



TULARE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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To Whom It May Concern,

The Tulare Irrigation District (District) would like to provide an Addendum to the Request for Qualifications and Proposals for Tulare Irrigation District Kaweah Subbasin Water Marketing Strategy issued February 23, 2021. The following addenda are provided in a question-answer format based on questions that we have received:

1. Q: Are legal teams required for proposal submission?
A: No. The three Kaweah Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) have provided legal teams to create the Water Accounting Frameworks in their respective Groundwater Sustainability Plans, and so they will be providing legal consultation to the Water Marketing Strategy.
2. Q: Does the professional civil engineer need to be certified in California and is a certified hydrogeologist also needed for proposal submission?
A: Project teams must have a professional civil engineer certified in California OR a professional hydrogeologist certified in California. This certification is mainly necessary for analyzing localized groundwater impacts of different hypothetical exchange rules.
3. Q: What is the scope of work for engineering consultants separately chosen by the three Kaweah Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies? Will they conduct any qualitative analysis or is their contribution limited to the numerical description of water budget and individual allocations?
A: The scope of work for engineering consultants (currently consulting with the three Kaweah Subbasin GSAs) will be limited to providing background and numerical descriptions of the Water Budget and Water Accounting Framework for the Kaweah Subbasin.
4. Q: Is it acceptable for team member biographies be provided in place of resumes in the proposal, with resumes provided in the appendix?
A: Yes.
5. Q: Is information available regarding how the Water Marketing Strategy Committee was formed?
A: Yes, it is available in the "Meeting Agendas and Minutes" section of the Kaweah Subbasin Water Marketing Strategy Webpage, which can be found on Tulare Irrigation District's website: <https://tulareid.org/kaweah-subbasin-water-marketing-strategy-committee>
6. Q: If a bidder provides an exchange platform, is that considered a conflict of interest?
A: It depends on the bidder's profit model as it relates to the platform and individual exchanges on said platform.
7. Q: Are proposals required to provide information regarding their exchange platform (or lack thereof) and its respective profit model as a response to Evaluation Criteria Question #5, considering that exchange platform services are outside the scope of work presented in this Request for Qualifications and Proposals?
A: Proposals that do not provide a response to this Question will be awarded zero out of ten (0/10) points for Evaluation Criteria Question #5.
8. Q: Will the project team conduct assessment of digital platforms as a part of their scope of work?

A: No. Assessment of digital platforms will be conducted by the Committee at a later date. Because some bidding project teams offer and may bid on the digital platform, the role of project teams in the digital platform selection process will be determined at a later date.

If you have any questions regarding the Strategy or the submission of proposals under the Request for Proposals and Qualifications attached, feel free to contact me at (559) 686-3425 or jab@tulareid.org.

Sincerely,



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