

EWEB Board Consent Calendar Request

For Contract Awards, Renewals, and Increases

The Board is being asked to approve a new Intergovernmental Agreement with **McKenzie Fire and Rescue (MFR)** for the **McKenzie Valley Fuels Reduction Project**.

Board Meeting Date: September 3, 2024
Project Name/Contract #: McKenzie Valley Fuels Reduction Project / 24-123-IGA
Manager: Mike Masters Ext. 7549
Executive Officer: Karen Kelley Ext. 7153

Contract Amount:

Original Contract Amount: \$325,000
Additional \$ Previously Approved: \$0
Spend over last approval: \$0
Amount this Request: \$325,000
% Increase over last approval: NA
Resulting Cumulative Total: **\$325,000 (Over 2-Years)**

Contracting Method:

Method of Solicitation: Direct Negotiation
If applicable, basis for exemption: Intergovernmental Agreement (EWEB Rule 6-0110-1-d)
Term of Agreement: August 1, 2024 – July 31, 2026
Option to Renew? No
Approval for purchases “as needed”: Yes No
Proposals/Bids Received (Range): NA
Selection Basis: Direct Negotiation – Intergovernmental Agreement
Narrative:

Operational Requirement and Alignment with Strategic Plan

The Board is being asked to approve a new Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with McKenzie Fire and Rescue (MFR) to mitigate fuel hazards within the wildfire impacted areas of the Holiday Farm Fire (HFF), and the lower McKenzie Valley.

EWEB has been awarded \$1 million in fuels reduction funding from Senator Merkley under the Merkley, Wyden Strengthen Oregon’s Wildfire Resiliency, Water Infrastructure, and Climate Action 2024 Funding Package. This funding will be used to support fuels reduction on a landscape scale in high-risk priority areas in the McKenzie Valley and EWEB communities to help reduce the risk of out-of-control wildfires, improve egress and improve wildfire resiliency to EWEB overstory electric infrastructure.

EWEB’s Source Protection and Resiliency Program Teams have partnered with McKenzie Fire and Rescue (MFR) and the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) to plan and implement this landscape scale fuels reduction effort. EWEB is allocating MFR a portion of this appropriation funding for assessing and designing fuels reduction work in

high priority areas impacted by the Holiday Farm Fire and outside of the fire perimeter of the McKenzie Valley to create egress for the communities, engage in cross boundary work with landowners for landscape reduction in fuels, and work with contractors to direct reduction work under the ODF prescription. MFR will support EWEB in landowner outreach and education efforts, as well as assisting landowners in Firewise type assessments.

Contracted Goods or Services

This agreement will allow the transfer of Merkley, Wyden – Strengthen Oregon’s Wildfire Resiliency, Water Infrastructure, and Climate Action 2024 Funding Package appropriation funds to MFR for the McKenzie Valley Fuels Reduction Project.

Purchasing Process

Direct negotiated Intergovernmental Agreement (EWEB Rule 6-0110-1-d)

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
17-0020	Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA)	NA	1/1/2018 – 12/31/2022	\$100,000	\$100,000	
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 an Intergovernmental Agreement with McKenzie Fire and Rescue (MFR) for the McKenzie Valley Fuels Reduction Project. Approximately \$325,000 was planned for these services in the Merkley, Wyden – Strengthen Oregon’s Wildfire Resiliency, Water Infrastructure, and Climate Action 2024 Funding Package Award of \$1 million. Variances will be managed within the budget process and Board policy.