



Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority

Request for Proposals (RFP)

for

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on Conservation-Based Water Rates

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Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA)

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Right to Change RFP and Process

SAWPA reserves the right to reject any and all submissions, in whole or in part, to advertise for new submissions, to abandon the need for services, and to cancel or amend this RFP at any time. SAWPA reserves the right to waive any formalities in the RFP process, consistent with applicable laws.

Ownership of RFP Response Materials

SAWPA will own any materials that are submitted in response to this RFP.

Scope of Work for FAQs on Conservation-Based Water Rates:

Serve as a consultant to SAWPA in order to assist SAWPA staff in creating FAQ documents on conservation-based water rates (also known as budget-based water rates), at an approximately length of one page each, for distribution to retail water agencies in the Santa Ana River Watershed who have signed up for the Emergency Drought Grant Program's Conservation-Based Water Rates Project. Each FAQ document will address a separate FAQ. The distribution list for the FAQ documents and focus audience includes finance and planning department staff from the retail water agencies, most of which are cities. The audience may also include elected officials if the staff of the retail water agencies prefer. The goal of the FAQ documents is to present the retail water agency staff with succinct information that will prepare their agency as they plan their outreach strategy and implement their public outreach campaign for conservation-based rate adjustments. Their campaigns will include communicating effectively with their customers, their advisory committees and their elected boards. The rate structure, if designed properly, should be explained logically to customers, and reduce financial risk for the water provider particularly if customers use less water than projected and be equitable for different customers.

The draft FAQs include the following:

- How to test the financial impact of the new conservation-based water rates on your customers.
- How to conduct outreach for a conservation-based rate study in your community.
- How to explain to your customers why water is currently being distributed across the State and how it is used around the State.
- How to explain to your customers that rates and water use efficiency are related.
- How to describe the "why", "what" and "how" of conservation-based rates to your customers and elected officials.
- How conservation-based rates customize water budgets for each of your customers and how the rates incorporate fairness and relate to new State water efficiency requirements.
- How the variance process enables your customers to adjust water budgets to fit their unique water needs.
- What type of information to display on your agency's websites when your agency is studying or proposing conservation-based rates.

- What type of outreach techniques and experts has helped other agencies through the Prop 218 process.
- How to explain steps your customers can take to keep water bills down or meet their budget if your agency adopts conservation-based rates.
- How to explain that revenue stability is important to your community in light of a rate modification.

A selection of these FAQs, or more not on this list, may be used. The consultant will propose topics for the FAQs as needed.

The consultant to be hired will prepare the FAQ documents based on their experience of guiding other agencies through rate setting processes, customer outreach processes, board trainings, etc. Each FAQ document will answer one of the final FAQs and provide succinct information to help the agency create an outreach plan. The expected timeframe for preparation of a single FAQ document by the consultant is one week. After preparation by the consultant, SAWPA staff will review and provide the consultant with feedback. The consultant will then send SAWPA the final FAQ document and SAWPA will distribute it to the finance and planning department staff from the retail water agencies, most of which are cities. Graphics may be provided by the consultant as needed. On each FAQ, the Emergency Drought Grant Program's reimbursement process and agency commitment to the Program will be emphasized.

How to Respond to this RFP:

Please respond to the following:

1. Provide a summary of your firm or organization (including; primary person of contact for the RFP, company name, address, telephone number, and email address). This should explain the primary business of the company or organization.
2. Have you provided retail water agencies with public relations services for proposed water rate adjustments? If so, for which agencies? Please describe the scope of work in implementing those projects.
3. Have you provided retail water agencies with public relations services for proposed budget-based rate adjustments? If so, for which agencies? Please describe the scope of work in implementing those projects.
4. List 2-3 agency references (that have used you for similar projects) and their contact information. Provide at least one reference, if possible, located in Southern California.
5. Provide billable rates for each staff person who would work on this project if under contract with SAWPA. Provide the billable rate at the per hour level.
6. Provide an estimated number of hours for developing these FAQ documents described in the scope of work using your experience completing similar projects.
7. If under contract with SAWPA for this project, how would you price the addition of graphics? Through calculating a graphic designer's billable hours spent on compiling the graphic, or a set price per graphic? If it is a set price per graphic, please provide the price

you would bill SAWPA for working on this project. If it is a billable rate, please provide the price you would bill SAWPA for working on this project.

8. Provide resume(s) for all personnel who would be working on this project.
9. Provide 2-3 examples of approximately 1-2 page documents used to communicate technical water issues for a government agency.
10. Exceptions/deviations are strongly discouraged. If you feel an exception/deviation is required, then state any exceptions to or deviations from the requirements of this RFP, segregating “technical” exceptions from “contractual” exceptions. Where you wish to propose alternative approaches to meeting SAWPA’s scope of work or contractual requirements, these should be thoroughly explained.

Include a signature (with the date signed) of a person authorized to bind the offeror to the terms of the proposal.

Proposals shall be typed, single spaced and submitted on 8½” x 11” size paper.

Please email your response to this RFP by 5 p.m. Wednesday **October 12, 2016** to iachimore@sawpa.org.

Background:

Implementation of the approximately \$22 million Emergency Drought Grant Program, a water demand reduction effort, is being planned through a committee approach for the Santa Ana River and Upper Santa Margarita Watersheds. The Project Agreement (PA) 22 Committee was established by the SAWPA Commission on October 17, 2014 to make policy decisions regarding the implementation of the Program which will include watershed aerial mapping, tools and support for retail water agencies to implement conservation-based rate structures, web-based and technological tools to encourage conservation, and turf grass replacement. The Program is being funded through local funding match provided by regional water agencies and a Department of Water Resources administrated grant. Funds from the grant are provided by the sale of state general obligation bonds approved through a referendum of the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84, Chapter 2). The Program was initially developed through the One Water One Watershed 2.0 implementation process, which administers grant funding and facilitates local project development at the watershed level for the Santa Ana River basin.

There are four components of the Emergency Drought Grant Program. The component related to this RFP is the Conservation-Based Water Rates Project. This component includes providing tools and funding to retail water agencies in the Santa Ana River Watershed to assist their implementation of conservation-based rate structures. These rate structures can create incentives for water use efficiency, and can charge the lowest prices for the most essential uses, by establishing tiers that reflect the agency’s true water service costs.

