

EWEB Board Consent Calendar Request

For Contract Awards, Renewals, and Increases

The Board is being asked to approve an increase to an existing contract with **Cascade Pacific Resource Conservation & Development (CPRCD)** for administrative management services related to the Berggren Demonstration Farm.

Board Meeting Date: May 7th, 2013

Project Name/Contract#: Berggren Demonstration Farm, #13023

Primary Contact: Steve Newcomb Ext. 7391

Secondary Contact: Roger Gray Ext. 7130

Purchasing Contact: Ramie Alkire Ext. 7413

Action Requested:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Contract Award
<input type="checkbox"/>	Contract Renewal
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Contract Increase
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other

Contract Amount:

Original Contract Amount: \$ 240,000.00

Additional \$ Previously Approved: \$ n/a

Invoices over last approval: \$ n/a

Percentage over last approval: n/a %

Amount this Request: \$ 80,000.00

Resulting Cumulative Total: \$ 320,000.00

Funding Source:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Budget
<input type="checkbox"/>	Reserves
<input type="checkbox"/>	New Revenue
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bonding
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other

Contracting Method:

Method of Solicitation: Sole-Source

If applicable, basis for exemption: _____

Term of Agreement: April 2010 through April 2015

Option to Renew? No

Approval for purchases "as needed" for the life of the contract No

Form of Contract:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Single Purchase
<input type="checkbox"/>	Services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Personal Services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Construction
<input type="checkbox"/>	IGA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Price Agreement
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other

Narrative:

The Board is being asked to approve an increase to an existing agreement with **Cascade Pacific Resource Conservation & Development (CPRCD)** for administrative management services related to the Berggren Demonstration Farm. The additional funding added under this existing agreement will provide ongoing support over the next two years when the agreement expires.

In 2010, EWEB worked with McKenzie River Trust (MRT) and the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) to secure funding to acquire a 92-acre property located on Camp Creek Road (the Hunsaker property). Acquisition of this property satisfied multiple objectives including compliance with the Leaburg Waltherville FERC license Articles 412 and 413; and protection of Eugene's sole source for drinking water. The initial \$240,000 investment by EWEB was used to hire staff, develop a farm management plan, establish basic infrastructure, and implement the first stages of production at the farm. This investment leveraged over \$130,000 in grant funding with an additional \$245,000 in proposals awaiting approval. The farm's objectives include showcasing organic farming practices and use of renewable energy and efficient irrigation systems, as well as demonstrating how agricultural land can coexist with and enhance riparian, floodplain and upland habitat.

CPRCD (a 501c3 organization) provides administrative services related to the demonstration farm per an existing Administrative Services Agreement with EWEB. CPRCD contracts with a farm manager to operate and manage the demonstration farm per a Farm Management Plan developed and approved by EWEB, MRT, and CPRCD, with input from other key partners in this project (i.e., Oregon Tilth, OSU Extension, Upper Willamette Soil & Water Conservation District, Lane Council of Governments, etc.). These additional funds will help establish the core farm operations: purchasing a tractor; setting up raised beds and irrigation; building perimeter fencing to contain livestock; construct livestock housing, as well as developing educational activities: workshops for farmers and interns, greater integration with LCC and UO programs, and partnerships with local K-12 schools.

It is anticipated that as the farm matures and implements its business plan over the next 2-3 years, additional funding support from EWEB will be reduced even further. The demonstration farm is a key element of EWEB's Healthy Farms Clean Water Program that works with McKenzie farmers to reduce chemical use, increase buffers while increasing economic viability of farming to reduce the amount of farmland being converted to development.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Management requests Board approve additional funding under an existing Agreement with **Cascade Pacific Resource Conservation & Development (CPRCD)** for administrative management services related of the Berggren Demonstration Farm. Funds for this work were budgeted for 2013 and will be budgeted annually.

SIGNATURES:

Project Coordinator: _____

Manager: _____

Purchasing Manager: _____

General Manager: _____

Board Approval Date: _____

Secretary/Assistant Secretary verification: _____