services

Continued work in tracking the impacts to habitat and species resources from construction actions in and around the Carmen-Smith Project and coordinating the spotted owl analysis for consultation with the US Forest Service and US Fish & Wildlife Service.

Purchasing Process

Personal Service Contracts (PSCs) may be directly negotiated when the contract value is under \$150,000. Staff document these contracts valued between \$40,000 and \$150,000 in the quarterly report to the Board. This amendment will take the overall contract amount over \$150,000 and Board approval is now required.

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
PSC 2069	Environmental Services for Carmen-Smith Project	3-16-10	8 months	\$1.5 million	\$1.5 million
007-2011-2196	Carmen-Smith FERC License Renegotiation	N/A	13 months	\$149,000	\$149,000
20-139-PSC	Wildlife Habitat Management Plan	N/A	7-1-20 to 12-31-21	\$125,570	\$125,570 at present

ACTION REQUESTED:

Management requests the Board approve the contract for continued support of the Biological Evaluation and Spotted Owl Analysis with Stillwater Sciences that is now requiring additional funds. No specific funding for this work was planned for in the Carmen-Smith License Deployment Department 2021 budget because it is unanticipated additional scope. Variances will be managed within the budget process and Board policy and the effort will be included in future budget planning processes.