

EUGENE WATER & ELECTRIC BOARD
REGULAR SESSION
October 1, 2024
5:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Matt McRae, President; John Barofsky, Vice President; and Commissioners Mindy Schlossberg, John Brown, and Sonya Carlson

Others Present: Frank Lawson, EWEB General Manager; Rodney Price, Assistant General Manager; Deborah Hart, Assistant General Manager/Chief Financial Officer; Lisa Krentz, Generation Manager; Laura Ohman, Chief Dam Safety Engineer; Mark Zinniker, Generation Engineering Supervisor; Adam Rue, Rates Manager; Karen Kelley, Chief Operations Officer; and Susan Fricke, Water Resources & QA Supervisor.

REGULAR SESSION

Call to Order [0:0:0]

President McRae called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

Agenda Check [0:0:45]

There were no changes to the agenda.

Items from Board Members and General Manager [0:0:21]

Commissioner Carlson stated she was attending the meeting online.

Vice-President Barofsky said he had the privilege of cutting the ribbon for a new water distribution station located in Eugene between the YMCA and Roosevelt Middle school.

Commissioner Brown said he perceived much of the community was not clear on where EWEB's Emergency Water Stations were located, and requested EWEB increase its outreach.

General Manager Frank Lawson acknowledged the work of EWEB's water team in the recent launch of the sixth of seven planned emergency water stations.

Mr. Lawson announced that the Northwest Public Power Association presented two communications awards to EWEB, one for a video describing where electric costs are sourced, and one for its *Pledge to Prepare* campaign and program. Mr. Lawson also acknowledged two staff, Kelly Hoell and Ben Ulrich, who completed the Western Energy Institute's Business Acumen for Emerging Leaders program.

Correspondence [0:7:29]

Mr. Lawson commented on several pieces of correspondence to the Board that were included in the meeting packet.

- Customer Policies Re: Additional Electric Shared Transformer Load: Mr. Lawson said he planned to bring details about pricing changes to the Board next month for approval.

- Leaburg Decommissioning Action Plan (LDAP): Mr. Lawson stated EWEB had prepared mitigation recommendations, and he advised that significant Board actions would be needed regarding related contracts.
- Revisions to Customer Service Policy related to EWEB's planned Enterprise solution to replace legacy Customer and Finance applications
- System Development Charge (SDC) Process Revision/Update: Mr. Lawson stated EWEB would ensure a policy was developed to memorialize the intent, process, and methodology of assessing SDC's. He said he would bring recommendations to the Board in a manner that was consistent with EWEB's 10-year Water Master Plan and Capital Improvement Program.
- McKenzie Watershed Recovery and Restoration Plan Update, 2025-2026: Mr. Lawson recalled that the Board wanted a discussion about the Watershed Recovery Plan and fee, and advised the fee will expire in June 2026. He said he would not recommend early termination of the fee but would review a watershed protection plan based on risk assessments that would include the McKenzie and Willamette rivers.
- Walterville Canal Forebay Repair: Mr. Lawson reported EWEB had a potential solution that FERC must approve.

Commissioner Brown asked about the rationale and provisions of the 10-year, \$18 million contract related to the Leaburg Decommissioning Action Plan. Mr. Zinniker replied that the long-term contract included an environmental study, action plans, engineering designs, and construction management provisions. He said the contract would come to the Board for approval at a future meeting. Mr. Lawson added it was not a typical construction contract as the long-term work would occur in a dynamic regulatory environment.

Regarding Customer Policies related to additional shared transformer load, Commissioner Carlson advised that communications to affected customers need to be clear. Mr. Lawson said the fees were not intended to be application-specific and that EWEB's goal was to be fair. He affirmed Board consensus for support for a transformation fee based upon shared transformer load.

Mr. Lawson affirmed the Board was supportive of the development of an SDC policy and stated he would provide an update to the Board in December or January.

