

EWEB Board Consent Calendar Request

For Contract Awards, Renewals, and Increases

The Board is being asked to approve a new contract with **Mountain View Tree Service** for **Tree Removal Services**.

Board Meeting Date: June 6, 2023
Project Name/Contract #: Carmen-Smith Tree Removal & Blanket Repair / 23-067-PW
Manager: Lisa Krentz Ext. 7450
Executive Officer: Karen Kelley Ext. 7153

Contract Amount:

Original Contract Amount: \$125,000
Additional \$ Previously Approved: \$0
Spend over last approval: \$0
Amount this Request: \$125,000
% Increase over last approval: NA
Resulting Cumulative Total: **\$125,000**

Contracting Method:

Method of Solicitation: Formal Invitation to Bid
If applicable, basis for exemption: NA
Term of Agreement: Final Completion by August 31, 2023
Option to Renew? No
Approval for purchases "as needed": Yes No
Bids Received (Range): 2 (\$124,550 – \$351,211)
Selection Basis: Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder

Narrative:

Operational Requirement and Alignment with Strategic Plan

The Board is being asked to approve a construction contract with Mountain View Tree Service for the removal of trees, root wads, and repair of the impervious blankets at the Carmen Diversion and Trail Bridge Dams. The Work will improve the safety of both Trail Bridge and Carmen Diversion dams in alignment with EWEB's strategic objectives.

This work is driven by a recommendation from Schnabel Engineering who performed our 5-year Independent Consultant review of dam safety for the Carmen-Smith Project in 2018. These recommendations state:

"26. It is recommended that the trees along the talus slope blanket at Carmen Diversion Dam be removed between the reservoir and the access road.

30. It is recommended that the trees on the blanket on the right abutment, from Trail Bridge Dike near the left abutment, and from the seepage blanket upstream of the auxiliary ACB spillway at Trail Bridge Dam be cut down and the stumps ground down and roots be removed and that low permeability fill be placed and compacted in lifts to fill in the holes."

The impervious blankets were constructed at each dam to prevent seepage from circumventing the dam through more pervious materials. In addition to the Independent Consultant’s recommendation, the FERC also requested that trees be removed from the downward slope of the saddle dike dam on the east side of Highway 126.

Contracted Goods or Services

If approved, Mountain View Tree Service will remove the trees and root wads at each location and repair the impervious blanket according to the engineering design documents. The work is scheduled to be completed by the end of August 2023.

The extent of tree root damage requiring remediation could only be roughly estimated for the purposes of bidding. Due to the potential for tree root systems to penetrate deeper into the embankment than expected, it is possible that change orders related to unforeseen conditions will push the contract value beyond the \$150,000 Board approval threshold. To ensure compliance with Board approval requirements in the event of an unforeseen change order, staff request Board approval even though the contract value may ultimately remain below the threshold.

Purchasing Process

Purchasing staff issued a Formal Invitation to Bid in April 2023. The solicitation was publicly advertised on the State of Oregon’s Procurement Site, OregonBuys, and the Portland Daily Journal of Commerce.

Two bids were received, and Mountain View Tree Service submitted the lowest bid. After calling references and reviewing their submittal in greater detail, Mountain View Tree Service was deemed to be responsive and responsible.

Bids Received

Vendor Name	City, State	Offered Price
Mountain View Tree Service	Salem, OR	\$124,550
Suulutaaq, Inc.	Eugene, OR	\$351,211

Competitive Fair Price

The bid request was widely seen and eligible contractors had a chance to compete for the award. The bid request was posted on the State of Oregon bid site, OregonBuys, and was also published in the Portland Daily Journal of Commerce on April 12, 2023. Additionally, EWEB sent direct courtesy notices to ten different prospective contractors in the area. Seventeen interested parties registered and reviewed the documents, including three bidding organizations that circulated the bid opportunity to their members as well.

Prior Contract Activities

None

ACTION REQUESTED:

Management requests the Board approve a contract with Mountain View Tree Services, LLC for tree removal and related services. This work is considered an Operations and Maintenance expense for the Carmen-Smith Project. The total 2023 O&M budget for the Carmen-Smith Project is \$3.9 million. Variances will be managed within the budget process and Board policy.