

EWEB Board Consent Calendar Request

For Contract Awards, Renewals, and Increases

The Board is being asked to approve additional funds for the extended **McKenzie Valley Fuels Reduction Project** with **McKenzie Fire and Rescue (MFR)**.

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| Board Meeting Date: | July 8, 2025 |
| Project Name/Contract #: | McKenzie Valley Fuels Reduction Project / 24-123-IGA |
| Manager: | Mike Masters Ext. 7549 |
| Executive Officer: | Karen Kelley Ext. 7153 |

Contract Amount:

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| Original Contract Amount: | \$325,000 (Over 2-Years, Board Approved September 3, 2024) |
| Additional \$ Previously Approved: | \$0 |
| Spend over last approval: | \$0 |
| Amount this Request: | \$125,000 |
| % Increase over last approval: | 38.5% |
| Resulting Cumulative Total: | \$450,000 (Over 4-Years) |

Contracting Method:

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| Method of Solicitation: | Direct Negotiation |
| If applicable, basis for exemption: | Intergovernmental Agreement (EWEB Rule 6-0110-1-d) |
| Term of Agreement: | August 1, 2024 – July 31, 2026 (Extended to July 31, 2028) |
| Option to Renew? | No |
| Approval for purchases “as needed”: | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Proposals/Bids Received (Range): | NA |
| Selection Basis: | Direct Negotiation – Intergovernmental Agreement |
| Narrative: | |

Operational Requirement and Alignment with Strategic Plan

The Board is being asked to approve an increase in grant spending for the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with McKenzie Fire and Rescue (MFR) to mitigate fuel hazards within the wildfire impacted areas of the Holiday Farm Fire (HFF), and the lower McKenzie Valley.

EWEB was awarded \$1 million in fuels reduction funding from Senator Merkley under Merkley, Wyden - Strengthen Oregon’s Wildfire Resiliency, Water Infrastructure, and Climate Action 2024 Funding Package. This funding is being used to support fuels reduction on a landscape scale in high-risk priority areas in the McKenzie Valley and EWEB communities to help reduce the risk of out-of-control wildfires, improve egress and improve wildfire resiliency to EWEB overstory electric infrastructure.

EWEB’s Source Protection and Resiliency Program Teams have partnered with McKenzie Fire and Rescue (MFR) and the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) to plan and implement this landscape scale fuels reduction effort.

EWEB is allocating MFR a portion of this appropriation funding for assessing and designing fuels reduction work in high priority areas impacted by the Holiday Farm Fire and outside of the fire perimeter of the McKenzie Valley to create egress for the communities, engage in cross boundary work with landowners for landscape reduction in fuels, and work with contractors to direct reduction work under the ODF prescription. MFR is supporting EWEB in landowner outreach and education efforts, as well as assisting landowners in Firewise type assessments and contracted work for fuels reduction in the first 150 feet around the home with coordination from ODF to cover beyond the 150 homes defensible space. MFR is also noting issues with priority areas for EWEB's overstory infrastructure up the McKenzie. This allows EWEB to have additional eyes on the ground for areas that may need more intensive treatment for overstory vegetation removal. Due to the outreach efforts of MFR, the project team has been able to identify additional priority areas for fuels reduction that meet the project scope, because of this EWEB is increasing the spend for MFR by \$125,000.

Contracted Goods or Services

This agreement will allow the transfer of Merkley, Wyden – Strengthen Oregon's Wildfire Resiliency, Water Infrastructure, and Climate Action 2024 Funding Package appropriation funds to MFR for the McKenzie Valley Fuels Reduction Project.

Purchasing Process

Direct negotiated Intergovernmental Agreement (EWEB Rule 6-0110-1-d)

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 |
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| 24-123-IGA | McKenzie Valley Fuels Reduction Project Agreement | 9/3/2024 | 9/4/2024 - 7/31/2026 | \$325,000 | \$325,000 | |
| 17-0020 | Inter-governmental Agreement (IGA) | NA | 1/1/2018 – 12/31/2022 | \$100,000 | \$100,000 | |
| 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 Intergovernmental Agreement with McKenzie Fire and Rescue (MFR) for the McKenzie Valley Fuels Reduction Project. Approximately \$325,000 was planned for these services in the Merkley, Wyden – Strengthen Oregon's Wildfire Resiliency, Water Infrastructure, and Climate Action 2024 Funding Package Award of \$1 million, which has been increased to \$450,000 planned for these services out of the \$1 million funding package. Variances will be managed within the budget process and Board policy.

BUDGET CATEGORY: Water Operations, Dept. 378, O&M, Grants