With regard to the watershed recovery fee, President McRae asked if there were additional opportunities for adopting a similar surcharge or grant funding for watershed protection in the Willamette since EWEB will soon be taking water from that source. Karen Kelley, Chief Operations Officer, said a watershed protection plan for the Willamette would need to be developed and she felt it should be embedded in EWEB's regular rates/funding system. She added that the Willamette is another excellent source of water. Mr. Lawson replied that a fee was different than a fund, and that EWEB could create funds without fees through the use of rate revenue, grants, and the like.

Vice President Barofsky cited his membership on the Watershed Council and acknowledged the opportunities EWEB used to leverage the watershed fee. He opined EWEB had a success story if it wanted to continue the fee, but stated partnerships are very strong right now, and they are in a position to go after new grants.

Commissioner Schlossberg commented that enacting a fee for protecting the second source is really a rate hike and said that the former surcharge was adopted in the wake of a disaster for a short-term specific purpose.

Commissioner Carlson agreed that EWEB should tread lightly regarding fees, adding that she looked forward to future conversations around rate design and whether there should be another fee.

President McRae agreed and suggested investigating a short term 5-year fee, not to be implemented until the current fee ended. He asked Commissioners if they supported asking staff to bring a proposal for a short-term fee for watershed protection.

Commissioner Brown suggested that EWEB review its fees holistically, although he is not opposed to any particular fee. He said that the affordability factor is of interest to him, and he would want complete information.

Mr. Lawson affirmed that the Board was not supportive of bringing back the issue of a fee extension in the near term as there was some time before the fee expired.

Public Input [0:42:42]

President McRae provided instructions for this agenda item and said the Board neither endorsed nor opposed or is responsible for the accuracy of the content of testimony, including any links or references provided.

Alan Gormezano expressed opposition to EWEB's Smart Meter program due to self-described adverse health impacts and cost.

Jared Weybright, Ward 1, stated he was the Executive Director of the McKenzie Watershed Alliance. He thanked the Board for their recovery projects following the Holiday Farm fire. He highlighted the Source Water Protection Program.

Amanda Gilbert stated she was the Executive Director of the Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council in Cottage Grove. She expressed support for EWEB continuing funding and expand the spending to both the Middle Fork and Coast Fork improvements as funding could be used as match for federal dollars.

Tana Shepard, Ward 7, stated she was the coordinator of the 4J-EWEB Education Partnership and shared comments related to planned activities for the FY24 25 school year. She added that similar educational staff had been hired in the Bethel school district.

Joshua Korn expressed dissatisfaction of EWEB customer service related to EWEB's electric reconnection policies and procedures.

Commissioner Schlossberg opined that there may be a water station education partnership opportunity for Tana Shepard, as a teacher.

Approval of Consent Calendar A (Minutes and Routine Contracts) [1:00:25]

1. September 3, 2024 Regular Session

CONTRACTS

2. Ferguson Waterworks - for Dry Barrel Fire Hydrants. \$370,000 (over 5 years) based on Formal Invitation to Bid.

MOTION: Commissioner Brown moved to adopt Consent Calendar A.

The motion passed unanimously. 5:0

Approval of Consent Calendar B. (Nonroutine Contracts and Other Consent Items) [1:03:20]

3. GDS Associates - for Consulting/Legal Services. \$224,000 over 10 years (\$114,000 from 2019-2023 and \$110,000 for 2024-2028) based on Direct Negotiation/Sole Source.

4. Marsh Mundorf Pratt Sullivan & McKenzie - for Consulting/Legal Services. \$224,000 (over 10 years) (\$114,000 from 2019-2023 and \$110,000 for 2024-2028) based on Direct Negotiation/Sole Source.

5. McKenzie Watershed Alliance (MWA) - for Instream Large Wood Restoration Projects and a Tribal Liaison as part of Holiday Farm Fire restoration efforts. \$3,022,000 (over 5 years) (original contract amount \$800,000 (March 1, 2022), \$700,000 (December 6, 2022) & \$772,000 (January 9, 2024), \$750,000 this request).

