

EWEB Board Consent Calendar Request

For Contract Awards, Renewals, and Increases

The Board is being asked to approve a supplemental project agreement (SPA) to the Intergovernmental Master Agreement 21-229 with **USDA Forest Service** for **Collaborative Restoration Efforts of the Middle McKenzie after the Holiday Farm Fire between EWEB and the USFS.**

Board Meeting Date: 2/1/2022
Project Name/Contract #: USFS Collaborative Restoration-Middle McKenzie/SPA to 21-229-IGA
Primary Contact: Karen Kelley Ext. 7153

Contract Amount:

Original Contract Amount: \$218,000
Additional \$ Previously Approved: \$0
Invoices over last approval: \$0
Amount this Request: \$218,000
Percentage over last approval: NA
Resulting Cumulative Total: **\$218,000**

Contracting Method:

Method of Solicitation: Direct Negotiation
If applicable, basis for exemption: Intergovernmental Agreement
Term of Agreement: Initial term is 1 year
Option to Renew? Yes, annually up to 3 years total
Approval for purchases "as needed"
for the life of the Contract: Yes No
Proposals/Bids Received (Range): NA
Selection Basis: Direct Negotiation – Intergovernmental Agreement

Narrative:

Operational Requirement and Alignment with Strategic Plan

In 2018, EWEB's Board of Commissioners approved a 10-year strategic plan to protect the McKenzie Watershed as EWEB's sole source of drinking water. As indicated in the strategic plan, EWEB and the partners have established a program to protect and improve riparian conditions on private lands, known as the Pure Water Partners (PWP) Program. In 2020, the Holiday Farm Fire (HFF) burned 173,000 acres in the Middle McKenzie watershed, on both private and public riparian lands. PWP are responding to the need for fire recovery alongside continued efforts to restore and protect stream-adjacent floodplains that have high value for water quality and Endangered Species Act (ESA) listed species in the McKenzie Sub-basin.

Contracted Goods or Services

This Supplemental Project Agreement (SPA) is part of the Intergovernmental Master Agreement with the USFS that allows the transfer of funding back and forth between EWEB and the USFS to support post-fire restoration efforts on private and public lands. The Master Agreement is designed to support current and future project work through issuance of SPAs that improves and protects the current conditions within the McKenzie River Watershed by restoring the physical, chemical, and biological processes that maintain a healthy and resilient ecosystem and

improve water quality, as well as the quantity and quality of habitat for Endangered Species Act (ESA) threatened Bull trout and Spring Chinook salmon that migrate throughout the McKenzie River Watershed.

This SPA focuses on (1) preparing for large-scale floodplain restoration work at two specific sites: the lower 2 miles of Quartz Creek and the 1.5 mile Finn Rock Reach (FRR) of the McKenzie River, both of which are located on private land but have direct ties to the Willamette National Forest, and (2) acquisition of bathymetric LiDAR, thermal infrared, and natural color remotely sensed imagery for Quartz Creek, Finn Rock Reach, and other restoration areas that partners in the McKenzie River sub-basin are collaborating on (Deer Creek, South Fork McKenzie River, and Ennis Creek).

In 2021, Phase 1 of Finn Rock Reach Restoration was completed with technical assistance from U.S. Forest Service fisheries biologists and hydrologists. In 2022, with support from EWEB through this SPA, US Forest Service fisheries biologists and hydrologists will support design, planning, permitting, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and monitoring at the Quartz Creek and FRR Phase 2 project sites. Restoration of lower Quartz Creek and FRR are in the final planning phase and this SPA will allow EWEB to support US Forest Service fisheries biologists, hydrologists, and engineers in the following ways: design, planning, permitting, carrying out the NEPA process, wood source contracting and implementation, geotechnical drilling and reporting, and monitoring at these floodplain restoration sites.

Purchasing Process

The Master Agreement was a direct negotiation between EWEB and the USFS. The purpose of the agreement is to document the cooperation between the parties and work toward common interests in improving or protecting the current conditions within the McKenzie River Watershed. The Master Agreement provides for the exchange of goods and services to meet the mutually agreed upon objectives of projects which will support restoration, enhancement, or protection efforts on federal and nonfederal lands within the watershed, in accordance with the following provisions and any incorporated SPA(s). Completion of the design and preparatory steps from this SPA will pave the way for further restoration implementation at both sites, FRR and Quartz Creek, in 2023. EWEB anticipates future SPAs will collect funds from the USFS for contracted work associated with Quartz Creek and FRR Phase 2 floodplain restoration project implementation.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Management requests the Board approve a Supplemental Project Agreement that is part of the Intergovernmental Master Agreement with USDA Forest Service to allow for collaborative restoration efforts after the Holiday Farm Fire between EWEB and the USFS. Approximately \$300,000 was planned for these services in the Watershed Restoration 2022 budget of \$4,279,000. Variances will be managed within the budget process and Board policy.