

## EWEB Board Consent Calendar Request

*For Contract Awards, Renewals, and Increases*

The Board is being asked to approve a new contract with **Univar Solutions** for the **Purchase of Liquid Caustic Soda**.

Board Meeting Date:	May 2, 2023
Project Name/Contract #:	Liquid Caustic Soda / 23-054-G
Manager:	Mike Masters      Ext. 7549
Executive Officer:	Karen Kelley      Ext. 7153

### **Contract Amount:**

Original Contract Amount:	\$625,000
Additional \$ Previously Approved:	\$0
Spend over last approval:	\$0
Amount this Request:	\$625,000
% Increase over last approval:	NA
Resulting Cumulative Total:	<b>\$625,000 (over 5 years)</b>

### **Contracting Method:**

Method of Solicitation:	Direct Negotiation
If applicable, basis for exemption:	EWEB Rule 6-0230 (Water Filtration Chemicals and Media)
Term of Agreement:	5 years (June 11, 2023 – December 31, 2028)
Option to Renew?	No
Approval for purchases “as needed”:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Proposals/Bids Received (Range):	NA
Selection Basis:	Direct Negotiation (EWEB Rule 6-0230)
Narrative:	

### Operational Requirement and Alignment with Strategic Plan

Caustic Soda allows for fine-tuned adjustments of pH for delivery of safe reliable water that protects household plumbing from leaching lead or copper. EWEB’s Water Filtration Plant balances pH within plus or minus 0.1 of the 7.9 pH target to meet the water quality standards of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (40 CFR Part 141 Subpart 1) and the Oregon Health Authority (OAR 333-061).

### Contracted Goods or Services

The board is being asked to approve a new contract with Univar Solutions of Woodinville, WA for the purchase of Liquid Caustic Soda on an as-needed basis. The overall contract cost estimate is based on historical and estimated usage. Purchases will be based on need and not on any specific annual quantity. The annual cost will be within the amount budgeted for that specific year.

### Purchasing Process

Direct Negotiation – EWEB Rule 6-0230 (Water Filtration Chemicals and Media).

Prior Contract Activities

EWEB Contract	Project Name (Description)	Board Approved	Project Duration (Start to Close)	Original Amount	Approved/Amended Amount to Date (Total)	Reason Code
20-050-SC	Hayden Bridge Chlorine Scrubber Neutralization & Cleaning	NA	3/2/20-3/31/20	\$40,000	\$40,000	
069-2011	Liquid Caustic Soda	2/7/12	2/17/12-2/16/17	\$650,000	\$650,000	
Reason Code: AM = Additional Materials, AW = Additional Work, EW= Emergency Work, SD = Staff Directed, UC = Unforeseen Conditions, Other						

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Management requests the Board approve a contract with Univar Solutions for the purchase of liquid caustic soda. Approximately \$125,000 was planned for these goods in the 2023 Water Production budget of \$4.3 million. Variances will be managed within the budget process and Board policy.