The FAQ documents are important at this time as the retail water agencies who have registered with SAWPA as part of the Emergency Drought Grant Program are finalizing their rate adjustment studies,

which are an important component of a rate change. As a rate study is being developed, it is helpful for agencies to consider how to communicate the rate adjustment, which can be technical. Some agencies will need tools and information so they consider how to perform this outreach. There are currently nine agencies registered with SAWPA for the Emergency Drought Grant Program that have not finalized their rate adjustment studies.

About SAWPA

SAWPA was formed in 1968 as a planning agency, and reformed in 1972 with a mission to plan and build facilities to protect the water quality of the Santa Ana River Watershed. SAWPA is a Joint Powers Authority, classified as a Special District (government agency) in which it carries out functions useful to its member agencies. The agreements formalizing the current agency were signed in 1974 and went into effect in 1975. The SAWPA member agencies include Eastern Municipal Water District, Inland Empire Utilities Agency, Orange County Water District, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District and Western Municipal Water District.

For more information visit sawpa.org.

Contract with SAWPA

The information produced as part of this project would be owned by the State and SAWPA as the consultant's contract would be paid for using Proposition 84 Integrated Regional Water Management State funding. Travel, per diem costs and overhead not directly related to project costs are not eligible for repayment. The State standard conditions that will be incorporated into the contract(s) with the contracted entity are attached. The SAWPA Standard General Services Agreement (GSA), which is also attached, will be included in the contract.

Funding, provided by the State through the grant, for the services will be provided within approximately 120 days upon receipt of invoice by SAWPA. SAWPA shall withhold retention per the State Grant Conditions attached.

The contract will continue for approximately 6-8 months.

Evaluation:

An Evaluation Committee comprised of SAWPA staff and possibly SAWPA member agency staff will evaluate all proposals received.

The final selection of a consultant to perform this service will be the offeror, which in SAWPA's opinion, is the most qualified, responsive and responsible, and meets SAWPA's requirements in providing this service and is in SAWPA's best interest. SAWPA maintains the sole and exclusive right to evaluate the merits of the proposals received. SAWPA reserves the right to award the Contract to an offeror that meets the above criteria even if such offeror is not the apparent lowest bidder.

Evaluation Criteria:

SAWPA will evaluate responses to the RFP based on the following criteria (in no particular order) including, but not limited to:

- Qualifications of the Offeror
 - Technical experience in performing work of a closely similar nature; experience working with public agencies; assessment by offeror's references; knowledge of applicable laws and regulations.
- Staffing and Project Organization
 - Qualifications of Offeror's staff.
- Cost
 - Reasonableness of the cost and competitiveness of this amount with other offers received.
- Completeness of Response
 - Completeness and responsiveness of the offer in accordance with RFP instructions. Any errors, omissions, insertions or other irregularities in the response may be grounds for rejections of such an offer as determined in the sole discretion of SAWPA, no matter how minor, insignificant or immaterial such irregularity may appear to be.

Award:

Upon award selection, a single final contract will be negotiated and finalized. However, if needed, SAWPA reserves the right to award one contract, multiple contracts or no contract, whichever is in the best interest of SAWPA.

SAWPA may negotiate contract terms with the tentatively selected consultant prior to award, and expressly reserves the right to negotiate with several offerors simultaneously and, thereafter, to award a contract to the offeror offering the most favorable terms to SAWPA.

Questions:

Please direct questions to Ian Achimore, SAWPA Senior Watershed Manager, iachimore@sawpa.org, (951) 354-4233.

Attachments

1. SAWPA Standard GSA
2. State Grant Conditions (from Grant Agreement 4600010903)



SANTA ANA WATERSHED PROJECT AUTHORITY
AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES BY INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT

This Agreement is made this ___ **day of** _____, **2016** by and between the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority ("SAWPA") located at 11615 Sterling Ave., Riverside, California, 92503 and _____ ("Consultant") whose address is _____.

RECITALS

This Agreement is entered into on the basis of the following facts, understandings, and intentions of the parties to this Agreement:

- SAWPA desires to engage the professional services of Consultant to perform such professional consulting services as may be assigned, from time to time, by SAWPA in writing;
- Consultant agrees to provide such services pursuant to, and in accordance with, the terms and conditions of this Agreement and has represented and warrants to SAWPA that Consultant possesses the necessary skills, qualifications, personnel, and equipment to provide such services; and
- The services to be performed by Consultant shall be specifically described in one or more written Task Orders issued by SAWPA to Consultant pursuant to this Agreement.

AGREEMENT

Now, therefore, in consideration of the foregoing Recitals and mutual covenants contained herein, SAWPA and Consultant agree to the following:

ARTICLE I

TERM OF AGREEMENT

1.01 This agreement shall become effective on the date first above written and shall continue until **December 31, 2020**, unless extended or sooner terminated as provided for herein.

ARTICLE II

SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED

2.01 Consultant agrees to provide such professional consulting services as may be assigned, from time to time, in writing by the Commission and the General Manager of SAWPA. Each assignment shall be made in the form of a written Task Order. Each such Task Order shall include, but shall not be limited to, a description of the nature and scope of the services to be performed by Consultant, the amount of compensation to be paid, and the expected time of completion.

2.02 Consultant may at Consultant's sole cost and expense, employ such competent and qualified independent professional associates, subcontractors, and consultants as Consultant deems necessary to perform each assignment; provided that Consultant shall not subcontract any work to be performed without the prior written consent of SAWPA.

ARTICLE III

COMPENSATION

3.01 In consideration for the services to be performed by Consultant, SAWPA agrees to pay Consultant as provided for in each Task Order.

3.02 Each Task Order shall specify a total not-to-exceed sum of money and shall be based upon the regular hourly rates customarily charged by Consultant to its clients.

3.03 Consultant shall not be compensated for any services rendered nor reimbursed for any expenses incurred in excess of those authorized in any Task Order unless approved in advance by the Commission and General Manager of SAWPA, in writing.

