



The following questions have been posed by Commissioners prior to the scheduled Board Meeting on August 5, 2025. Staff responses are included below and are sorted by Agenda topic.

**Q2 2025/Mid-Year Operational & Organizational Goals Update**

**CAPITAL SPENDING REPORT – Appendix E (KELLEY)**

**Bertelsen Annex: Is it fair to assume the project cost, when the 2 phases are complete, will be close to \$7.5m? Were the next phases postponed due to budget constraints?**

**RESPONSE:** Total spending on Phases 1 and 2 of the Bertelsen project is expected to be \$7.5M. Future phases in the Capital Improvement Plan were delayed until 2027 due to budget constraints in 2026. Five total phases were included in the permit planning, and the future needs will be reassessed after the property is in use following completion of Phase 2, including the 2027 investments.

**CONTRACTS REPORT – Appendix F (KELLEY)**

**Biotactic Fish & Wildlife Research contract for \$48,200 for fish monitoring to a Canadian company; curious as to where they are monitoring, and why.**

**RESPONSE:** EWEB is working with Biotactic to monitor fish presence at Trail Bridge. Biotactic has supplied two submersible camera systems with automatic fish detection capabilities and provides monthly reports that detail the observed fish presence. One camera is installed within the Trail Bridge penstock, the pipe that is currently supplying reservoir water to the turbine and will be used to supply attraction water to the permanent trap and haul facility in the future. Monitoring data within the penstock will be evaluated to determine if fish screening will be necessary to address mortality risks. The other camera is installed within the Trail Bridge tailrace immediately below the power plant to document the timing and other qualitative statistics regarding fish presence to aid in the design of the fish entrance for the permanent trap and haul facility.