

## **EWEB Board Consent Calendar Request**

*For Contract Awards, Renewals, and Increases*

The Board is being asked to approve an increase to the contract with **McKenzie Watershed Alliance (MWA)** for **Instream Large Wood Restoration Projects and a Tribal Liaison** as part of Holiday Farm Fire restoration efforts.

Board Meeting Date: January 9, 2024  
Project Name/Contract #: Instream Large Wood Restoration Projects and Tribal Liaison / 22-023-S  
Manager: Mike Masters Ext. 7549  
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### **Contract Amount:**

Original Contract Amount: \$800,000 (March 1, 2022)  
Additional \$ Previously Approved: \$700,000 (December 6, 2022)  
Spend over last approval: NA  
Amount this Request: \$772,000  
% Increase over last approval: 51.5%  
Resulting Cumulative Total: **\$2,272,000**

### **Contracting Method:**

Method of Solicitation: Direct Negotiation  
If applicable, basis for exemption: Sole Source  
Term of Agreement: 5 Years (March 9, 2022 – March 15, 2027)  
Option to Renew? No  
Approval for purchases “as needed”: Yes  No   
Proposals/Bids Received (Range): NA  
Selection Basis: Sole Source  
Narrative:

### Operational Requirement and Alignment with Strategic Plan

In 2018, EWEB’s Board of Commissioners approved a 10-year strategic plan to protect the McKenzie Watershed as EWEB’s sole source of drinking water for nearly 200,000 people. As indicated in the strategic plan, EWEB and the partners have established a program to protect and improve riparian conditions on private lands, known as the Pure Water Partners (PWP) Program. In September 2020, the Holiday Farm Fire burned over 170,000 acres (over 20%) of the McKenzie River Watershed and destroyed over 500 homes. In coordination with the PWP (McKenzie River Trust, McKenzie Watershed Alliance, and Upper Willamette Soil & Water Conservation District), USFS, BLM and other state and local entities, EWEB is working on designing and implementing large scale restoration projects in key tributaries to the McKenzie River to mitigate and buffer the impacts of upstream fire impacted landscapes on water quality and fish habitat.

On December 3, 2023, a significant rain-on-snow event occurred in the McKenzie sub-basin, which resulted in the largest flood event since the HFF (2-5 year recurrence interval). All of the Stage 0 projects, including Finn Rock

Reach completed in the summer of 2023, in the sub-basin functioned very well at buffering flood flows, capturing and retaining large woody material and sediment, and providing high flow refugia for fish and wildlife.

The goal of the Quartz Creek floodplain restoration project is to mitigate post-fire hazards that include the increased likelihood of flooding, landslides, and future wildfires that are exacerbated by climate change. The project will also be beneficial for mitigating fire impacts to water quality and creating fish and aquatic habitat that was degraded by pre-fire human activities and significantly altered post-fire.

The Board is being asked to approve an increase to the contract with the McKenzie Watershed Alliance (the 501(c)3 entity of the McKenzie Watershed Council) for providing design, project management and coordination, and subcontractor selection and oversight to implement sourcing large wood with root wads (if feasible) for instream large wood restoration projects in key tributaries. This is to incorporate the large floodplain restoration work of the Quartz Creek ecosystem and the first decommissioning phase of the Delta Campground. These services are expected to be reimbursed in the amount of 75-100% by the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) wildfire recovery grant.

Contracted Goods or Services

The McKenzie Watershed Alliance (MWA) is working with the BLM and USFS on sourcing hazard trees within the McKenzie corridor for continued flood plain restoration projects as part of the larger efforts to rehabilitate the McKenzie River from the devastation of the 2020 wildfire.

The total increase is estimated at \$772,000, which provides design, sourcing, and placement of large wood for the Delta Campground Decommissioning Project and the Quartz Creek Ecosystem Resiliency Project, a large-scale restoration project in the lower 2-miles of Quartz Creek, plus the hiring of a Tribal Liaison. The tribal liaison position was established to assist in the communications with the tribes to inform and better serve tribal priorities in the restoration work that we are doing and to get tribal input on environmental impacts of their ancestral lands. The Quartz Creek project will re-establish multi-threaded channels, promote depositional river environments, and maximize connectivity across 181 acres of floodplain in Quartz Creek through the removal of streamside berms, redistribution of approximately 190,000 cubic yards of sediment within incised channels, placement of 8,800 pieces of large wood, and has already completed the replacement of a 49-foot bridge with a 116-foot span bridge. Large wood will be sourced from public sites. The anticipated completion date for phase one of the wood-sourcing activities associated with the Quartz Creek Ecosystem Resiliency Project is September 15, 2025. Additional task orders will be assigned on an as-needed basis and are part of the OWEB grant budget and scope of work. EWEB and MWA will negotiate each Scope of Work, staffing plan, delivery schedule, and compensation for each Task Order prior to the work being performed.

Purchasing Process

Sole Source

Prior Contract Activities

EWEB Contract	Project Name (Description)	Board Approved Date	Project Duration (Start to Close)	Original Amount	Final Amount	Reason Code
22-102	Deer Creek Phase 4 Floodplain Restoration	6/7/22	6/2022-12/2022	\$425,000	\$445,000	AW
21-071	Upper Willamette Education Initiative	NA	3/2020-3/2025	\$20,400	\$20,400	
20-184	Deer Creek Enhancement	NA	8/2020-8/2025	\$65,000	\$65,000	
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 an increase to the contract with McKenzie Watershed Alliance for instream large wood restoration projects required due to the Holiday Farm Fire. Approximately \$772,000 was planned for these services in the Holiday Farm Fire Restoration 2024 budget of \$2.3 million. Variances will be managed within the budget process and Board policy.