

Memorandum

Date: June 15, 2017
To: Board of Directors
From: Kellyx Nelson
Re: Recommendation to Contract with Redwood Engineering
for Butano Farms Pond Project

RCD staff recommends **Redwood Engineering** to construct a new 14.9 acre-foot pond at Butano Farms in Pescadero, CA. This project will increase water security for the farming operations and reduce the impacts of stream diversion on instream flows in Pescadero Creek.

This project will improve instream conditions for Coho salmon and steelhead trout by allowing the farmer to leave water in the creek during critical dry summer months (August-October). A 14.9 acre-foot pond will be constructed to store winter water for use during the irrigation season.

A Request for Proposals was distributed to over 24 construction firms and partners on April 10, 2017. Eleven individuals from ten contracting companies participated in the pre-bid site visit on April 17, 2017. Two companies bid on the project.

After checking all references and deliberating with project partners the project team decided that Redwood Engineering is the best contractor to complete this project because:

- The bid amount (\$299,390) was below the engineer's estimate for the work to be completed.
- When checking references, the firm received excellent evaluations for similar projects.
- The bid amount for Redwood Engineering was slightly (about \$11,000) less than the bid from the other applicant.