



The following questions have been posed by Commissioners prior to the scheduled Board Meeting on April 4, 2023. Staff responses are included below and are sorted by Agenda topic.

**Prefunding/Funding Options for Leaburg Hydroelectric Project (HART)** Can you tell me the impact of a flat fee as opposed to rate increase regarding the City of Eugene CILT. And how that is calculated?

**RESPONSE:** *There may be differences in how CILT is treated depending on the purpose and method. Prior to any recommendation, staff will engage with the City of Eugene around the impact and alternatives of any Leaburg decommissioning cost recovery in the CILT calculation.*

### **Consent Calendar**

#### **CONTRACTS**

**Pacific Excavation – for additional funds for Concrete Removal and Replacement Services (KELLEY)** With regards to our process for awarding contracts for concrete would it be possible to add a criterion for low carbon concrete? With new technology there has been advancements in products that have a lower carbon impact than traditional concrete. If we as a substantial user give priority to this kind product when looking for bids it may help local suppliers be able to offer the product to us and other users in the region.

**RESPONSE:** *For EWEB to evaluate the potential for low-carbon materials, including concrete, we will need to first assess the potential for appropriate applications, and develop engineering specifications consistent with available technologies (e.g. strength, cure times, etc.) and our procurement processes. Presently, there are no local sources for low-carbon concrete. Over the next several months, EWEB will evaluate this option, along with local partnerships that may have complimentary interests.*

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

**2023 Annual Power Market, Budget Hedging, and Generation Update - (BOOTH)** EWEB is **excited** of the plan to move from non-binding to binding for WRAP however we are electing to not be bound by the Tariff, of the 18 utilities that have signed on have any committed to the tariff? I understand our reluctance to commit until our BPA status is clearer however I think that this section of the report sends mixed signals. Just looking for some clarification not any changes.

**RESPONSE:** *From its inception, EWEB has been a supporter and funder of the Western Resource Adequacy Program. EWEB is participating in the voluntary program to better understand the costs and benefits of such requirements and participation. However, as a “Load Serving Entity” within the BPA “Balancing Authority Area”, EWEB will be ultimately obligated to comply with BPA’s application of the resource adequacy standards if they choose to participate. The BPA 2028+ contract options will also determine whether EWEB will choose to self-participate or choose to be included in BPA’s participation. Since BPA may provide opportunity for Load Serving Entities to participate directly, EWEB is keeping our options open.*

*Most of the participants so far are Balancing Authorities. These entities can opt into the program by signing a WRAP Agreement. It is voluntary, but once committed, participants must meet their obligations and pay their share of costs. In the binding program, participants are subject to penalties if they don’t meet their capacity requirements. Entities may choose to participate in the binding program between summer 2025 and winter 2027/28.*