

March 28, 2013

Request for Proposal to Develop Solutions to Flooding on Pescadero Road

Responses to Questions

Q1: Various questions about availability/content of NOAA/National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) data discussed on page 2 of the RFP (e.g. What data is NOAA collecting? Who is the NOAA Point of Contact? When can the consultant team expect to receive lidar and cross sections from RCD via NOAA? Is NOAA putting together a 2D hydrodynamic model under a separate study?)

A: The NOAA study of which we are aware is the one referred to in the RFP. The work is being done by West Consultants for NOAA/NMFS. The project is underway and results have not been released yet. For questions about whether or not that study creates a 2D model, please inquire with NOAA directly. These field data (once available) will facilitate characterization of existing conditions and evaluating potential actions. NMFS POC is Bill Stevens (william.stevens@noaa.gov). The solicitation for the project is also in the Federal Register, and provides a scope of work.

Q2: Previous work done relevant to Butano Flooding.

A: Numerous studies and reports have been produced for the greater Pescadero/Butano watershed. Applicants need to research this on their own for a thorough understanding of previous work. Numerous lists or annotated bibliographies of some of the reports are available online, including UC Riverside's annotated bibliography of the Pescadero Marsh. Some examples of previous studies include: ESA 2008 Pescadero Marsh Restoration Assessment and Recommendations for Ecosystem Management, and Swanson 1999 Pescadero Road Hydraulic study.

Q3: Does this project require biological surveying?

A: We are interested in seeing applicants' proposed approaches. If an applicant deems biological monitoring necessary, include it in the proposal.

Q4: More information about the consultant hired by local residents mentioned in RFP.

A: The consultant that prepared the concept is Sigma Prime Geosciences, Inc. in Half Moon Bay.

Q5: Is CEQA analysis part of this project?

A: If CEQA analysis is needed in order to implement solutions developed by the selected consultant team, information that comes from this project would likely be used for the analysis.

Q6: Can resumes be included in an appendix or are they in 20 page limit? Does an 11x17 inch page count as one page or two pages in 20 page proposal limit?

A: The RFP asks for personnel qualifications and areas of expertise as part of 20 pages. If there is a map or similar visual that is used as an insert and needs to be in 11x17 to be seen clearly, we will count it as one page. Please do not submit proposal narrative in 11 x 17.

Q7: Is the Statement of Work developed as part of this RFP final to the project?

A: Please refer to the RFP. Finalizing the SOW is part of Task 2.

Q8: Who from the RCD will be the Project Manager so he/she can be named as part of our project?

A: It is okay to refer to this person as RCD Project Manager.

Q9: What level of specificity is needed for the budget (e.g. are hourly rates needed)?

A: The RFP asks for project budget, including team member fees. The RFP also states that hourly fees must not exceed \$175 per hour for any individual.

Q10: Is TMDL data available from the Regional Water Quality Control Board?

A: The Regional Board would need to be contacted for that information.

Q11: Is there flexibility to add a task?

A: The RFP lists 4 tasks and asks for applicants to propose an approach. So if applicant sees need for additional tasks, please propose it that way.

Q12: What is the selection process?

A: Per the RFP, "Up to four applicants may be invited to present their proposal to the selection committee. Those who have been selected for presentations will be notified by 5 pm PST on April 22, 2013. The RCD will schedule a conference call for 10:00 am on Thursday, April 25, 2013 to provide information about the presentations and to answer questions from applicants as they prepare for the presentation. Presentations will be delivered in Half Moon Bay on a date to be determined during the week of May 6, 2013. If it is not reasonably feasible for an applicant to travel to Half Moon Bay, efforts will be made to conduct the interview remotely.

The RCD Board of Directors will consider the recommendation of the selection committee on May 16, 2013. If the recommendation is approved by the RCD Board of Directors, every effort will be made to execute a contract and begin work immediately thereafter."

Q13: Is it envisioned that contractor under proposed flood study would construct a hydrodynamic model of the marsh?

A: The RFP does call for modeling. Regarding whether or not the contractor will construct a model, please tell us what you propose.

Q14: Under “Project Scope” on page 3 of RFP, it states that: “The study will contain five primary tasks.” But there are only four listed – Is there a fifth task?

A: You caught an error! There are four tasks, as listed.