

Memorandum

Date: September 28, 2017
To: Board of Directors
From: Kellyx Nelson
Re: Recommendation to Contract with Go Native Inc. for Invasive Species Removal Project

RCD staff recommends Go Native Inc. to conduct targeted invasive species removal at POST owned Johnston Ranch. This project will include the development and implementation of a mitigation and monitoring plan to remove invasive species from a portion of the Riparian corridor along Arroyo Leon Creek.

This project will take place on POST owned Johnston Ranch which is located approximately .5 miles southeast of the Half Moon Bay Fire Station off Higgins Canyon Road (see appendix A).

By removing invasive species, primarily targeting cape ivy, the RCD hopes to enhance the area as to better provide California Red Legged Frogs (CRLF) and San Francisco Garter Snakes (SFGS) breeding, foraging, sheltering, migration, and/ or dispersal habitat in coastal San Mateo County, California. Funding for this work will be provided by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) as part of mandated mitigation work required by the US Fish and Wildlife Service. The RCD entered into an agreement with Caltrans to oversee planning and implementation of the work in accordance with the mitigation requirements. These activities will be conducted with direct oversight from RCD staff.

A Request for Proposals was distributed to 8 ecological restoration firms on June 12, 2017. Go Native Inc. was one of two firms to bid on the project. The Go Native Inc. bid totaled \$265,460. The Ecological Concerns bid totaled \$275,900.

After checking references and deliberating with project partners the project team decided to recommend Go Native Inc. to complete this project because:

- They were highly recommended by references and have completed a wide variety of similar work for the RCD as well as local land managers and non-profits.
- The attention to detail conveyed in both the Go Native Inc. proposal and in discussions the Go Native Project Managers demonstrated the ability of Go Native Inc.

to complete the work methodically and in a manner that will minimize need for RCD to oversee all aspects of implementing the project.

Appendix A

