



The following questions have been posed by Commissioners prior to the scheduled Board Meeting on September 3, 2024. Staff responses are included below and are sorted by Agenda topic.

Resolution No. 2413 - 2025 EWEB Avoided Cost Prices Update (BOOTH/J. HART) What is the reasoning behind requiring this report? What end purpose does this serve? Why does the forecast dramatically shift in 2028? Does that have to do with the new BPA contract?

RESPONSE: *EWEB is required by the state to publish a forecast of avoided costs. The purpose of this requirement is to help independent power producers to understand the potential value of their investments. EWEB staff's intent with the methodology change is to better communicate both the immediate and varying values of different resources in today's tight market along with the long-term value after the market (hopefully) settles down. The shift in pricing in 2028 is a result of the expectation that the future market will ease up and also the uncertainty that EWEB faces in both measuring our needs and valuing resources if we were to take a different BPA contract.*

Consent Calendar

CONTRACTS

Cornforth Consultants – for Dam Safety Engineering Consulting Services (KELLEY/KRENTZ)

Why is the length on this contract 10 years? Typically, we don't go longer than 5 years.

RESPONSE: *This contract is intended to support resolution of dam safety issues related to the Carmen-Smith license required infrastructure projects, which are multi-year and highly complex. Consultant continuity is important to maintain forward progress, which is why the contract is intended to be 10 years in duration rather than the typical 5 years.*

Why was the bid ask about \$125K per year, but the contract amount for 10 years only \$1 million and not \$1.25 million?

RESPONSE: *Beyond the initial \$125K task, we were unable to pre-define all future tasks in the RFP due to the uncertain nature of dam safety and associated FERC requirements. Potential consultants provided pricing only for the initial task that was outlined in the RFP. The scope of services for future work under this contract will be developed as needs arise, and additional task orders will be issued for each subsequent project. The contract amount was set at \$1M as a best guess estimate of total need over a 10-year period.*

L.R. Brabham and OEG – for Commercial Electrical Services for EWEB owned Facilities (KELLEY/MILOVICH)

Why is the ask for \$550K when we only expect to spend \$100K/year?

RESPONSE: *\$100k was budgeted this year but we're considering escalation and emergent work over a 5-year period.*

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS

McKenzie Fire and Rescue (MFR) – for the McKenzie Valley Fuels Reduction Project and Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) - for the McKenzie Valley Fuels Reduction Project (KELLEY/MASTERS) Why are these split into two separate agreements? Aren't they connected? We only get \$1 million once correct and not \$2 million from Wyden-Merkley? Is total spend \$325k/ year between the two contracts or \$650k/year?

RESPONSE: Grant award is \$1 million over 2 years and we have partnered with ODF and MFR to help get the work done. EWEB is fronting \$325K to each agency for their part of the 2-year partnership in the first year. Remaining funds will be used over the project period of performance for EWEB overstory infrastructure fuel reduction with contracts already under retainer.

We have 2 agreements because the \$650k is being split to 2 separate fire agencies ODF and MFR. The total spend between the 2 agreements is \$650 over the 2-year period of performance of the grant.