

Memorandum

Date: March 19, 2020
To: Board of Directors
From: Kellyx Nelson
Re: Recommendation for Approval of Ten Qualified Contractors as Eligible for Contracts to Support Creek Habitat Enhancement Projects

RCD staff recommends approval of the following ten qualified contractors (individuals, firms or teams) as eligible for contracts to support planning, design, and implementation of creek habitat enhancement projects:

1. Balance Hydrologics with Dudek
2. FlowWest
3. Mike Podlech, Fisheries Biologist
4. North Valley Labor Compliance Services
5. Restoration Design Group with Vollmar Natural Lands Consulting and Grasseti Environmental Consulting
6. Swaim Biological
7. SWCA Environmental Consultants
8. Vaughan Forestry
9. Waterways Consulting with Horizon Water and Environment, CMAG Engineering, and Streeter Group
10. WRA

The RCD's creek enhancement efforts work with landowner and agency partners to remove barriers that prevent fish such as coho salmon and steelhead trout from being able to complete their migration (fish passage projects) and to enhance instream and riparian habitat to provide places for fish to forage, take refuge, rest and spawn. Fish passage projects include removal or remediation of barriers such as dams, culverts, or water diversions. Habitat enhancement projects include installation of natural features in creeks, enhancing off-channel habitat, enhancing floodplain habitat, and more.

Individual contractor selection and scopes of work will be contingent upon funding, permits, willing landowners, emergent opportunities, and other considerations. Current funding for this work is \$60,000 with additional funds being sought. The selected contractors would be on a pre-approved eligible list for potential services of indefinite quantity through February 28, 2023 and does not preclude the procurement of other contractors to support specific creek habitat enhancement projects.

One or more of the qualified contractors will work with RCD staff as needed to support activities related to:

- Project planning, development, and/ or designs
- Technical surveys (e.g. hydrologic, hydraulic, geomorphic, etc.)
- Grant writing

- Permitting and other regulatory compliance
- Implementation oversight (e.g. biological monitoring, engineer oversight, wage/labor compliance, etc.)

On February 18, 2020 the RCD distributed a Request for Qualifications via public website announcement and an email sent to 20 firms and received ten eligible proposals in response. After reviewing all submissions staff recommends them as a portfolio of potential contractors based on their specialized training and experiences related to planning, surveying, designing, funding, permitting, implementation oversight, and/or compliance for environmental projects in the region.