

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 **Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF)**.

Board Meeting Date:	July 8, 2025
Project Name/Contract #:	McKenzie Valley Fuels Reduction Project / 24-124-IGA
Manager:	Mike Masters Ext. 7549
Executive Officer:	Karen Kelley Ext. 7153

Contract Amount:

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:

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 the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) to mitigate fuel hazards within the wildfire impacted areas of the Holiday Farm Fire (HFF), the lower McKenzie Valley and the South Hills of Eugene.

EWEB was awarded \$1 million in fuels reduction funding from Senator Merkley under the Merkley, Wyden - Strengthen Oregon’s Wildfire Resiliency, Water Infrastructure, and Climate Action 2024 Funding Package. This funding will be 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 ODF and McKenzie River Fire and Rescue (MFR) to plan and implement this landscape scale fuels reduction effort. EWEB is allocating ODF a portion

of this appropriation funding to conduct ingress/egress and defensible space work on private properties in close coordination with EWEB and MFR. ODF will be responsible for fuels reduction prescription for consistency across agencies in both the McKenzie Valley and the South Hills communities, support slash burning and prescribe fire operations where appropriate to accomplish fuels reduction treatment prescriptions, and support EWEB in landowner outreach and education efforts. Due to the outreach efforts of ODF, 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 ODF 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 ODF 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
24-124-IGA	McKenzie Valley Fuels Reduction Project Agreement	9/3/2024	9/4/2024 - 7/31/2026	\$325,000	\$325,000	
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 the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) 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