6. Turner and Townsend AMCL Inc. - for Strategic Asset Management Plan Consulting. \$248,000 (Original \$135,000 not previously approved by the Board, plus an increase of \$113,000) based on Formal Request for Proposals.

7. Virginia Transformer Corp. - for Substation Voltage Regulators. \$2,400,000 (over 5 years) based on Formal Invitation to Bid.

RESOLUTIONS

8. Resolution No. 2416 – Annual Investment Policy Review.

MOTION: Commissioner Brown moved to adopt Consent Calendar B.

Discussion:

Vice President Barofsky stated he appreciated investment policies being tied to environmental, social, and governance.

Commissioner Carlson asked a question regarding the large difference in the bid amounts for the Turner and Townsend contract.

Ms. Kelley replied that one bidder provided a scope of work that exceeded the provisions outlined in the Request for Proposals.

The motion passed unanimously. 5:0

Items Removed from Consent Calendar

There were no items removed from the consent calendar.

Presentation: Draft 2025 Electric & Water Budgets and Long-Term Financial Plans Update [1:05:25]

Deborah Hart, Assistant General Manager and Chief Financial Officer; Aaron Balmer, AIC Financial Services Manager, and Alicia Voorhees, Interim Budgets & Rates Supervisor provided budget information using a PowerPoint presentation. Ms. Hart stated a copy of the presentation was included in the meeting packet.

Public Hearing on Year 2025 Budget Assumptions and LTFP [1:30:25]

President McRae opened the Public Hearing and provided comment instructions. There were no requests to comment.

Commissioner Discussion/Direction: Draft 2025 Electric & Water Budgets and Long-Term Financial Plans Update [1:30:45]

Commissioner Brown asked about the budget impact if EWEB were to use an assumption of 85%, instead of 90%, for the water year.

Mr. Balmer replied that they are building conservatism into the generation forecast as we are going into the water year a little short.

Commissioner Brown emphasized that he wants to adequately account for inflation in the assumptions for construction of the water treatment plant.

Regarding Commissioner Brown's earlier question around water year assumptions, Ms. Hart said she would firm up numbers regarding a contribution margin risk tolerance that incorporated an 85% water year. She added that the Power Reserve can be used for extreme events.

Vice President Barofsky said he would appreciate specific examples of EWEB's operational savings to assist in explaining to constituents how the projected rate increases were reduced. He stated that increases to fund future debt service seemed acceptable.

Commissioner Carlson cited her concern about the optics of two rate increases in 2025. She suggested that EWEB be clear in its messaging. She asked if the Board votes on both rate increases.

Mr. Lawson replied that a Board policy is in place to pass through BPA rate increases when they occur, and no separate Board action is required. The only related Board action occurs when the Board is approving the annual budget. He agreed there was a benefit in explaining the BPA rate increases in a way that was transparent to customers.

Commissioner Carlson asked for data about the extent to which EWEB's assistance program alleviates energy burden for affected customers.

Mr. Lawson replied that he would obtain the data and would want to review alternative ways to distribute funds, such as a process based on need rather than a one-size-fits-all program.

President McRae stated that he agreed with gradualism as a policy relating to rate increases.

Break [1:53:55]

Rate Design – Initial Priorities/Drivers [2:03:49]

Mr. Lawson introduced Adam Rue, EWEB's Rate Manager, and provided a PowerPoint presentation that illustrated evolving rate design over the next three to five years. Following the presentation, they received feedback and answered questions from the Board.

Commissioner Carlson commented that the direction of the rate design project seemed aligned with what the Board was looking for.

Commissioner Schlossberg stated there was value to the community in EWEB's other work such as its Equity Policy.

Vice President Barofsky said he hoped EWEB would review electric utilities in other communities to see what trends were occurring in rate design. He said that comparable information would be helpful when the Board engaged the Eugene community.

President McRae asked about boundaries regarding consumer consumption behavior.

