



The following questions have been posed by Commissioners prior to the scheduled Board Meeting on February 7, 2023. Staff responses are included below and are sorted by Agenda topic.

Climate Guidebook Draft Principles (LAWSON) I have a question about green hydrogen; I know we were going to have a work session about it before NW Natural scrapped their plan, but I don't think we ever really discussed it in depth. Is it possible to get more information?

RESPONSE: In 2022, there were two agenda items (April and November) where hydrogen technology was discussed, mainly in the context of the blending project by NWN. The November memo, which included content from April, can be found [HydrogenProjectUpdate-Nov2022](#). Additionally, further information can be found at www.renewableh2.org, Renewable Hydrogen Alliance of which EWEB is a member. Additional information can be provided for discussion, including meeting time (regular or work session), as coordinated through agenda planning with the Board President.

Consent Calendar

CONTRACTS

Brink Brothers Inc.; Forest Restoration, Inc. dba Integrated Resource Management; Oregon Woods Inc.; and TBI (Timothy K. Browning) - for Planting and Vegetation Maintenance. (KELLEY)

If the contract is for 4 million dollars, why is the "Offered price" \$633,600?

RESPONSE: The offered prices were the lowest bid that came in (Brinks) at \$633,600 up to \$2,848,000, these numbers are based on the estimated number of hours that was best suited for the amount of work that has already been completed. We could award each contract chosen to be funded at the actual bid cost but that would inflate the actual amount of money requested to \$7,536,152 over five years, because we are looking for capacity of additional contractors it felt more equitable to offer each contract \$1 million that may or may not be used depending on funding coming in.

The Prior Contract Activities section shows one example with an Original Amount \$1,500,000 and Final Amount of \$2,900,000, however the close date isn't for another 3 1/2 years. Please explain how this works.

RESPONSE: In the contract that shows the original \$1.5 awarded, this solicitation was awarded to 3 contractors. BCI, Brinks and White's Tree Service. White's Tree Service was issued a notice to cure for failure to perform, the already approved board amount that was left over from the White's contract was brought over to another contractor that was able to take on the additional work if needed between the 2 contracts that were left.

If EWEB planned \$1.25 million for the work in the 2023 budget, why is there such a substantial increase?

RESPONSE: The contract amount is for the next five years, not just 2023 so there is no increase to the budget amount.

Will other agencies, such as Lane County, ODF, etc. participate in these costs as well?

RESPONSE: Lane County and ODF will not be covering the costs associated with this contract at this time. At this moment, the contracts will be funded by the 2022 (that is funding the 2023 year) and 2023 OWEB grants (that looks like it will be awarded soon) and if needed the EWEB rate fee until we get news on additional funding received, including the CDWG grant.