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To: All Scott River Spawning Gravel Evaluation and Enhancement Plan RFP Respondents

From: Michael Arredondo, Grant and Contracts Specialist

Subject: RFP Questions and Answers

Attached to this memo is a list of all questions received for the Scott River Spawning Gravel Evaluation and Enhancement Plan Request for Proposals and the answers to these questions. If anyone has additional questions, please direct them to me at michael_arredondo@psmfc.org.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Attachment

SCOTT RIVER GRAVEL STUDY RFP Q & A

- 1) I want to be clear that there are no high quality aerial photos available that the advisory committee knows about that could be purchased and that having a new flight is the primary option. Just don't want to be wasteful.

At this time DFG is uncertain if there is adequate aerial photo coverage to complete this project. All applicants should budget for an aerial survey of the river. If it is determined that there is existing coverage this budget element will be deleted.

The Siskiyou Resource Conservation District uses high quality geo referenced aerial photograph supplied by the USDA NRCS from the NAIP (National Agricultural Imagery Program). This flight was performed in 2005 and it is of one meter resolution. The 2005 NAIP images encompass the entire Scott River watershed. This is a product of the USDA and would not need to be purchased.

- 2) I can not find requirements for USGS lab work on sediment sieving in the RFP. So, can a qualified team perform sediment screening and sieving themselves?

USGS lab certification is not required. Yes, a "qualified" team can perform sediment screening and sieving themselves. The qualifications should be demonstrated by providing examples of past sediment sampling projects and briefly describing the field sampling method(s) proposed, including references to standard protocols where appropriate (ASTM E-11 or USFS GTR-74 for example).

- 3) Is watershed topographic data available at resolutions higher than what is typically available through online sources such as the USGS? Would it be worth including high-resolution aerial topographic surveys in the price quote for obtaining aerial photographs of the watershed, especially if the incremental cost is consistent with the project budget outlined in the RFP?

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- 4) Does the project team already have a regular meeting schedule that we should plan for, or do you wish for the consultants to provide an estimate of the number of meetings that would be appropriate?

There is no regular meeting schedule. Please estimate the number of meetings that you think will be necessary to keep the community informed about your work.

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- 5) Would the selection committee prefer 1 to 3 examples of relevant experience for our team as a whole, or for each of the firms in the team?

Please provide relevant experience for each of the firms in the team for the portion of the project that firm will be responsible for.

- 6) Access in the spring of 2009 seems largely contingent on current relationships with local landowners. What is the nature of the current relationship between the project proponent and the landowners, and to what level have landowner's interests been assessed? Should we anticipate a challenging social climate, or difficulty negotiating access? Is it reasonable to expect that access negotiations and on the ground physical site assessment can proceed concurrently in the spring of 2009?

The Siskiyou Resource Conservation District (SQRC) has good relations with the landowners that will be involved in the project and will be responsible for obtaining access.

- 7) What is the availability of RCD staff to work with the consultant on landowner and access issues, especially in early phases of the project? Is it to be expected that the RCD will assume responsibility for products relating to landowner access, such as draft landowner access agreements, parcel access maps, etc.

The SQRC is a full partner in this project. Applicants are encouraged to contact the SQRC to discuss this. The successful applicant will be responsible for scheduling mutually agreeable time with the SQRC staff to facilitate field activities.

- 8) Are there currently enough sites to accomplish the work without more landowner willingness? How badly constrained is the project if access negotiations are unsuccessful?

We do not anticipate any constraints or problems with obtaining access from willing landowners. The SQRC will try to acquire access where access is typically provided.

- 9) Does a contact database for affected property owners exist? If so, is it geo-referenced and available in GIS format with property boundaries?

The SQRC will be responsible for securing landowner access.

- 10) What is the diversity of issues expressed to date by the landowners? What is the geographic area or spatial distribution of the landowners? Is it easy for them to attend meetings? What issues bring them out?

All landowner issues will be coordinated with SQRC staff. It is important that landowners receive a consistent message about the project.

- 11) What is the primary goal of the public forum and outreach? Examples include: Gaining access for assessment, education, changed management behaviors, strengthening existing relationships, etc.

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Community outreach, and all outreach activities and the public meeting at the end of the project will be coordinated by the SQRCD staff.

- 12) Does the project area encompass Tribal lands? What is the nature of the relationships between Tribes and agencies?

We do not anticipate conducting any part of the study on Tribal lands.