

Memorandum

Date: August 10, 2017
To: Board of Directors
From: Kellyx Nelson
Re: Recommendation to Contract with Balance Hydrologics for Groundwater Exploration for the Butano State Park Stream Flow Enhancement Project

RCD staff recommends **Balance Hydrologics** to conduct groundwater exploration at Butano State Park (BSP). This component of the BSP Streamflow Enhancement Project will develop and execute a plan to explore a suitable groundwater source to reduce or eliminate diversion from Little Butano Creek.

This project will take place in BSP which is located approximately 5.5 miles southeast of Pescadero off Cloverdale Road (see appendix A). BSP borders Little Butano Creek and encompasses 4,728 acres of coastal land.

By exploring groundwater as a potential supplemental input to water storage, the RCD and California State Parks hope to reduce the impacts of direct diversion from Little Butano Creek during summer months when stream flows are at their lowest.

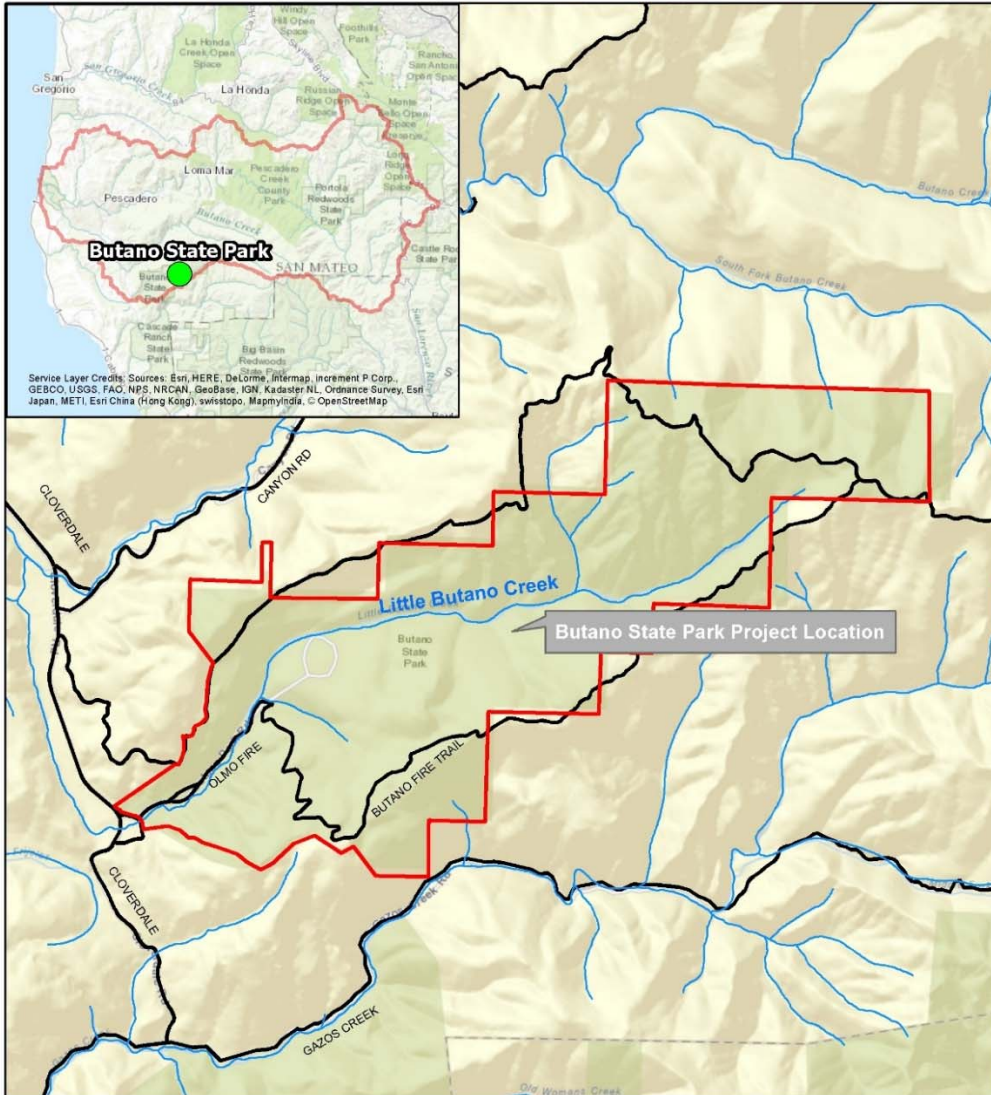
A Request for Proposals was distributed to over 15 construction firms and conservation partners on June 16, 2017. Five individuals from five companies participated in the pre-bid site visit on June 29, 2017. Four firms submitted proposals to conduct groundwater exploration. Balance Hydrologics bid totaled \$119,105.

After checking all references and deliberating with project partners the project team decided to recommend Balance to complete this project because:

- The Balance team was exceptionally knowledgeable about the local watershed and has successfully completed other work in the area.
- The bid was within the RCD's budget for the work, and was the second lowest bid received.
- When checking references, the firm received excellent evaluations for similar projects and has worked well with the RCD and a number of other entities within the district.

Appendix A

Butano State Park Streamflow Improvement Project



Legend

- Pescadero-Butano Watershed
- Butano State Park
- Streams
- Streets

Scale: 1:40,000

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