



## **Questions and SAWPA Answers on the Request for Proposals for the Design of the Santa Ana Sucker Protection and Beneficial Use Enhancement Project**

Set of Questions No. 1 from Interested Party:

1. Are any consultants currently providing support at the meetings of the Santa Ana Sucker Fish Conservation Team?
2. Page 12 – Could you confirm that “reasonableness of cost” means “not necessarily low bid”?
3. Tasks 3 through 6 – The proposed work plan mentions coordination with San Bernardino County. Does it restrict coordination with other agencies? I developed a sediment transport model for the mainstem upstream of the railroad bridge (RCFCWCD) and I know that OCWD performed a sediment balance for Prado Basin. Both would provide critical information on a projected vertical bed adjustment that would support the selection of a permanent design alternative.

SAWPA Responses to Set No. 1:

1. No consultants currently provide ongoing support at Team meetings.
2. This RFP is not deemed public works construction (although the scope of work contained in the RFP requires creating design documents ready for public works construction), so we are not bounded by lowest bid consideration. We will be looking at the other questions as well as the costs for each task as the Excel spreadsheet attachment breaks it out by task and subtask.
3. No. The Santa Ana Sucker Fish Conservation Team meetings are open to the public and other agencies in the region such as OCWD usually attend. OCWD is also a member of the Santa Ana Sucker Conservation Team. SAWPA will lead coordination through the Team as mentioned on Page 5 under “SAWPA Responsibilities.”

Set of Questions No. 2 from Interested Party:

1. Are resumes included in the 20 page limit?
2. Why is the geotechnical investigation evaluated separately from the rest of the proposal?

3. What is the source of the project funding?
4. We noticed the RFP provides a detailed scope of work and doesn't request the consultant team to provide a scope of work in the proposal. Are we interpreting the RFP correctly—no scope of work needs to be provided (unless there are deviations from the RFP scope of work)?

SAWPA Responses to Set No. 2:

1. Yes. As the RFP states the resumes should be short.
2. Geotechnical could not be something that is normally done in-house by some consulting firms who specialize in habitat projects, so since it's often separate from what firms do, we highlight that it is compared separately on its own.
3. Grants and Santa Ana Sucker Fish Conservation Team member contributions.
4. Yes, if you have deviations you want to suggest on the scope please share those in the question 8 and list them as "technical."