3.04 Unless otherwise provided for in any Task Order issued pursuant to this Agreement, payment of compensation earned shall be made in monthly installments after receipt from Consultant of a timely, detailed, corrected, written invoice by SAWPA's Project Manager, describing, without limitation, the services performed, when such services were performed, the time spent performing such services, the hourly rate charged therefore, and the identity of individuals performing such services for the benefit of SAWPA. Such invoices shall also include a detailed itemization of expenses incurred. Upon approval by an authorized SAWPA employee, SAWPA will pay within 30 days after receipt of a valid invoice from Consultant.

ARTICLE IV

CONSULTANT OBLIGATIONS

4.01 Consultant agrees to perform all assigned services in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement including those specified in each Task Order. In performing the services required by this Agreement and any related Task Order Consultant shall comply with all local, state and federal laws, rules and regulations. Consultant shall also obtain and pay for any permits required for the services it performs under this Agreement and any related Task Order.

4.02 Except as otherwise provided for in each Task Order, Consultant will supply all personnel and equipment required to perform the assigned services.

4.03 Consultant shall be solely responsible for the health and safety of its employees, agents and subcontractors in performing the services assigned by SAWPA. Consultant hereby covenants and agrees to:

4.03a Obtain a Commercial General Liability and an Automobile Liability insurance policy, including contractual coverage, with limits for bodily injury and property damage in an amount of not less than \$2,000,000.00 per occurrence for each such policy. Such policy shall name SAWPA, its officers, employees, agents and volunteers, as an additional insured, with any right to subrogation waived as to SAWPA, its officers, employees, agents and volunteers. If Commercial General Liability Insurance or other form with an aggregate limit is used, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to the work assigned by SAWPA under this Agreement or the general aggregate limit shall be at least twice the required occurrence limit. The coverage shall be at least as broad as Insurance Services Office Commercial General Liability Coverage (occurrence Form CG 00 01) and Insurance Services Office Form CA 00 01

covering Automobile Liability, Code 1 (any auto). The Commercial Liability Insurance shall include operations, products and completed operations, as applicable;

4.03b Obtain a policy of Professional Liability (errors and omissions) insurance appropriate to the Consultant's profession in a minimum amount of \$2,000,000.00 per claim or occurrence to cover any negligent acts or omissions or willful misconduct committed by Consultant, its employees, agents and subcontractors in the performance of any services for SAWPA. Architects' and engineers' coverage shall include contractual liability;

4.03c Obtain a policy of Employer's Liability insurance in a minimum amount of \$1,000,000.00 per accident for bodily injury and property damage.

4.03d Provide worker's compensation insurance or a California Department of Insurance-approved self-insurance program in an amount and form required by the State of California and the Employer's Liability Insurance that meets all applicable Labor Code requirements, covering all persons or entities providing services on behalf of the Consultant and all risks to such persons or entities;

4.03e Consultant shall require any subcontractor that Consultant uses for work performed for SAWPA under this Agreement or related Task Order to obtain the insurance coverages specified above.

4.03f Consultant hereby agrees to waive subrogation which any insurer of Consultant may seek to require from Consultant by virtue of the payment of any loss. Consultant shall obtain an endorsement that may be necessary to give effect to this waiver of subrogation. In addition, the Workers Compensation policy shall be endorsed with a waiver of subrogation in favor of SAWPA for all work performed by Consultant, and its employees, agents and subcontractors.

All such insurance policy or policies shall be issued by a responsible insurance company with a minimum A. M. Best Rating of "A-" Financial Category "X", and authorized and admitted to do business in, and regulated by, the State of California. If the insurance company is not admitted in the State of California, it must be on the List of Eligible Surplus Line Insurers (LESLI), shall have a minimum A.M. Best Rating of "A", Financial Category "X", and shall be domiciled in the United States, unless otherwise approved by SAWPA in writing. Each such policy of insurance shall expressly provide that it shall be primary and noncontributory with any policies carried by SAWPA and, to the extent obtainable, such coverage shall be payable notwithstanding any act of negligence of SAWPA that might otherwise result in forfeiture of coverage. Evidence of all insurance coverage shall be provided to SAWPA prior to issuance of the first Task Order. Such policies shall provide that they shall not be canceled or amended without 30 day prior written notice to SAWPA. Consultant acknowledges and agrees that such insurance is in addition to Consultant's obligation to fully indemnify and hold SAWPA free and harmless from and against any and all claims arising out of an injury or damage to property or persons caused by the

negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct of Consultant in performing services assigned by SAWPA.

4.04 Consultant hereby covenants and agrees that SAWPA, its officers, employees, and agents shall not be liable for any claims, liabilities, penalties, fines or any damage to property, whether real or personal, nor for any personal injury or death caused by, or resulting from, or claimed to have been caused by or resulting from, any negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct of Consultant. Consultant shall hold harmless, defend and indemnify SAWPA and its officers, employees, agents and volunteers from and against any and all liability, loss, damage, fines, penalties, expense and costs, including, without limitation, attorneys' fees and litigation expenses and costs, of every nature arising out of or related to Consultant's negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct related to or arising from the performance of the work required under this Agreement and any related Task Order or Consultant's failure to comply with any of its obligations contained in this Agreement and any related Task Order, except as to such loss or damage which was caused by the active negligence or willful misconduct of SAWPA.

4.05 In the event that SAWPA requests that specific employees or agents of Consultant supervise or otherwise perform the services specified in each Task Order, Consultant shall ensure that such individual(s) shall be appointed and assigned the responsibility of performing the services.

4.06 In the event Consultant is required to prepare plans, drawings, specifications and/or estimates, the same shall be furnished with a registered professional engineer's number and shall conform to local, state and federal laws, rules and regulations. Consultant shall obtain all necessary permits and approvals in connection with this Agreement, any Task Order or Change Order. However, in the event SAWPA is required to obtain such an approval or permit from another governmental entity, Consultant shall provide all necessary supporting documents to be filed with such entity, and shall facilitate the acquisition of such approval or permit.

