



The following question has been posed by a Commissioner prior to the scheduled Board Meeting on December 7, 2021. Staff's response is included below.

Consent Calendar

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS**

**University of Oregon – for enhancing carbon sequestration and fire resilience in water and energy production systems research (KELLEY/MORGENSTERN)** Given the need for this kind of research and the relevance to other entities, have we approached other partners who might want to share the cost of this research?

***RESPONSE:** EWEB and the University of Oregon are seeking outside funding to support this research via grants and partnerships. The University of Oregon recently submitted a multi-million-dollar grant to National Science Foundation (NSF). Most other entities that EWEB has discussed partnerships with want a clear return on that investment in the form of local carbon project development offsets along with more defined path forward. As it becomes clearer in how applying this research to generate carbon sequestration projects and offsets, EWEB will be able to leverage others' investments.*