Mr. Lawson said that different customers could pay different rates based upon their own characteristics, but he was not implying that rates should be income-based. He added that the rate design study would not delve into EWEB's limited income assistance program as his opinion was that an assistance program did not belong as part of rate design.

Annual Dam Safety Program Update [2:32:56]

Lisa Krentz, Generation Manager introduced Laura Ohman, Chief Dam Safety Engineer and Mark Zinniker, Generation Engineering Supervisor and provided a PowerPoint presentation to illustrate specific updates of the dam safety program. Following the presentation, they answered questions from the Board.

Commissioner Brown said he would appreciate additional information about the workshop associated with the sinkhole investigation.

Vice President Barosky asked if the Board could see the 5-year audit report. Ms. Krentz replied yes, it could be shared with Commissioners.

Future Board Agendas [2:54:34]

Mr. Lawson reported the Board would hold a work session in two weeks and the November meeting would be rescheduled as it fell on election night.

Board Wrap Up [2:56:25]

Commissioner Brown said he may be absent for the October work session.

Adjourn [3.01.56]

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Recorded by Pam Berrian, LCOG

Assistant Secretary

President

EUGENE WATER & ELECTRIC BOARD
WORK SESSION
October 15, 2024
5:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Matt McRae, President; John Barofsky, Vice President; and Commissioners Mindy Schlossberg and Sonya Carlson

Commissioners Absent: John Brown

Others Present: Frank Lawson, EWEB General Manager; Rodney Price, Assistant General Manager; Deborah Hart, Assistant General Manager/Chief Financial Officer; Brian Booth, Chief Energy Resource Officer; Aaron Orlowski, Communications Specialist; Ben Ulrich, Energy Resource Analyst; and Aaron Bush, Energy Resource Analyst.

WORK SESSION

Call to Order [0:0:0]

President McRae called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Agenda Check [0:0:45]

Qualitative Considerations for BPA Product Choice [0:1:11]

Brian Booth introduced EWEB staff Aaron Bush, Aaron Orlowski, and Ben Ulrich, and provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) energy products and services, EWEB's product choices, and the timeline.

Community Table Update [0:4:25]

Aaron Orlowski provided the results of a community-centric focus group session and solicited Board feedback in preparation for another focus group session in early December.

Commissioner Schlossberg requested clarification about the use of feedback received from the focus group.

Commissioner Carlson requested information about the communications to the focus group regarding expectations.

Vice President Barofsky requested information about the makeup of the focus group, other than they were EWEB customers.

President McRae requested information about whether focus group members were paid to participate, or if not, whether some people did not participate because of that.

Commissioner Schlossberg commented that of 25 invited, 14 participated, and she asked staff if they knew why the others had not.

Mr. Orlowski replied that participation was voluntary.

General Manager Lawson reiterated that the Board provided guidance to EWEB, and while staff engages with affected community groups, the focus groups were not designed to influence specific EWEB decisions.

Vice President Barofsky suggested reaching out to additional voices, suggesting that staff consider a participation stipend, and Ward representation. President McRae concurred.

Values, Key Factors, & Relationship to Product Choice (0:24:01]

Brian Booth and Aaron Bush highlighted PowerPoint slides illustrating product choice options and decision factors.

Discussion: Key Factor Trade-offs: [0:35:10]

Aaron Bush discussed slides that illustrated the trade-offs in EWEB's decision to utilize more or fewer BPA services.

Commissioner Carlson asked staff to comment on which options would provide greater flexibility in dealing with unforeseen events.

General Manager Lawson responded on the value of flexibility as well as various forms of risk.

Commissioner Schlossberg affirmed BPA was created by Federal statute and commented that she found value in EWEB's autonomy.

Vice President Barofsky opined EWEB had been positioning the Utility for local control.

President McRae asked staff to provide information in December about how EWEB is doing in keeping prices stable. He added that local control is highly desired.

