



The following questions have been posed by Commissioners prior to the scheduled Board Meeting on June 4, 2024. Staff responses are included below and are sorted by Agenda topic.

**Carmen-Smith Update (KELLEY/KRENTZ)** I would like to hear more about the fish ladder, the effect of trap and haul on fish, and how we will meet our obligations.

**RESPONSE:** While both are standard practice and the approach tends to be site-specific, a volitional fish ladder is widely understood to be more effective than a trap and haul facility. However, design and construction of a fish ladder would be influenced by the same dam safety issues as the trap and haul. The fish ladder that was contemplated in the 2008 Settlement Agreement would need to be wholly reevaluated/redesigned and could not be constructed any sooner (and likely later) than the planned trap and haul facility. We would be happy to conduct Commissioner briefings in the near future to allow more time for specific questions on fish passage efficacy if Commissioners would like.

**Consent Calendar**

**CONTRACTS**

**Construction Task Order with Wildish Building Company for construction services for the Reconstruction of Smith Reservoir Recreation Area (KELLEY/KRENTZ)** The backgrounder says "\$971,000 was planned for this work in the Carmen license... 2024 budget..." Then it says the design engineer provided a construction estimate of 3 million for the project, yet this contract is for \$1,700.00. Please help me understand the variances.

**RESPONSE:** The original engineer's design estimate for the Smith River Recreation Area Reconstruction from 2021 was \$971,000 and was based on the effort needed to complete the Trail Bridge (TB) Campground Reconstruction. Construction of the TB campground was a more complex project in general (septic system, paving & grading, ADA facilities, boat ramp, etc.). Following the TB campground rebuild, and after receiving the Engineer's estimate for Smith Recreation areas, EWEB and our design consultant worked with the U.S. Forest Service to simplify the design to maintain the rustic nature of the campground. One of the changes was to scale back the elaborate boat dock system at Lakes End to a hand launch craft rack/storage location. Based on the new design, staff carried forward the estimate of \$971,000 for budgeting purposes while awaiting an updated Engineer's estimate. The 2024 engineer's estimate was \$3.3M. The bid of 1.7M came back higher than the budgeted amount of \$971,000, largely due to inflation, but is still significantly under the updated engineer's estimates.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Update to Customer Fees, Rates, and Charges (HART/RUE)** At the May 7 board meeting, Commissioners inquired about the impact of the following price increases.

**Resolution No. 2409, Dark Fiber: CPI increase for School Districts.**

**RESPONSE:** The annual impact for the school districts for current 2023 rate and proposed 2024 rate is below. The combined school districts represent about 5% of the revenue collect for the Dark Fiber Lease.

	2023 Rate	2024 Rate	Chng
Bethel School District	\$6,328	\$6,530	\$202
Eugene 4J	\$34,791	\$35,904	\$1,113
Springfield	\$2,109	\$2,177	\$67

**Resolution No. 2410, Water Fees:**

*RESPONSE: A typical small development will be approximately 400 feet, a medium will be 1600, and a large development will be approximately 3000 feet. The Water Fee schedule as proposed would result in the following changes over time for typical small, medium, and large developments. An inflator of 3% has been added in 2025 and 2026 to keep pace with inflation.*

**Current and proposed Financial Guarantee**

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Phase 1 (2024)</u>	<u>Phase 2 (2025)</u>	<u>Phase 3 (2026)</u>
Cost per ft of pipe	\$130.00	\$135.00	\$140.00	\$150.00
small development (400 ft)	\$52,000.00	\$54,000.00	\$56,000.00	\$60,000.00
medium development (1600 ft)	\$208,000.00	\$216,000.00	\$224,000.00	\$240,000.00
large development (3000 ft)	\$390,000.00	\$405,000.00	\$420,000.00	\$450,000.00

**Current and proposed disinfectant fee**

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u> \$1300 lump sum, not per foot
Cost per ft of pipe	\$3 per foot	per foot
small development (400 ft)	\$1,200.00	\$1,300.00
medium development (1600 ft)	\$4,800.00	\$1,300.00
large development (3000 ft)	\$9,000.00	\$1,300.00

**Current and proposed inspection fee**

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Phase 1 (2024)</u>	<u>Phase 2 (2025)</u>	<u>Phase 3 (2026)</u>
Cost per ft of pipe	\$2.00	\$3.00	\$3.50	\$4.00
small development (400 ft)	\$800.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,600.00
medium development (1600 ft)	\$3,200.00	\$4,800.00	\$5,600.00	\$6,400.00
large development (3000 ft)	\$6,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$10,500.00	\$12,000.00