

EWEB Board Consent Calendar Request

For Contract Awards, Renewals, and Increases

The Board is being asked to approve a contract with **McKenzie Watershed Alliance to design, source large wood, and implement large wood instream restoration projects on tributaries with severely burned landscapes after the Holiday Farm Fire.**

Board Meeting Date: 3/1/2022
Project Name/Contract #: Instream Large Wood Restoration Projects / 22-023-S
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Contract Amount:

Original Contract Amount: \$800,000
Additional \$ Previously Approved: \$0
Invoices over last approval: \$0
Amount this Request: \$800,000
Percentage over last approval: NA
Resulting Cumulative Total: **\$800,000**

Contracting Method:

Method of Solicitation: Direct Negotiation
If applicable, basis for exemption: Sole Source
Term of Agreement: Initial term is 1 year
Option to Renew? Yes, annually up to 5 years total
Approval for purchases *“as needed”*
for the life of the Contract: Yes No
Proposals/Bids Received (Range): NA
Selection Basis: Sole Source

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 for nearly 200,000 people. 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 September 2020, the Holiday Farm Fire burned over 170,000 acres (over 20%) of the McKenzie River Watershed and destroyed over 450 homes and structures. In coordination with the PWP (McKenzie River Trust, McKenzie Watershed Alliance, and Upper Willamette Soil & Water Conservation District), USFS, BLM and other state and local entities, EWEB is working on designing and implementing large scale restoration projects in key tributaries to the McKenzie River to mitigate and buffer the impacts of upstream fire impacted landscapes on water quality.

The Board is being asked to approve a new contract with the McKenzie Watershed Alliance (the 501(c)3 entity of the McKenzie Watershed Council) for providing design, project management and coordination, and subcontractor selection and oversight to implement sourcing large wood with root wads (if feasible) for instream large wood restoration projects in key tributaries. The first Task Order to be issued is for the McKenzie Watershed Alliance to

use a subcontractor to source large hazard trees and use for the instream large wood restoration project on Gate Creek in 2022. The services will be reimbursed in the amount of 75-100% by the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) wildfire recovery grant.

Contracted Goods or Services

The McKenzie Watershed Alliance (MWA) is working with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on sourcing hazard trees within the Gate Creek tributary to the McKenzie River for a flood plain restoration project as part of the larger efforts to rehabilitate the McKenzie River from the devastation of the 2020 wildfire.

EWEB has an opportunity to support this restoration work by coordinating with MWA and BLM on the timber harvest of 300 hazard trees that will later be placed strategically within Gate Creek to restore the floodplain of the tributary and slow the flow of sediment into the McKenzie River. To support this effort, EWEB has acquired a grant from the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB), in part to fund MWA. This allows the MWA to engage in the wood sourcing and logging operation to gain these 300 trees within the next month.

The total contract is estimated at \$800,000, which includes conducting up to 3 additional instream large wood restoration projects on other key tributaries downstream of severely burned areas (i.e., Bear Creek, Ennis Creek, Martin Creek, Elk Creek, or Fern Creek). The contract amounts are based upon a similar project completed in 2021 on Deer Creek and pricing negotiated for the first Task Order (Gate Creek), with estimates created for the remaining three tasks. These additional task orders will be assigned on an as-needed basis and are part of the OWEB grant budget and scope of work. EWEB and MWA will negotiate each Scope of Work, staffing plan, delivery schedule, and compensation for each Task Order prior to the work being performed.

Purchasing Process

Sole Source

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
19-155	Wetland Planting Planning	NA	12/31/2020-12/31/2022	\$14,776	\$14,776
20-184	Deer Creek Enhancement	NA	8/2020-8/2025	\$65,000	\$65,000
21-071	Upper Willamette Education Initiative	NA	3/2020-3/2025	\$20,400	\$20,400

ACTION REQUESTED:

Management requests the Board approve a contract with the McKenzie Watershed Alliance to design, source large wood, and implement large wood instream restoration projects on tributaries with severely burned landscapes after the Holiday Farm Fire. Approximately \$800,000 was planned for these services in the Holiday Farm Fire Restoration 2022 budget of \$4,279,000. EWEB has the option of using the \$4 million OWEB wildfire recovery grant awarded to EWEB to fully reimburse this project but may choose to use a lesser amount in order to fund other emergent priorities. Variances will be managed within the budget process and Board policy.