Electric Business Model Perspectives [1:23:30]

General Manager Lawson stated the purpose of this agenda item was to broaden the conversation about BPA, to expand it into a larger business model by understanding how the present model was developed. He provided a slide presentation illustrating EWEB's path to the retail and wholesale markets, and options for changing its business model.

Vice President Barofsky stated he was most concerned about regulatory risks related to the dam. He said he leaned towards continuing EWEB's present business model.

Commissioner Schlossberg stated her satisfaction with EWEB's current values and nimbleness.

General Manager Lawson discussed pros and cons of different business models.

President McRae suggested that conservation would gain importance in the next 10 years. Mr. Booth explained there are nuances to the BPA contract which have influence, and in his opinion local values were a driver of EWEB's commitment to serve load growth with energy efficiency, and the ability to do so for fifteen years. He added that EWEB had staff and willpower to do this well. General Manager Lawson concurred, and cited examples of EWEB's conservation activities going back several decades.

Commissioner Carlson said she wanted to ensure that EWEB's portfolio was sound in its ability to prepare for risks.

General Manager Lawson summarized the Board's sentiments around the importance of being nimble and flexible, and the upside of local control - as long as the Utility can mitigate and manage the associated risks which could manifest in pricing, affordability, and reliability. He added that he perceived the Board was comfortable with decisions and business models that align with EWEB's present strategy, and creating flexibility while mitigating and balancing the load and the supply side in a way that optimizes it.

ADJOURN [2:13:00]

President McRae adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Recorded by Pam Berrian, LCOG

Assistant Secretary

President

EWEB Board Consent Calendar Request

For Contract Awards, Renewals, and Increases

The Board is being asked to approve a new contract with **Cascade Water Works, LLC** for **Hayden Bridge Raw Water Intake – Pump #6 Replacement**.

Board Meeting Date: November 12, 2024
Project Name/Contract #: Hayden Bridge Raw Water Intake – Pump #6 Replacement / 24-177-PW
Manager: Mike Masters Ext. 7549
Executive Officer: Karen Kelley Ext. 7153

Contract Amount:

Original Contract Amount: \$629,000
Additional \$ Previously Approved: \$0
Spend over last approval: \$0
Amount this Request: \$629,000
% Increase over last approval: NA
Resulting Cumulative Total: **\$629,000**

Contracting Method:

Method of Solicitation: Formal Invitation to Bid
If applicable, basis for exemption: NA
Term of Agreement: One-Time (November 13, 2024 – July 25, 2025)
Option to Renew? No
Approval for purchases “as needed”: Yes No
Proposals/Bids Received (Range): 4 (\$377,234 – \$694,752)
Selection Basis: Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder
Narrative:

Operational Requirement and Alignment with Strategic Plan

The Hayden Bridge McKenzie River Intakes include seven raw water intake pumps that are critical for meeting water system demands. Recently, pump #6 failed, and EWEB contracted repair services to restore the pump, contract 24-064-PW Raw Water Intake Pump and Motor Rebuild. This contract required an evaluation of all components within the existing pump, and a final report was provided to EWEB staff for review and approval. This report showed that the pump had significant damage to components not designed for normal repair or replacement. While repair was possible, the cost was beyond the approved contract amount and approaching the cost for a brand new pump. Given the cause of the pump failure, the costs of repair vs. replacement, and knowing the criticality of the intake pumps, EWEB staff determined that a new pump would be a better solution to restore the intakes pumping capacity and solicited bids for the installation of a new pump.

Contracted Goods or Services

If approved, Cascade Water Works will replace the existing pump #6 with a new pump and motor (EWEB Provided motor) at EWEB’s raw water intake #2. The cost of the project listed above includes all work required to replace

the existing pump in-kind and commission to normal operation. The contracted scope of work aligns the new equipment to be in-kind with EWEB’s existing equipment for consistency in repair and replacement parts. Preventative maintenance of this critical equipment is covered under contracts 20-060-GS and 24-162 GS.

