

## EWEB Board Consent Calendar Request

*For Contract Awards, Renewals, and Increases*

The Board is being asked to approve a new contract with **Mason, Bruce, & Girard, Inc.** for **Carmen-Smith Botanical Consulting Services**.

Board Meeting Date:	August 5, 2025	
Project Name/Contract #:	Carmen-Smith Botanical Consulting Services / 25-109-PSC	
Manager:	Scott Milovich	Ext. 7408
Executive Officer:	Karen Kelley	Ext. 7153

### **Contract Amount:**

Original Contract Amount:	\$300,000
Additional \$ Previously Approved:	\$0
Spend over last approval:	\$0
Amount this Request:	\$300,000
% Increase over last approval:	NA
Resulting Cumulative Total:	<b>\$300,000 (Over 5-Years)</b>

### **Contracting Method:**

Method of Solicitation:	Direct Negotiation
If applicable, basis for exemption:	EWEB Rule 3-0275, Sole Source Findings SS-508
Term of Agreement:	5-Years (September 1, 2025 – August 31, 2030)
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:	Sole Source Findings
Narrative:	

### Operational Requirement and Alignment with Strategic Plan

As required by the Carmen-Smith Settlement Agreement, EWEB developed a Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) that provides for the identification, protection, and monitoring of special status plants; creation and protection of populations of culturally significant plants; and the identification and management of several noxious, invasive, non-native plant species, as well as several restoration and enhancement projects.

### Contracted Goods or Services

The scope of work and associated tasks are intended to cover a variety of botanical related services that will be needed over the next few years, generally 2025 through 2030, in order to implement and support the requirements of the new FERC license (2242) for the Project, including the Vegetation Management Plan (VMP).

The scope of Consultant’s environmental work will include:

- A new project wide rare plant/noxious weed survey and report
- Downed wood, snag and culturally significant plant surveys

- Geographic Information System (GIS) reporting of project, including EWEB's Transmission Line
- Maintaining and updating botanical species lists
- As-needed spot surveys and reports for project activities
- Re-vegetation and enhancement assessment and documentation

#### Purchasing Process

EWEB initiated a sole source process due to Mason, Bruce, & Girard's involvement with the preceding 20-109-PSC RFP and project over the last five years. These studies and reports help to identify shifting vegetation and other trends within the study areas, providing information crucial to EWEB's ability to meet FERC obligations and to adjust the scope of ongoing work within the project area. This work will be ongoing for at least the next five years and would not be easily replicated by any other contractor without costly and time-consuming efforts on EWEB's behalf.

#### 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
22-010-S	Forest Management Services	4/5/2022	4/21/22 – 4/8/27	\$650,000	\$650,000	
21-244-PSC	Professional Forestry Consultant Services	NA	12/1/21 - 12/31/26	\$50,000	\$50,000	
20-109-PSC	Botanical Consulting Services	9/1/2020	9/2/20 - 8/31/25	\$400,000	\$500,000	AW
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 Mason, Bruce, & Girard, Inc. for Carmen-Smith Botanical Consulting Services. Approximately \$100,000 was planned for these services in the Electric Operations & Maintenance 2025 budget of \$31.3 million. Variances will be managed within the budget process and Board policy.

**BUDGET CATEGORY:** Electric O&M, Generation Division, Consulting