ARTICLE V

SAWPA OBLIGATIONS

5.01 SAWPA shall:

5.01a Furnish all existing studies, reports and other available data pertinent to each Task Order that are in SAWPA's possession;

5.01b Designate a person to act as liaison between Consultant and the General Manager and Commission of SAWPA.

ARTICLE VI

ADDITIONAL SERVICES, CHANGES AND DELETIONS

6.01 During the term of this Agreement, the Commission of SAWPA may, from time to time and without affecting the validity of this Agreement or any Task Order issued pursuant thereto, order changes, deletions, and additional services by the issuance of written Change Orders authorized and approved by the Commission of SAWPA.

6.02 In the event Consultant performs additional or different services than those described in any Task Order or authorized Change Order without the prior written approval of the Commission of SAWPA, Consultant shall not be compensated for such services.

6.03 Consultant shall promptly advise SAWPA as soon as reasonably practicable upon gaining knowledge of a condition, event, or accumulation of events, which may affect the scope and/or cost of services to be provided pursuant to this Agreement. All proposed changes, modifications, deletions, and/or requests for additional services shall be reduced to writing for review and approval or rejection by the Commission of SAWPA.

6.04 In the event that SAWPA orders services deleted or reduced, compensation shall be deleted or reduced by a comparable amount as determined by SAWPA and Consultant shall only be compensated for services actually performed. In the event additional services are properly authorized, payment for the same shall be made as provided in Article III above.

ARTICLE VII

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS: CONSULTANT CHANGE ORDERS

7.01 In the event SAWPA authorizes Consultant to perform construction management services for SAWPA, Consultant may determine, in the course of providing such services, that a Change Order should be issued to the construction contractor, or Consultant may receive a request for a Change Order from the construction contractor. Consultant shall, upon receipt of any requested Change Order or upon gaining knowledge of any condition, event, or accumulation of events, which may necessitate issuing a Change Order to the construction contractor, promptly consult with the liaison, General Manager and Commission of SAWPA. No

Change Order shall be issued or executed without the prior approval of the Commission of SAWPA.

ARTICLE VIII

TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

8.01 In the event the time specified for completion of an assigned task in a Task Order exceeds the term of this Agreement, the term of this Agreement shall be automatically extended for such additional time as is necessary to complete such Task Order and thereupon this Agreement shall automatically terminate without further notice.

8.02 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, SAWPA, at its sole option, may terminate this Agreement at any time by giving 10 day written notice to Consultant, whether or not a Task Order has been issued to Consultant.

8.03 In the event of termination, the payment of monies due Consultant for work performed prior to the effective date of such termination shall be paid after receipt of an invoice as provided in this Agreement.

ARTICLE IX

CONSULTANT STATUS

9.01 Consultant shall perform the services assigned by SAWPA in Consultant's own way as an independent contractor, in pursuit of Consultant's independent calling and not as an employee of SAWPA. Consultant shall be under the control of SAWPA only as to the result to be accomplished and the personnel assigned to perform services. However, Consultant shall regularly confer with SAWPA's liaison, General Manager, and Commission as provided for in this Agreement.

9.02 Consultant hereby specifically represents and warrants to SAWPA that the services to be rendered pursuant to this Agreement shall be performed in accordance with the standards customarily applicable to an experienced and competent professional consulting organization rendering the same or similar services. Furthermore, Consultant represents and warrants that the individual signing this Agreement on behalf of Consultant has the full authority to bind Consultant to this Agreement.

ARTICLE X

AUDIT AND OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS

10.01 All draft and final reports, plans, drawings, specifications, data, notes, and all other documents of any kind or nature prepared or developed by Consultant in connection with the performance of services assigned to it by SAWPA are the sole property of SAWPA, and Consultant shall promptly deliver all such materials to SAWPA. Consultant may retain copies of the original documents, at its option and expense. Use of such documents by SAWPA for project(s) not the subject of this Agreement shall be at SAWPA's sole risk without legal liability or exposure to Consultant. SAWPA agrees to not release any software "code" without prior written approval from the Consultant.

10.02 Consultant shall retain and maintain, for a period not less than four years following termination of this Agreement, all time records, accounting records, and vouchers and all other records with respect to all matters concerning services performed, compensation paid and expenses reimbursed. At any time during normal business hours and as often as SAWPA may deem necessary, Consultant shall make available to SAWPA's agents for examination of all such records and will permit SAWPA's agents to audit, examine and reproduce such records.

ARTICLE XI

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

11.01 This Agreement supersedes all previous agreements, either oral or written, between the parties hereto with respect to the rendering of services by Consultant for SAWPA and contains all of the covenants and agreements between the parties with respect to the rendering of such services in any manner whatsoever. Any modification of this Agreement will be effective only if it is in writing signed by both parties.

11.02 Consultant shall not assign or otherwise transfer any rights or interest in this Agreement without the prior written consent of SAWPA. Unless specifically stated to the contrary in any written consent to an assignment, no assignment will release or discharge the assignor from any duty or responsibility under this Agreement.

11.03 In the event Consultant is an individual person and dies prior to completion of this Agreement or any Task Order issued hereunder, any monies earned that may be due Consultant from SAWPA as of the date of death will be paid to Consultant's estate.

11.04 Time is of the essence in the performance of services required hereunder. Extensions of time within which to perform services may be granted by SAWPA if requested by Consultant and agreed to in writing by SAWPA. All such requests must be documented and substantiated and will only be granted as the result of unforeseeable and unavoidable delays not caused by the lack of foresight on the part of Consultant.

11.05 Consultant shall comply with all local, state and federal laws, rules and regulations including those regarding nondiscrimination and the payment of prevailing wages.

11.06 SAWPA expects that Consultant will devote its full energies, interest, abilities and productive time to the performance of its duties and obligations under this Agreement, and shall not engage in any other consulting activity that would interfere with the performance of Consultant's duties under this Agreement or create any conflicts of interest. If required by law, Consultant shall file a Conflict of Interest Statement with SAWPA.