Purchasing Process

In October 2024, EWEB purchasing staff initiated a Formal Invitation to Bid (ITB) process for the Hayden Bridge Raw Water Intake – Pump #6 Replacement. The ITB was advertised on the State of Oregon’s procurement site, OregonBuys, and in the Portland Business Tribune. Four (4) bids were received, and Cascade Water Works, LLC was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Upon review, Pasco Machine Company was found to be non-responsive having not met the required specifications of the solicitation.

Proposals/Bids Received

Vendor Name	City, State	Offered Price	Ranking (for RFPs)
Cascade Water Works LLC	Salem, Oregon	\$629,000	NA
Wildish Building Company	Eugene, Oregon	\$677,100	NA
Industrial Service Solutions, LLC	Longview, Washington	\$694,752	NA
Pasco Machine Company	Pasco, Washington	\$377,237	NA

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
24-064-PW	Water Intake Pump & Motor Rebuild	5/7/2024	5/8/2024 – 12/31/2024	\$298,000	\$298,000	
23-236-PW	Amazon Park Well Improvement – Site Work	1/9/2023	1/16/2024 – 4/30/2024	\$250,000	\$250,000	

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 a contract with Cascade Water Works, LLC for Hayden Bridge Raw Water Intake – Pump #6 Replacement. Work will be completed as a Type 1 project within the Water Capital budget with most expenditures occurring in 2025. The 2025 Type 1 Water Capital budget totals approximately \$13 million. Variances will be managed within the budget process and Board policy.

BUDGET CATEGORY: Water Type 1 – General Capital, Source – Water Intakes & Filtration Plant

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

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 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

EWEB Board Consent Calendar Request

For Cooperative Contracts

The Board is being asked to authorize the use of a cooperative contract for the purchase of **Oracle Software, Support, and Maintenance Services** from **Mythics, LLC**.

Board Meeting Date:	November 12, 2024	
Project Name/Contract #:	Oracle Purchases – OMNIA Cooperative Contract: Maricopa County, AZ #1802333-001	
Manager:	Bruce Debysingh	Ext. 7196
Executive Officer:	Travis Knabe	Ext. 7770
Expected Spend:	\$1,856,000 (over 3 years)	

Narrative:

The Board is being asked to authorize EWEB’s use of the OMNIA Partners Cooperative Contract #180233-002 between Maricopa County, AZ and Mythics, LLC for the purchase of Oracle software, support, and maintenance services. Contract #180233-002 offers discounts off MSRP on purchases of hardware, software, and professional services, and caps on annual increases for maintenance services. Like other cooperative programs, OMNIA Partners Cooperative Contracts leverage the purchasing power of public entities across the country to deliver competitive pricing and sourced contracts to public entities, like EWEB

Operational Requirement and Alignment with Strategic Plan

Several EWEB core applications run on Oracle Databases and Oracle Middleware, including Allegro and MDM. As a result, EWEB must maintain up-to-date service and support contracts on this critical technology, which we purchase from Mythics, LLC, an award-winning systems integrator, consulting firm, managed services provider, and value-added reseller and member of the Oracle Partner Network. The purchase of software, support and maintenance aligns with Organization Goal #1, Ongoing Operational Efficiency & Effectiveness, and the budget has and will continue to be included in the Long Term Financial Plan.

Purchasing Process

OMNIA Partners is a group purchasing organization that provides access to cooperative contracts with leading suppliers. OMNIA contracts are competitively solicited and leverage the expertise and buying power of many participating entities. They give states, local governments, school districts, and other governmental agencies and nonprofit organizations volume savings and a streamlined procurement process.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Management requests the Board authorize the use of the OMNIA Partners Cooperative Contract (Maricopa County, AZ #1802333-001) for the purchase of Oracle software, support, and maintenance services from Mythics LLC. Approximately \$700,000 was planned for these services in the IS Division’s 2025 proposed budget of \$12.2 million. Variances will be managed within the budget process and Board policy.

BUDGET CATEGORY: IS O&M, IS Division, Hardware & Software Services