

EWEB Board Consent Calendar Request

For Contract Awards, Renewals, and Increases

The Board is being asked to approve additional funds for **Vegetation Management and Enhancement Services on EWEB Owned and/or Controlled Properties with Habitat Contracting and Oregon Woods.**

Board Meeting Date: November 12, 2024
Project Name/Contract #: Vegetation Management Services / 21-265-S
Manager: Scott Milovich Ext. 7408
Executive Officer: Karen Kelley Ext. 7153

Contract Amount:

Original Contract Amount: \$400,000 (Approved April 5, 2022)
Additional \$ Previously Approved: \$0
Spend over last approval: \$100,000
Amount this Request: \$200,000
% Increase over last approval: 50%
Resulting Cumulative Total: **\$600,000 (Over 5 years)**

Contracting Method:

Method of Solicitation: Formal ITB
If applicable, basis for exemption: NA
Term of Agreement: 5-years (April 12, 2022 - April 5, 2026)
Option to Renew? No
Approval for purchases "as needed": Yes No
Proposals/Bids Received (Range): 5 – (\$32,000 - \$363,200)
Selection Basis: Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder

Narrative:

Operational Requirement and Alignment with Strategic Plan

EWEB requires vegetation management services for various FERC required vegetation management projects on EWEB owned and/or operated properties. The work requires specialized skills of restoration professionals who are both knowledgeable about and experienced with native/invasive plants and habitat restoration and have the ability to perform the physically demanding aspects of vegetation maintenance in natural environments. Much of the work consists of emergent projects that are identified either by staff or is required by FERC inspections and can include restoration and cleanup from storms, fire and other natural disasters. Whereas a portion of this work is budgeted in the Environmental department, many of these required projects are associated with Generation and other department budgets. This solicitation secured two vendors who are fully equipped to respond to a wide variety of potentially time-critical work in support of Generation.

Contracted Goods or Services

This contract covers vegetation maintenance and enhancement primarily using power equipment, such as, but not limited to weed-eaters, chainsaws, brush hogs and hand tools as agreed upon by EWEB's Environmental Specialist (ES). This work is performed on the hydroelectric project boundaries within the McKenzie River corridor. Work is assigned on an emergent basis. EWEB and the Contractor coordinate the staffing plan, and project

schedule prior to the work being performed. This contract was created to allow EWEB to utilize contractors to quickly and efficiently respond to unplanned necessary work as described. Through this contract EWEB has managed tasks for a large number of unanticipated projects including: the Stone Creek penstock clearing; Lookout Fire T-line clean up; 2024 Ice Storm cleanup; and the clearing of the Leaburg Canal interiors due to their 5+ yr dewatering. These tasks along with many smaller projects have utilized the contract budget, necessitating this increase.

Purchasing Process

In March of 2022, staff issued a Formal Invitation to Bid for Vegetation Management Services in the EWEB McKenzie Corridor. This solicitation was advertised on the OregonBuys website, and five (5) bids were received. Habitat Contracting and Oregon Woods were deemed the lowest responsive and responsible bidders.

Prior Contract Activities – Habitat Contracting

EWEB Contract	Project Name (Description)	Board Approved	Project Duration (Start to Close)	Original Amount	Approved/Amended Amount to Date (Total)	Reason Code
21-131-S	Vegetation Maintenance and Irrigation Services	NA	7/28/2021 - 12/31/2022	\$48,020	\$48,020	
019-2018	Carmen Transmission Line Vegetation Maintenance	5/1/2018	5/3/2018 – 5/2/2023	\$275,000	\$275,000	
001-2017	Vegetation Management Services	4/4/2017	4/10/2017 – 4/9/2022	\$400,000 (Between 3 Contracts)	\$700,000 (Between 3 Contracts)	AW

Reason Code: AM = Additional Materials, AW = Additional Work, EW= Emergency Work, SD = Staff Directed, UC = Unforeseen Conditions, Other

Prior Contract Activities – Oregon Woods

EWEB Contract	Project Name (Description)	Board Approved	Project Duration (Start to Close)	Original Amount	Approved/Amended Amount to Date (Total)	Reason Code
21-131-S	Vegetation Maintenance and Irrigation Services	NA	6/23/2021 - 12/31/2022	\$80,520	\$80,520	
020-2018	Vegetation Management Services	5/1/2018	5/3/2018 – 5/2/2023	\$275,000	\$343,000	AW
001-2017	Vegetation Management Services	4/4/2017	4/10/2017 – 4/9/2022	\$400,000 (Between 3 Contracts)	\$700,000 (Between 3 Contracts)	AW

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ACTION REQUESTED:

Management requests the Board approve an increase to the contracts with Habitat Contracting and Oregon Woods for Vegetation Management and Enhancement Services on EWEB Owned and/or Controlled Properties. Approximately \$220,000 was planned for these services in the Environmental Management Department 2024 budget of \$2.0 million. Variances will be managed within the budget process and Board policy.

BUDGET CATEGORY: Support Services O&M, Miscellaneous Services