11.07 Any dispute which may arise by and between SAWPA and the Consultant, including the Consultants, its employees, agents and subcontractors, shall be submitted to binding arbitration. Arbitration shall be conducted by a neutral, impartial arbitration service that the parties mutually agree upon, in accordance with its rules and procedures. The arbitrator must decide each and every dispute in accordance with the laws of the State of California, and all other applicable laws. Unless the parties stipulate to the contrary prior to the appointment of the arbitrator, all disputes shall first be submitted to non-binding mediation conducted by a neutral, impartial mediation service that the parties mutually agree upon, in accordance with its rules and procedures.

11.08 During the performance of the Agreement, Consultant and its subcontractors shall not unlawfully discriminate, harass, or allow harassment against any employee or applicant for employment because of sex, race, color, ancestry, religious creed, national origin, physical disability (including HIV and AIDS), mental disability, medical condition (cancer), age (over 40), marital status and denial of family care leave. Consultant and its subcontractors shall insure that the evaluation and treatment of their employees and applicants for employment are free from such discrimination and harassment. Consultant and its subcontractors shall comply with the provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Government Code, Section 12290 et seq.) and the applicable regulations promulgated there under (California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Section 7285 et seq.). The applicable regulations of the Fair Employment and Housing Commission implementing Government Code Section 12990 et seq., set forth in Chapter 5 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, are incorporated into this Agreement by reference and made a part hereof as if set forth in full. Consultant and its subcontractors shall give written notice of their obligations under this clause to labor organizations with which they have a collective bargaining or other agreement. Consultant shall include the non-

EXHIBIT D
STANDARD CONDITIONS

D.1) ACCOUNTING AND DEPOSIT OF FUNDING DISBURSEMENT:

- a) **Separate Accounting of Funding Disbursements and Interest Records:** Grantee shall account for the money disbursed pursuant to this Grant Agreement separately from all other Grantee funds. Grantee shall maintain audit and accounting procedures that are in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and practices, consistently applied. Grantee shall keep complete and accurate records of all receipts, disbursements, and interest earned on expenditures of such funds. Grantee shall require its contractors or subcontractors to maintain books, records, and other documents pertinent to their work in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and practices. Records are subject to inspection by State at any and all reasonable times.
- b) **Fiscal Management Systems and Accounting Standards:** The Grantee agrees that, at a minimum, its fiscal control and accounting procedures will be sufficient to permit tracing of grant funds to a level of expenditure adequate to establish that such funds have not been used in violation of state law or this Grant Agreement.
- c) **Disposition of Money Disbursed:** All money disbursed pursuant to this Grant Agreement shall be deposited, administered, and accounted for pursuant to the provisions of applicable law.
- d) **Remittance of Unexpended Funds:** Grantee shall remit to State any unexpended funds that were disbursed to Grantee under this Grant Agreement and were not used to pay Eligible Project Costs within a period of sixty (60) calendar days from the final disbursement from State to Grantee of funds or, within thirty (30) calendar days of the expiration of the Grant Agreement, whichever comes first.

D.2) ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CREDIT: Grantee shall include appropriate acknowledgement of credit to the State and to all cost-sharing partners for their support when promoting the Project(s) or using any data and/or information developed under this Grant Agreement. During construction of each project, Grantee shall install a sign at a prominent location, which shall include a statement that the project is financed under the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006, administered by State of California, Department of Water Resources. Grantee shall notify State that the sign has been erected by providing them with a site map with the sign location noted and a photograph of the sign.

D.3) AIR OR WATER POLLUTION VIOLATION: Under State laws, the Grantee shall not be: (1) in violation of any order or resolution not subject to review promulgated by the State Air Resources Board or an air pollution control district; (2) subject to cease and desist order not subject to review issued pursuant to Section 13301 of the Water Code for violation of waste discharge requirements or discharge prohibitions; or (3) finally determined to be in violation of provisions of federal law relating to air or water pollution.

D.4) AMENDMENT: This Grant Agreement may be amended at any time by mutual agreement of the Parties, except insofar as any proposed amendments are in any way contrary to applicable law. Requests by the Grantee for amendments must be in writing stating the amendment request and the reason for the request. State shall have no obligation to agree to an amendment.

D.5) AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: By signing this Grant Agreement, Grantee assures State that it complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, (42 U.S.C., 12101 et seq.), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability, as well as all applicable regulations and guidelines issued pursuant to the ADA.

D.6) APPROVAL: This Agreement is of no force or effect until signed by all parties to the agreement. Grantee may not submit invoices or receive payment until all required signatures have been obtained.

D.7) AUDITS: State reserves the right to conduct an audit at any time between the execution of this Grant Agreement and the completion of Projects, with the costs of such audit borne by State. After

completion of the Projects, State may require Grantee to conduct a final audit to State's specifications, at Grantee's expense, such audit to be conducted by and a report prepared by an independent Certified Public Accountant. Failure or refusal by Grantee to comply with this provision shall be considered a breach of this Grant Agreement, and State may elect to pursue any remedies provided in Paragraph 14 or take any other action it deems necessary to protect its interests.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 8546.7, the Grantee shall be subject to the examination and audit by the State for a period of three years after final payment under this Grant Agreement with respect to all matters connected with this Grant Agreement, including but not limited to, the cost of administering this Grant Agreement. All records of Grantee or its contractor or subcontractors shall be preserved for this purpose for at least three (3) years after project completion or final billing, whichever comes later.

