

## **EWEB Board Consent Calendar Request**

*For Contract Awards, Renewals, and Increases*

The Board is being asked to approve additional funds for **Fiscal Management Services of the Pure Waters Partners Program (PWP)** with **Cascade Pacific Resource Conservation and Development (CPRCD)**.

Board Meeting Date: January 3, 2023  
Project Name/Contract #: Pure Water Partners Program Fiscal Management / 19-138-S  
Manager: Mike Masters Ext. 7549  
Executive Officer: Karen Kelley Ext. 7153

### **Contract Amount:**

Original Contract Amount: \$700,000 (November 2019)  
Additional \$ Previously Approved: \$232,000 (November 2020) & \$630,000 (April 2022)  
Spend over last approval: NA  
Amount this Request: \$1,490,000  
% Increase over last approval: 95.4% (PWP program spend)  
Resulting Cumulative Total: **\$3,052,000**

### **Contracting Method:**

Method of Solicitation: Direct Negotiation / Sole Source  
If applicable, basis for exemption: EWEB Rule 3-0275(1)  
Term of Agreement: 5 years (November 1, 2019 – December 31, 2024)  
Option to Renew? No  
Approval for purchases "as needed": Yes  No   
Proposals/Bids Received (Range): \$1,490,000  
Selection Basis: Sole Source Supplier  
Narrative:

### Operational Requirement and Alignment with Strategic Plan

Fiscal management of the Pure Water Partners program allows for efficient use of EWEB funds for protection of riparian and floodplain forests and provides the programmatic infrastructure that directs partner funds for restoration of degraded areas. This investment aligns with EWEB's 10-Year Strategic Plan by fostering customer confidence (phase I) through the protection of drinking water source(s) and allowing EWEB to maintain excellent water quality. The Pure Water Partners (PWP) program is a key part of EWEB's Drinking Water Source Protection 10-Year Strategic Plan (2018-2028) that was adopted in January 2018.

In 2020, EWEB's General Manager signed the Pure Water Partners Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that memorialized the programmatic infrastructure, roles and responsibilities of the nine current member organizations (i.e., EWEB, McKenzie Watershed Council, McKenzie River Trust, Upper Willamette Soil & Water Conservation District, Cascade Pacific RC&D, The Freshwater Trust, Willamette National Forest, Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission (MWWMC), and University of Oregon). The MOA establishes a watershed conservation fund (Fund) that aligns multiple sources of funding (e.g., EWEB, USFS, MWWMC, Oregon Watershed

Enhancement Board, U.S. EPA, etc.) for conducting restoration and protection activities on the ground through member organizations. Cascade Pacific RC&D is designated as the first fiscal manager of the Fund for a 5-year term that will then be re-evaluated by the PWP members.

After the Holiday Farm fire burned over 170,000 acres in the middle McKenzie Watershed. EWEB has leveraged the existing relationships within the PWP program and framework to quickly and efficiently support burn assessment, and erosion control and soil stabilization design and implementation activities in the watershed immediately following the fire. The PWP work shifted after the initial emergency response phase to include conducting property assessments that identify areas with high priority revegetation needs, invasive weed problems, erosion issues, and fire fuels buildup for contractors to implement necessary actions to address once the landowner signs a Watershed Stewardship Agreement with EWEB.

#### Contracted Goods or Services

This request amends the contract to provide necessary funding to the PWP through CPRCD to accomplish the following tasks for 2023 and 2024. Property assessment, erosion control/soil stabilization design and implementation, revegetation planting plans and replanting activities, fire fuels reduction treatments, and invasive weed management among three partners performing the work. McKenzie Watershed Alliance, Upper Willamette Soil and Water Conservation and McKenzie River Trust.

#### Purchasing Process

This contract was directly negotiated with CPRCD based on the unique relationships and tools they coordinate to support source protection activities in the McKenzie Watershed that aligns with EWEB's strategic initiatives.

#### Competitive Fair Price

NA

#### Prior Contract Activities

CPRCD has worked with EWEB on a variety of water protection projects over the past 7 years. The current contract was set up as a Master Service Agreement to govern the Terms and Conditions of our engagement. The Scope of Work assigned under this contract is issued as Task Orders with the work and costs negotiated and agreed to in advance and within the Board Approved limits. The first three tasks were included on the Board Consent in November 2019. Since that time, we have issued an additional task order #4 for support activities for the Urban Waters & Wildlife Partnership to implement green infrastructure projects to treat urban runoff and added \$100,000 to the total contract value. Task #5 was approved after the Holiday Farm fire and was included on the November 2, 2020, Board Consent at a 33% increase, and on the April 5, 2022, Board Consent at a 68% increase. The total spend so far under the contract is \$1,093,674.

#### **ACTION REQUESTED:**

Management requests the Board approve additional funds for contract fiscal management services of the Pure Water Partners Program. PWP activities to be administered under this contract support watershed recovery efforts (Amendment #4). Approximately \$750,000 was planned for in the Holiday Farm Fire Restoration 2023 budget of \$10.3 million. Variances will be managed within the budget process and Board policy.