

RFP Q&A

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL: FOR TECHNICAL CONSULTING SERVICES TO DEVELOP A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS TO SUPPORT LAS POSAS VALLEY BASIN NEEDS

LAS POSAS VALLEY WATERMASTER

1. Does FCGMA have existing GIS/As-Built data from neighboring agencies/companies or will the selected consultant need to coordinate with these agencies for data/information regarding their systems/projects?

We will provide existing GIS/as built data and existing hydraulic models to the selected consultant as available.

2. In the in-lieu delivery framing, how defined is the concept of 'water deficit areas' at this point? Is that established in the Judgment or the BOP, or is it part of the consultant's job in Task 1 to help formalize that?

Agency staff will provide target locations for water deficit areas. Generally, they are areas of chronic groundwater level declines.

3. For Task 5, the six meetings listed, are those inclusive of all anticipated coordination with the board and advisory committees, or should we budget for additional project management touchpoints beyond those?, like data requests with the other agencies as mentioned above. Do we need an initial kickoff call with FCGMA and any others?

Proposed based on the meetings listed. After the consultant is selected, contract negotiations may occur - scope and additional time may be considered then.

4. Will FCGMA be conducting interviews as part of the evaluation, or will this be a straight proposal review?

Interviews may be conducted.

5. If applicable, can you provide any weighting to the evaluation criteria? Or will they be weighted equally?

They are not weighted equally.

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6. The RFP requires a Statement of No Conflict of Interest. Can you clarify whether the GMA interprets engagement on this project as creating a conflict of interest, or otherwise precluding the consultant from pursuing or performing work for other agencies operating within or adjacent to the Las Posas Valley Basin? We want to ensure we understand the full scope of any exclusivity expectations before submitting.

The requirement for a Statement of No Conflict of Interest is intended to ensure that the selected consultant can perform the work objectively and without competing obligations related to this specific project. Engagement on this project does not, by itself, create a conflict of interest or restrict the consultant from pursuing work for other agencies within or adjacent to the Las Posas Valley Basin.

However, consultants must disclose any existing or future engagements that could directly conflict with the work performed for FCGMA/Watermaster—for example, representing a party in an active dispute with FCGMA/Watermaster on the same subject matter. FCGMA/Watermaster will evaluate any disclosed relationships on a case-by-case basis.

7. Does FCGMA anticipate that any groundwater modeling will be required as part of the Phase 1 scope? The RFP references review of the Basin Optimization Plan and GSP, is the feasibility study expected to be limited to infrastructure and conveyance analysis, or could it involve updates to or runs of an existing groundwater model?

Groundwater modeling is not required as a part of this scope.

8. What hydraulic models are available, what software and how recently were they updated?

For the software that was used for Waterworks District WWD-1 master planning, Stantec created a new model using the latest Geographical Information System (GIS) water network data (August 2021), Bentley WaterGEMS CONNECT Edition (version 10.02.02.06), and ArcGIS Pro 2.7.2, to initially build the model. Stantec utilized InnoVyze InfoWater Pro 3.5 update 3 software to calibrate and run multiple scenarios.