- D.8) BUDGET CONTINGENCY:** If the Budget Act of the current year covered under this Grant Agreement does not appropriate sufficient funds for the Proposition 84 Implementation Grant Program, this Grant Agreement shall be of no force and effect. This provision shall be construed as a condition precedent to the obligation of State to make any payments under this Grant Agreement. In this event, State shall have no liability to pay any funds whatsoever to Grantee or to furnish any other considerations under this Grant Agreement and Grantee shall not be obligated to perform any provisions of this Grant Agreement. Nothing in this Grant Agreement shall be construed to provide Grantee with a right of priority for payment over any other Grantee. If funding for any fiscal year after the current year covered by this Grant Agreement is reduced or deleted by the Budget Act for purposes of this program, State shall have the option to either cancel this Grant Agreement with no liability occurring to State, or offer a Grant Agreement amendment to Grantee to reflect the reduced amount.
- D.9) CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION CORPS:** As required in Water Code section 79038(b), Grantee shall examine the feasibility of using the California Conservation Corps or community conservation corps to accomplish the habitat restoration, enhancement and protection activities listed in the Exhibit A, Work Plan, and shall use the services of one of these organizations whenever feasible.
- D.10) CEQA:** Activities funded under this Grant Agreement, regardless of funding source, must be in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code §21000 et seq.). Information on CEQA may be found at the following links:
Environmental Information: <http://ceres.ca.gov/ceqa/>
California State Clearinghouse Handbook: <http://ceres.ca.gov/planning/sch/>
- D.11) CHILD SUPPORT COMPLIANCE ACT:** For any Grant Agreement in excess of \$100,000, the Grantee acknowledges in accordance with Public Contract Code 7110, that:
- a) The Grantee recognizes the importance of child and family support obligations and shall fully comply with all applicable state and federal laws relating to child and family support enforcement, including, but not limited to, disclosure of information and compliance with earnings assignment orders, as provided in Chapter 8 (commencing with section 5200) of Part 5 of Division 9 of the Family Code; and
 - b) The Grantee, to the best of its knowledge is fully complying with the earnings assignment orders of all employees and is providing the names of all new employees to the New Hire Registry maintained by the California Employment Development Department.
- D.12) CLAIMS DISPUTE:** Any claim that the Grantee may have regarding performance of this agreement including, but not limited to, claims for additional compensation or extension of time, shall be submitted to the State's Project Manager, within thirty (30) days of the Grantee's knowledge of the claim. State and Grantee shall then attempt to negotiate a resolution of such claim and process an amendment to this Agreement to implement the terms of any such resolution.
- D.13) COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND PROCUREMENTS:** Grantee shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations regarding securing competitive bids and undertaking competitive negotiations in Grantee's

contracts with other entities for acquisition of goods and services and construction of public works with funds provided by State under this Grant Agreement.

- D.14) COMPUTER SOFTWARE:** Grantee certifies that it has appropriate systems and controls in place to ensure that state funds will not be used in the performance of this Grant Agreement for the acquisition, operation, or maintenance of computer software in violation of copyright laws.
- D.15) CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** All participants are subject to State and Federal conflict of interest laws. Failure to comply with these laws, including business and financial disclosure provisions, will result in the application being rejected and any subsequent contract being declared void. Other legal action may also be taken. Applicable statutes include, but are not limited to, Government Code, Section 1090 and Public Contract Code, Sections 10410 and 10411, for State conflict of interest requirements.
- a) **Current State Employees:** No State officer or employee shall engage in any employment, activity, or enterprise from which the officer or employee receives compensation or has a financial interest and which is sponsored or funded by any State agency, unless the employment, activity, or enterprise is required as a condition of regular State employment. No State officer or employee shall contract on his or her own behalf as an independent contractor with any State agency to provide goods or services.
 - b) **Former State Employees:** For the two-year period from the date he or she left State employment, no former State officer or employee may enter into a contract in which he or she engaged in any of the negotiations, transactions, planning, arrangements, or any part of the decision-making process relevant to the contract while employed in any capacity by any State agency. For the twelve-month period from the date he or she left State employment, no former State officer or employee may enter into a contract with any State agency if he or she was employed by that State agency in a policy-making position in the same general subject area as the proposed contract within the twelve-month period prior to his or her leaving State service.
 - c) **Employees of the Grantee:** Employees of the Grantee shall comply with all applicable provisions of law pertaining to conflicts of interest, including but not limited to any applicable conflict of interest provisions of the California Political Reform Act, Cal. Gov't Code § 87100 et seq.
 - d) **Employees and Consultants to the Grantee:** Individuals working on behalf of a Grantee may be required by the Department to file a Statement of Economic Interests (Fair Political Practices Commission Form 700) if it is determined that an individual is a consultant for Political Reform Act purposes.
- D.16) DELIVERY OF INFORMATION, REPORTS, AND DATA:** Grantee agrees to expeditiously provide throughout the term of this Grant Agreement, such reports, data, information, and certifications as may be reasonably required by State.
- D.17) DISPOSITION OF EQUIPMENT:** Grantee shall provide to State, not less than 30 calendar days prior to submission of the final invoice, an itemized inventory of equipment purchased with funds provided by State. The inventory shall include all items with a current estimated fair market value of more than \$5,000.00 per item. Within 60 calendar days of receipt of such inventory State shall provide Grantee with a list of the items on the inventory that State will take title to. All other items shall become the property of Grantee. State shall arrange for delivery from Grantee of items that it takes title to. Cost of transportation, if any, shall be borne by State.
- D.18) DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE CERTIFICATION:** Certification of Compliance: By signing this Grant Agreement, Grantee, its contractors or subcontractors hereby certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of State of California, compliance with the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990 (Government Code 8350 et seq.) and have or will provide a drug-free workplace by taking the following actions:
- a) Publish a statement notifying employees, contractors, and subcontractors that unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited

and specifying actions to be taken against employees, contractors, or subcontractors for violations, as required by Government Code Section 8355(a)(1).

- b) Establish a Drug-Free Awareness Program, as required by Government Code Section 8355(a)(2) to inform employees, contractors, or subcontractors about all of the following:
 - i) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace,
 - ii) Grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace,
 - iii) Any available counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs, and
 - iv) Penalties that may be imposed upon employees, contractors, and subcontractors for drug abuse violations.
- c) Provide, as required by Government Code Sections 8355(a)(3), that every employee, contractor, and/or subcontractor who works under this Grant Agreement:
 - i) Will receive a copy of Grantee's drug-free policy statement, and
 - ii) Will agree to abide by terms of Grantee's condition of employment, contract or subcontract.

