

## ADDENDUM NO. 2

February 10, 2023

### REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS TO PROVIDE:

#### PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO THE

#### SAN LORENZO VALLEY WATER DISTRICT FIRE/VEGETATION MANAGEMENT ANNUAL MAINTENANCE

#### TO ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS:

Addendum No. 2 provides for deletions, corrections, clarifications, and additions to the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Construction Bids for the Fire/Vegetation Management Annual Maintenance; these deletions, corrections, clarifications, and additions shall apply in the same manner as if they were originally part of the RFQ.

#### 1. Responses to Questions

- a. What would the desired pruning height be in areas cleared?
  - Pruning may be conducted on up to 50 trees per acre. Live and dead branches are pruned to a minimum height of 10 feet from residual trees. The number of trees per acre of trees pruned varies depending upon stand density and species. Slash created from pruning are chipped (refer below for biomass disposal options). Residual trees are maintained to retain at least 50 percent canopy cover.
- b. Can you confirm if the clearing distance will be 100' off either side of the road? This won't be feasible at every location, but it would be nice to know a general distance.
  - Roadside Treatments
    - On lands owned by SLVWD that are adjacent to known potential ingress/egress routes, reduce flammable live and dead vegetation at least 100 feet from the road edge, up to 300 feet where feasible.
    - Specifically consider roadside treatments, including hazard tree removal, brushing, and chipping of dead material for the east-west interior road which crosses the Bennet Springs Property. This road should generally be maintained in a condition to allow wildland fire engine or wildfire crew transport access. Work with local CAL FIRE staff to review and plan this work as needed.
- c. While everything needs to be off hauled at the Olympia site, is it the same for all sites that require work?
  - No, only special habitat sites (which will be defined by the District) will require haul off.
- d. Will any mastication be allowed along the roads at the Olympia sites and other sites?
  - Mastication will be allowed at Olympia well #1 & #3. Oly well #2, Paso wells, and a couple of tank sites have sensitive sandhills habitat and no mastication or heavy machinery will be allowed.
- e. Will there be more than one contractor on this job due to the scale of the work?
  - This is a potential option but ideally we'd use a single contractor.
- f. Is CalFire involved in the requirements for defensible space at any of the sites?
  - No.
- g. Will there be any nesting birds surveys and will SLVWD cover the cost of this monitoring?
  - Yes, during nesting season surveys will be required. SLVWD will cover these

costs.

- h. Do prevailing wage rates apply to this project? If so, should we assume certified payroll reporting?
  - Yes, this would be prevailing wage and certified payroll is required.
- i. What are the current DIR rates? Where can we access this information?
  - DIR prevailing wage rate can be found [here](#). The DIR rate will be determined by the published rate based on the date of contract.
- j. Will the District hire a third party labor compliance company to monitor certified payroll reports? If so, can you tell us who that might be?
  - TBD depending on the extent of the contract/work, if we do hire a third party labor compliance company it will likely be 360PSM.
- k. Is there a local water source available for fire suppression equipment?
  - Yes, at many of the sites there is either a fire hydrant nearby or the water infrastructure can be tapped into for emergency situations.
- l. The RFQ states "Work generally includes...Falling and disposal of dead trees" - What is the maximum DBH of these trees?
  - Fire-hazardous trees up to 10 inches DBH. Although typically fire-hazardous trees would be less than 6 inches DBH.
- m. The RFQ states "Work generally includes...Maintenance of existing District roads" - Can you elaborate on what maintenance will be required?
  - Maintenance refers only to vegetation removal.
- n. Are there any known rare/endangered plants on site?
  - Yes but an NOE was completed and can be reviewed for more details on our [website](#).
- o. Does San Lorenzo Valley Water District see any need for road closures?
  - There should be no road closures needed for this work.
- p. Can the district provide a georeferenced pdf of the project prior to the site visit?
  - Map attached.