

EWEB Board Consent Calendar Request

For Contract Awards, Renewals, and Increases

The Board is being asked to approve a collection agreement that is part of Intergovernmental Master Agreement 21-229 with **USDA Forest Service (USFS)** for **Collaborative Restoration Efforts of the Middle McKenzie after the Holiday Farm Fire between EWEB and the USFS.**

Board Meeting Date: September 6, 2022
Project Name/Contract #: USFS Collaborative Restoration-Middle McKenzie / Collection Agreement 2 to 21-229-IGA
Primary Contact: Karen Kelley Ext. 7153

Contract Amount:

Original Contract Amount: \$302,000
Additional \$ Previously Approved: \$0
Invoices over last approval: \$0
Amount this Request: \$302,000
Percentage over last approval: NA
Resulting Cumulative Total: **\$302,000**

Contracting Method:

Method of Solicitation: Direct Negotiation
If applicable, basis for exemption: Intergovernmental Agreement
Term of Agreement: Initial term is 1 year
Option to Renew? Yes, annually up to 3 years total
Approval for purchases *"as needed"*
for the life of the Contract: Yes No
Proposals/Bids Received (Range): NA
Selection Basis: Direct Negotiation – Intergovernmental Agreement

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. 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 2020, the Holiday Farm Fire (HFF) burned 173,000 acres in the Middle McKenzie watershed, on both private and public riparian lands.

EWEB and the PWP have also partnered to collaborate with the USFS Willamette National Forest to include fire recovery projects for the benefit of water quality and native fish. For many of these complex aquatic restoration projects, the USFS serves as the technical design lead for both on and off-Forest projects. The maturity of the partnership, the scope of projects being accomplished, and the availability of funding to accomplish work has reached a level of complexity and need for technical design and planning that necessitates a full-time USFS position funded by EWEB under this Collection Agreement to accomplish the work in the Middle McKenzie over the next 3-5 years.

Contracted Goods or Services

This Collection Agreement (CA) is attached to the Intergovernmental Master Agreement with the USFS that allows the transfer of funding between EWEB and the USFS to support post-fire restoration efforts on private and public lands. The Master Agreement is designed to support current and future project work through issuance of Supplemental Project Agreement (SPA) that allows money to come to EWEB from the USFS and Collection Agreements that allow for EWEB to move money to the USFS. This has created a process for timely improvements and protections to the current conditions within the McKenzie River Watershed by restoring the physical, chemical, and biological processes that maintain a healthy and resilient ecosystem and improve water quality, as well as the quantity and quality of habitat for Endangered Species Act (ESA) threatened Bull trout and Spring Chinook salmon that migrate throughout the McKenzie River Watershed.

The Master Agreement between EWEB and the USFS requires that any specific collaborative project work conducted under the agreement uses a Special Project Agreement (SPA) for instances when the USFS provides EWEB funding to do specific work and/or manage a project, or Collection Agreement (CA) for instances when EWEB provides the USFS funding to do specific work and/or manage a project. This specific CA will use EWEB funds for the salary and associated expenses for a full time USFS employee. An Aquatics Restoration Technical Lead is needed to support technical design and planning of aquatics restoration projects which are initiated as part of the ongoing partnership work occurring in the McKenzie River Watershed. This work will support project sites located on public and private lands in the McKenzie Watershed. These include, but may not be limited to:

- Finn Rock Reach, Phase 2 project area (approx. FY23).
- Quartz Creek project area (approx. FY23-24).
- South Fork McKenzie project area (approx. FY23-25).
- Ennis Creek Project area (approx. F24-25)
- Additional aquatics restoration project areas located on or off NFS lands within the McKenzie River Watershed, as jointly prioritized by the U.S. Forest Service and EWEB.

Purchasing Process

The Master Agreement 21-229 was a direct negotiation between EWEB and the USFS and executed in January 2022. The purpose of the agreement is to document the cooperation between the parties and work toward common interests in improving or protecting the current conditions within the McKenzie River Watershed. The Master Agreement provides for the exchange of goods and services to meet the mutually agreed upon objectives of projects which will support restoration, enhancement, or protection efforts on federal and nonfederal lands within the watershed, in accordance with the following provisions and any incorporated SPA(s) or CA(s). For the purpose of clarity, Staff will bring each SPA and CA under Master Agreement 21-229 to the Board as separate consent calendar requests in alignment with Board approval thresholds.

Prior Agreement Activities

EWEB Contract	Project Name (Description)	Board Approved Date	Project Duration (Start to Close)	Original Amount	Final Amount	Reason Code
21-229-IGA	Collection Agreement 1 – Preparation for large scale restoration and bathymetric LiDAR	2/1/2022	2/5/2022 – 2/15/2024	\$218,000	\$218,000	
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 a collection agreement that is part of the Intergovernmental Master Agreement 21-229 with USDA Forest Service for collaborative restoration efforts after the Holiday Farm Fire between EWEB and the USFS. Approximately \$550,000 was planned for these services in the Watershed Restoration 2022 budget of \$4,275,000. Variances will be managed within the budget process and Board policy.