- D.19) FINAL INSPECTIONS AND CERTIFICATION OF REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL:** Upon completion of the Project, Grantee shall provide for a final inspection and certification by the appropriate registered professional (California Registered Civil Engineer or Geologist) that the Project has been completed in accordance with submitted final plans and specifications and any modifications thereto and in accordance with this Grant Agreement. Grantee shall notify the State's Project Manager of the inspection date at least 14 calendar days prior to the inspection in order to provide State the opportunity to participate in the inspection.
- D.20) GRANTEE COMMITMENTS:** Grantee accepts and agrees to comply with all terms, provisions, conditions and commitments of this Grant Agreement, including all incorporated documents, and to fulfill all assurances, declarations, representations, and statements made by the Grantee in the application, documents, amendments, and communications filed in support of its request for funding.
- D.21) GRANTEE NAME CHANGE:** Approval of the State's Program Manager is required to change the Grantee's name as listed on this Grant Agreement. Upon receipt of legal documentation of the name change the State will process an amendment. Payment of invoices presented with a new name cannot be paid prior to approval of said amendment.
- D.22) GOVERNING LAW:** This Grant Agreement is governed by and shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of California.
- D.23) INDEMNIFICATION:** Grantee shall indemnify and hold and save the State, its officers, agents, and employees, free and harmless from any and all liabilities for any claims and damages (including inverse condemnation) that may arise out of the Projects and this Agreement, including, but not limited to any claims or damages arising from planning, design, construction, maintenance and/or operation of levee rehabilitation measures for this Project and any breach of this Agreement. Grantee shall require its contractors or subcontractors to name the State, its officers, agents and employees as additional insured on their liability insurance for activities undertaken pursuant to this Agreement.
- D.24) INDEPENDENT CAPACITY:** Grantee, and the agents and employees of Grantees, in the performance of the Grant Agreement, shall act in an independent capacity and not as officers, employees, or agents of the State.
- D.25) INSPECTION OF BOOKS, RECORDS, AND REPORTS:** During regular office hours, each of the parties hereto and their duly authorized representatives shall have the right to inspect and to make copies of any books, records, or reports of either party pertaining to this Grant Agreement or matters related hereto. Each of the parties hereto shall maintain and shall make available at all times for such inspection accurate records of all its costs, disbursements, and receipts with respect to its activities under this Grant Agreement. Failure or refusal by Grantee to comply with this provision shall be considered a breach of this Grant Agreement, and State may withhold disbursements to Grantee or take any other action it deems necessary to protect its interests.

- D.26) INSPECTIONS OF PROJECT BY STATE:** State shall have the right to inspect the work being performed at any and all reasonable times during the term of the Grant Agreement. This right shall extend to any subcontracts, and Grantee shall include provisions ensuring such access in all its contracts or subcontracts entered into pursuant to its Grant Agreement with State.
- D.27) INVOICE DISPUTES:** In the event of an invoice dispute, payment will not be made until the dispute is resolved and a corrected invoice submitted. Failure to use the address exactly as provided may result in return of the invoice to the Grantee. Payment shall be deemed complete upon deposit of the payment, properly addressed, postage prepaid, in the United States mail. Any claim that Grantee may have regarding the performance of this Grant Agreement including, but not limited to claims for additional compensation or extension of time, shall be submitted to the DWR Project Manager within thirty (30) calendar days of Grantee's knowledge of the claim. State and Grantee shall then attempt to negotiate a resolution of such claim and process an amendment to the Grant Agreement to implement the terms of any such resolution.
- D.28) LABOR CODE COMPLIANCE:** The Grantee will be required to keep informed of and take all measures necessary to ensure compliance with applicable California Labor Code requirements, including, but not limited to, Section 1720 *et seq.* of the California Labor Code regarding public works, limitations on use of volunteer labor (California Labor Code Section 1720.4), labor compliance programs (California Labor Code Section 1771.5) and payment of prevailing wages for work done and funded pursuant to these Guidelines, including any payments to the Department of Industrial Relations under Labor Code Section 1771.3.
- D.29) MODIFICATION OF OVERALL WORK PLAN:** At the request of the Grantee, the State may at its sole discretion approve non-material changes to the portions of Exhibit A which concern the budget and schedule without formally amending this Grant Agreement. Non-material changes with respect to the budget are changes that only result in reallocation of the budget and will not result in an increase in the amount of the State Grant Agreement. Non-material changes with respect to each Project schedule are changes that will not extend the term of this Grant Agreement. Requests for non-material changes to the budget and schedule must be submitted by the Grantee to the State in writing and are not effective unless and until specifically approved by the State's Project Manager in writing.
- D.30) NONDISCRIMINATION:** During the performance of this Grant Agreement, Grantee and its contractors or subcontractors shall not unlawfully discriminate, harass, or allow harassment against any employee or applicant for employment because of sex (gender), sexual orientation, race, color, ancestry, religion, creed, national origin (including language use restriction), pregnancy, physical disability (including HIV and AIDS), mental disability, medical condition (cancer/genetic characteristics), age (over 40), marital status, and denial of medial and family care leave or pregnancy disability leave. Grantee and its contractors or subcontractors shall ensure that the evaluation and treatment of their employees and applicants for employment are free from such discrimination and harassment. Grantee and its contractors or subcontractors shall comply with the provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Gov. Code §12990 (a-f) *et seq.*) and the applicable regulations promulgated there under (California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Section 7285 *et seq.*). The applicable regulations of the Fair Employment and Housing Commission implementing Government Code Section 12990 (a-f), set forth in Chapter 5 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, are incorporated into this Agreement by reference and made a part hereof as if set forth in full. Grantee and its contractors or subcontractors shall give written notice of their obligations under this clause to labor organizations with which they have a collective bargaining or other agreement.
- Grantee shall include the nondiscrimination and compliance provisions of this clause in all subcontracts to perform work under the Grant Agreement.
- D.31) NO DISCRIMINATION AGAINST DOMESTIC PARTNERS:** For contracts over \$100,000 executed or amended after January 1, 2007, the Grantee certifies by signing this Grant Agreement, under penalty of perjury under the laws of State of California that Grantee is in compliance with Public Contract Code section 10295.3.

