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## MEMORANDUM

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TW: 20/21-055

**DATE:** July 23, 2021

**TO:** Grant Davis, General Manager

**FROM:** David Manning, Project Manager *DM*

**SUBJECT:** **Selection of Environmental Science Associates for Biological Assessment for Second Russian River Biological Opinion**

Environmental Science Associates (ESA) was selected from a list of qualified consultants developed from a prior competitive selection process. Attached is a memo that explains the previous competitive selection process.

ESA was selected for the subject work because ESA has a decade of experience helping Sonoma Water with implementation of the Russian River Biological Opinion. ESA's expertise and experience in fisheries biology, geomorphology, environmental engineering, and environmental compliance have facilitated the Russian River Estuary and Dry Creek Habitat Enhancement projects. ESA's staff has prepared Federal Endangered Species Act Section 7 Biological Assessments for clients around the state and is experienced negotiating permit terms and conditions with regulatory agencies.

The hiring of ESA for this agreement causes no conflict of interest and is not based on any financial incentive provided to Sonoma Water or its employees and representatives.

Attachment

c: Christine R. Teaford

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CF/45-0-21 RFQ (Agree for Environmental  
Resources Consulting Services) 19/20-116  
(ID 7446)

**DATE:** October 15, 2020

**TO:** Grant Davis, General Manager

**FROM:** Anne Crealock, Project Manager *AC*

**SUBJECT:** LIST OF QUALIFIED CONSULTANTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL  
RESOURCES CONSULTING SERVICES - NOT TO BE USED FOR  
FEDERALLY FUNDED PROJECTS

The Sonoma County Water Agency's (Sonoma Water) Environmental Resources team provides environmental services for design, construction, operations, and maintenance of water supply, flood protection, habitat improvement, and sanitation systems, as well as sustainability projects owned and operated by Sonoma Water. Environmental resources consulting services needed to accomplish this work include but are not limited to:

- California Environmental Quality Act and National Environmental Policy Act compliance, including regulatory compliance guidance
- Obtaining regulatory permits including, but not limited to, Sections 401 and 404 of the Clean Water Act, federal and California Endangered Species Acts, Porter-Cologne Act, California Department of Fish and Wildlife Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreements, and California Coastal Act
- Biological surveys or studies, including wildlife, fisheries, botanical, and wetland
- Design, implementation, and monitoring of riparian, wetland, and species habitat restoration
- Development of mitigation including, but not limited to, mitigation banking and credits
- Fluvial geomorphology and hydrology analyses related to riparian and fisheries restoration and enhancement
- Soil surveys and sediment sampling including, but not limited to, soil profiling or sampling for nutrients and toxicity
- Climate change, sea level rise analysis, and adaptation planning
- Air quality and greenhouse gas emissions analysis

- Cultural resources surveys, consultation assistance, and impact analysis
- Noise and vibration studies and analysis
- Recreation studies and analysis
- Traffic and transportation studies and analysis
- Socioeconomic studies and analysis
- Water quality studies, monitoring, and analysis
- Public meeting and workshop planning and facilitation

On July 6, 2020, Sonoma Water issued a Request for Statements of Qualifications (RFQ) to the following 50 firms listed on the attached Recipient List.

The RFQ was also posted on the Sonoma County Water Agency and County of Sonoma Purchasing Department websites.

The 37 firms listed submitted Statements of Qualifications (SOQs).

The following criteria were used to evaluate each firm:

- Thoroughness of SOQ
- Professional qualifications and demonstrated ability to perform the work
- Exceptions to standard terms in the sample agreement
- Local Service Provider Preference

Based on the evaluations, the following respondents were selected for the list of qualified consultants:

Name of Firm	DIR Registered? Y/N
1. AEI Consultants, Walnut Creek, CA	N
2. AES, Sacramento, CA	Y
3. Alta Archaeological Consulting, LLC, Santa Rosa, CA	Y
4. Ascent Environmental, Inc., Sacramento, CA	Y
5. Baseline Environmental Consulting, Emeryville, CA	Y
6. Brejle & Race, Santa Rosa, CA	Y
7. Camas, LLC, Jacksonville, OR	N
8. Catalyst Group, Inc., Greenbrae, CA	N
9. CBEC, Inc., Petaluma, CA	Y
10. Dudek, Pasadena, CA	Y
11. ECORP Consulting, Inc., Rocklin, CA	Y
12. ESA, Sacramento, CA	Y
13. ESSA Technologies Ltd., Vancouver, BC	N
14. FirstCarbon Solutions, Inc., Walnut Creek, CA	Y
15. FlowWest, Oakland, CA	Y
16. Freshwater Trust, Portland, OR	N

17. GEI Consultants, Inc., Rancho Cordova, CA	Y
18. HDR Engineering, Inc., Walnut Creek, CA	Y
19. Horizon Water and Environment, LLC, Oakland, CA	Y
20. HTI-Vemco USA, Inc./Innovasea, Seattle, WA	N
21. Inter-Fluve. Hood River, OR	Y
22. Live Oak Associates, Inc., San Jose, CA	N
23. Ninyo & Moore, Inc., Alameda, CA	Y
24. Pacific Watershed Associates, Inc., Petaluma, CA	Y
25. Panorama Environmental, Inc., San Francisco, CA	Y
26. Prunuske Chatham, Inc., Sebastopol, CA	Y
27. Questa Engineering Corporation, Petaluma, CA	Y
28. Rincon Consultants, Inc., Oakland, CA	Y
29. Sequoia Ecological Consulting, Inc., Danville, CA	Y
30. SF Estuary Institute, San Francisco, CA	N
31. Sol Ecology, Inc., Petaluma, CA	Y
32. Tom Origer and Associates, Rohnert Park, CA	Y
33. Vollmar Natural Lands Consulting, Inc., Sacramento, CA	Y
34. Walls Land + Water, LLC, Santa Cruz, CA	N
35. Watercourse Engineering, Inc., Davis, CA	N
36. WRA, Inc., Petaluma, CA	Y

For projects requiring environmental resources consulting and related services, Sonoma Water will contact individual firms from the above list to determine availability and potential conflict of interest with other projects that the firm is undertaking, and to prepare a cost proposal to perform the work.

SOQs and evaluation forms have been sent to Central Records.

Attachment: Recipient List

c: Rachel Vail

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