



The following questions have been posed by Commissioners prior to the scheduled Board Meeting on December 6, 2022. Staff responses are included below and are sorted by Agenda topic.

Consent Calendar

**CONTRACTS**

**McKenzie Watershed Alliance for Instream Large Wood Restoration Projects required due to the Holiday Farm Fire (KELLEY/MASTERS)** I understand the history and what the funding will do, but am curious if this is a new ask that wasn't originally part of the plan and funding or if this is just a new phase of the project and so this is why it is coming back to us now?

**RESPONSE:** *Bottom line up front: The request for additional funds is for newly scoped work in support of floodplain restoration already happening with McKenzie Watershed Alliance (MWA) through our existing contract.*

*More detail: The contract w/MWA went to the Board in March 2022 for approval to pass through a portion of OWEB grant funds for floodplain and tributary restoration projects associated with resiliency work in the watershed restoration plan (OWEB is the agency/vehicle to get \$4 million in funding the Legislature approved for EWEB response to the HFF). The original \$800,000 approved by the Board was based on the scope of work known at that time for tributary large wood restoration on NF Gate Creek and estimates on the Martin Creek restoration project. The scope approved in the OWEB grant includes funding to source large wood needed for Quartz Creek floodplain restoration project ahead of construction in 2024 and support decommissioning/restoration work in Delta Campground. These scopes of work and associated budgets were not flushed out in March nor was it known at that time how much of these funds would be pass through to MWA to manage the work versus EWEB contracting to accomplish this work. Once the approach and scope of this work became clear it was brought to the Board for approval, hence the request to add additional funds to the contract with McKenzie Watershed Alliance.*