- D.32) OPINIONS AND DETERMINATIONS:** Where the terms of this Grant Agreement provide for action to be based upon, judgment, approval, review, or determination of either party hereto, such terms are not intended to be and shall never be construed as permitting such opinion, judgment, approval, review, or determination to be arbitrary, capricious, or unreasonable.
- D.33) PERFORMANCE AND ASSURANCES:** Grantee agrees to faithfully and expeditiously perform or cause to be performed all Project work as described in Exhibit A, "Work Plan" and to apply State funds received only to Eligible Project Costs in accordance with applicable provisions of the law.
- D.34) PRIORITY HIRING CONSIDERATIONS:** If this Grant Agreement includes services in excess of \$200,000, the Grantee shall give priority consideration in filling vacancies in positions funded by the Grant Agreement to qualified recipients of aid under Welfare and Institutions Code Section 11200 in accordance with Pub. Contract Code §10353.
- D.35) PROHIBITION AGAINST DISPOSAL OF PROJECT WITHOUT STATE PERMISSION:** The Grantee shall not sell, abandon, lease, transfer, exchange, mortgage, hypothecate, or encumber in any manner whatsoever all or any portion of any real or other property necessarily connected or used in conjunction with the Projects, or with Grantee's service of water, without prior permission of State. Grantee shall not take any action, including but not limited to actions relating to user fees, charges, and assessments that could adversely affect the ability of Grantee to meet its obligations under this Grant Agreement, without prior written permission of State. State may require that the proceeds from the disposition of any real or personal property be remitted to State.
- D.36) REMEDIES NOT EXCLUSIVE:** The use by either party of any remedy specified herein for the enforcement of this Grant Agreement is not exclusive and shall not deprive the party using such remedy of, or limit the application of, any other remedy provided by law.
- D.37) RETENTION:** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Grant Agreement, State shall, for each project, withhold five percent (5.0%) until January 1, 2018 and ten percent (10.0%), thereafter, of the funds requested by Grantee for reimbursement of Eligible Costs. Each project in this Grant Agreement will be eligible to release its respective retention when that project is completed and Grantee has met requirements of Paragraph 19, "Submissions of Reports" as follows: At such time as the "Project Completion Report" required under Paragraph 19 is submitted to and approved by State, State shall disburse the retained funds as to that project to Grantee, except in the case of the last project to be completed under this Grant Agreement, in which case retention for such project will not be disbursed until the "Grant Completion Report" is submitted to and approved by State.
- D.38) RIGHTS IN DATA:** Grantee agrees that all data, plans, drawings, specifications, reports, computer programs, operating manuals, notes and other written or graphic work produced in the performance of this Grant Agreement shall be made available to the State and shall be in the public domain to the extent to which release of such materials is required under the California Public Records Act., Cal. Gov't Code §6250 *et seq.* Grantee may disclose, disseminate and use in whole or in part, any final form data and information received, collected and developed under this Grant Agreement, subject to appropriate acknowledgement of credit to State for financial support. Grantee shall not utilize the materials for any profit-making venture or sell or grant rights to a third party who intends to do so. The State shall have the right to use any data described in this paragraph for any public purpose.
- D.39) SEVERABILITY:** Should any portion of this Grant Agreement be determined to be void or unenforceable, such shall be severed from the whole and the Grant Agreement shall continue as modified.
- D.40) STATE REVIEWS:** The parties agree that review or approval of projects applications, documents, permits, plans, and specifications or other project information by the State is for administrative purposes only and does not relieve the Grantee of their responsibility to properly plan, design, construct, operate, maintain, implement, or otherwise carry out the projects.
- D.41) SUSPENSION OF PAYMENTS:** This Grant Agreement may be subject to suspension of payments or termination, or both, and Grantee may be subject to debarment if the State determines that:
- a) Grantee, its contractors, or subcontractors have made a false certification, or

- b) Grantee, its contractors, or subcontractors violates the certification by failing to carry out the requirements noted in this Grant Agreement.
- D.42) SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS:** This Grant Agreement and all of its provisions shall apply to and bind the successors and assigns of the parties. No assignment or transfer of this Grant Agreement or any part thereof, rights hereunder, or interest herein by the Grantee shall be valid unless and until it is approved by State and made subject to such reasonable terms and conditions as State may impose.
- D.43) TERMINATION BY GRANTEE:** Subject to State approval which may be reasonably withheld, Grantee may terminate this Agreement and be relieved of contractual obligations. In doing so, Grantee must provide a reason(s) for termination. Grantee must submit all progress reports summarizing accomplishments up until termination date.
- D.44) TERMINATION FOR CAUSE:** Subject to the right to cure under Paragraph 14, the State may terminate this Grant Agreement and be relieved of any payments should Grantee fail to perform the requirements of this Grant Agreement at the time and in the manner herein, provided including but not limited to reasons of default under Paragraph 14.
- D.45) TERMINATION WITHOUT CAUSE:** The State may terminate this Agreement without cause on 30 days advance written notice. The Grantee shall be reimbursed for all reasonable expenses incurred up to the date of termination.
- D.46) THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES:** The parties to this Agreement do not intend to create rights in, or grant remedies to, any third party as a beneficiary of this Agreement, or any duty, covenant, obligation or understanding established herein.
- D.47) TIMELINESS:** Time is of the essence in this Grant Agreement.
- D.48) TRAVEL:** Grantee agrees that travel and per diem costs shall NOT be eligible for reimbursement with State funds, and shall NOT be eligible for computing Grantee cost match. Travel includes the costs of transportation, subsistence, and other associated costs incurred by personnel during the term of this Grant Agreement.
- D.49) WAIVER OF RIGHTS:** None of the provisions of this Grant Agreement shall be deemed waived unless expressly waived in writing. It is the intention of the parties here to that from time to time either party may waive any of its rights under this Grant Agreement unless contrary to law. Any waiver by either party of rights arising in connection with the Grant Agreement shall not be deemed to be a waiver with respect to any other rights or matters, and such provisions shall continue in full force and effect.
- D.50) WORKERS' COMPENSATION:** Grantee affirms that it is aware of the provisions of Section 3700 of the California Labor Code, which requires every employer to be insured against liability for workers' compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions of that code, and Grantee affirms that it will comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of the work under this Grant Agreement and will make its contractors and subcontractors aware of this provision.