

Request for Qualifications: Creek Habitat Enhancement
Response to Inquiries

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1. Do you have an idea of how many teams will be selected?

There is no minimum or maximum. Selection provides eligibility but does not guarantee work. Firms may respond as individuals or teams.

2. Can you provide a list of firms that were sent this RFQ directly?

The following firms were sent this RFQ directly. Names below may not be complete business name and may contain acronyms. The RFQ was also announced publicly at sanmateorcd.org

- Balance Hydrologics
- Blencowe Watershed Management
- Ecological Concerns Inc.
- Fall Creek Engineering
- FlowWest
- Grasseti Ecological Consulting
- Horizon Water and Environmental
- HT Harvey and Associates
- Mike Podlech
- Nomad Ecology
- North Valley Labor Compliance Services
- Northwest Hydraulic Consultants
- Restoration Design Group
- SRT
- Stillwater Sciences
- SWCA
- Vaughan Forestry
- Vinnedge Environmental Consulting
- Waterways Consulting
- WRA

3. Can you provide a list of previous/current consultants with similar on-call/as-needed agreements?

The following firms were approved in January 2020 for as-needed services for the *Forest Health and Fire Resiliency Program* (active):

- Steve Auten, Auten Resource Consulting
- Nadia Hamey, Hamey Woods
- Tad Mason, TSS Consultants
- Scott Eckardt, Dudek

The following firms were approved in October 2016 for *As-Needed Conservation Consultant and Strategist* (agreements expired in 2019):

- Alnus Ecological
- SWCA Environmental Consultants
- Gary Kittleson Environmental Consulting
- Ecological Concerns, Inc

The following firms were approved in January 2016 for as-needed irrigation evaluation, geotechnical, and engineering services for the *Drought Relief Program* (agreements expire in 2020):

- Storesund Consulting
- Waterways Consulting, Inc.
- Pajaro Valley Irrigation
- Power Services Inc.

4. Can you provide additional information on the current projects in the Pescadero-Butano Watershed that would be coming from this contract?

There are currently projects in early development for the installation of natural habitat features like large woody debris to add complexity and fish habitat at two reaches on Butano Creek for which funding is available. Project details will be developed through site investigations (such as could come from this RFQ) which will provide better insight to conditions and opportunities.

Additional projects are in development for creek habitat enhancement on lower and upper Pescadero Creek. One of these projects includes accelerated wood recruitment over a 2+ mile stretch. The RCD also works on fish passage barrier removal projects. Fish passage projects are in design on Mindego Creek (approx. 8 ft dam and underperforming fish ladder) and Evans Creek (100-ft long culvert and upstream 13-ft high dam), and future opportunities have been identified, but not yet funded, on San Pedro Creek (box culvert), Madonna Creek (two road crossings), Lobitos Creek (two road crossings), and others.

5. Are there any formatting requirements (e.g., page count) for the submittal?

No formatting requirements. Please be sure to include all requested information from the RFQ package.

6. Will the RCD allow rate increase if work is extended beyond 2021?

Yes. Rates provided in the response should be valid through 2021 but may increase for work beyond that time. Rates can be discussed when developing a scope of work and budget for specific activities/contracts that result from this RFQ.

- 7. In lieu of completion of Exhibit B, Page 1 cost section, will the RCD allow a standard rate sheet which includes specific rates by discipline/role and a summary of our indirect costs?**

Exhibit B provides an example form, but respondents may use their own form.

- 8. The RFQ states that the RCD seeks qualified contractors - we interpret that to mean the RCD will select multiple firms or teams. Is this correct? If so, is there a specific number the RCD intends to select?**

Yes. There is no minimum or maximum for the number of approved firms. Note selection provides eligibility but does not guarantee work.

- 9. It's unclear to us whether the rate sheet will suffice for the cost proposal portion of the submittal. Would you like proposers to submit a full cost proposal for a sample project, or should proposers only include a rate sheet.**

The rate sheet will suffice. You are not required to submit a full cost proposal for a sample project. Contractors selected from this RFQ process may be invited to submit cost proposals for a specific scope of work.