




**Sonoma
Water**

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Grant Davis, General Manager

FROM: Steve Koldis, Project Manager *SK* 

SUBJECT: **Selection of Brelje & Race Consulting Engineers for Consulting Services Related to the Monte Rio and Villa Grande Wastewater Treatment Project**

Several economically disadvantaged communities along the lower Russian River contain homes and businesses that rely on onsite wastewater treatment systems (OWTS) for treatment and disposal of septic waste. Many of these systems do not meet current standards and, therefore, have the potential to discharge inadequately treated wastewater into the Russian River and its tributary creeks.

The North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) is initiating a pilot project to analyze alternatives for residents of Monte Rio and Villa Grande for compliance with California State and Regional Board standards for wastewater disposal. The goal of the pilot project is to help property owners to bring individual and/or community wastewater treatment up to current standards and comply with the new Total Maximum Daily Load requirements adopted by the Regional Board to address pollution in the lower Russian River watershed.

Sonoma County Water Agency (Sonoma Water) will serve as the contract manager for a feasibility report for the pilot project, which will include a feasibility study and conceptual design (10%). Sonoma Water is scheduled to receive planning funds from the State of California's Clean Water State Revolving Fund that will be used to retain a consulting firm to complete the feasibility study and conceptual design (10%) for the pilot project. Collectively, the tasks for the feasibility study will provide the basis for solutions to wastewater treatment challenges in these communities.

Sonoma Water is working with the Interagency Team and a Citizens Advisory Group (CAG) to develop this feasibility report. The Interagency Team consists of representatives of the Regional Board, Sonoma County Fifth District Supervisor's office, Sonoma County's Permit Sonoma Department, Sonoma County Administrator's Office, and Sonoma Water. The Interagency Team meets as needed to assist the CAG, identify

and resolve outstanding issues and concerns related to planning study development efforts, and build consensus throughout the feasibility study and design process.

The Consultant tasks will investigate a broad range of permissible alternatives meeting the needs of the community, including an alternative or alternatives recommended by the CAG and the Interagency Team, and prepare a draft and final feasibility study, conceptual design and a budget for the Consultant's recommendation(s).

On July 7, 2021, Sonoma County Water Agency issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to the 50 firms listed in the attachment.

The RFP was also posted on Sonoma County Water Agency and County of Sonoma Purchasing Department websites as well as the Small Business Administration and Minority Business Development Agency websites.

The three firms listed below submitted Proposals.

- Brelje & Race Consulting Engineers
- Lescure Engineers, Inc., Santa Rosa, CA
- West Yost Associates, Inc.

The following criteria, listed in order of importance, were used to evaluate each firm:

- Professional qualifications and demonstrated ability to perform the work
- Responsiveness to the work requirements
- Exceptions to standard terms in the sample agreement
- Rates and costs
- Thoroughness of proposal

Brelje & Race Consulting Engineers (Consultant) was selected to perform the work because Consultant has a more complete understanding of the Monte Rio and Villa Grande Wastewater Treatment Project (Project) history and of West County politics and has a well-thought out approach that meets the Project's needs. Consultant's understanding of the Project's history comes from their involvement with the Monte Rio Wastewater Pollution Control Project in 2007. Consultant understands the politics and challenges of West County with their more recent and similar projects including Occidental to Graton Wastewater Pipeline Feasibility Study, Camp Meeker wastewater reclamation, and Alliance Redwoods septic and water system. Consultant was able to provide a well-thought out approach to the problem that fits within the confines of the Project budget and expectations. Ultimately, Consultant demonstrated the most process oriented and organized framework that would result in a complete and successful product within the timeframe and budget allotted.

Proposals and evaluation forms have been sent to Records.

The hiring of Consultant 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

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1. Woodard & Curran	Walnut Creek,	CA
2. Adobe Associates, Inc.	Santa Rosa,	CA
3. Kennedy/Jenks Consultants	Santa Rosa,	CA
4. Coastland Civil Engineering Inc.	Santa Rosa,	CA
5. West Yost and Associates	Davis,	CA
6. MKM & Associates	Santa Rosa,	CA
7. Summit Engineering Consulting Engineers	Santa Rosa,	CA
8. ZFA Structural Engineers	Santa Rosa,	CA
9. Carlile Macy	Santa Rosa,	CA
10. PinnacleART	Pasadena,	TX
11. CAE Piping	Irvine,	CA
12. CDM Smith	Concord,	CA
13. WSC Consulting, Inc.	San Luis Obispo,	CA
14. Capstone Roofing	Santa Rosa,	CA
15. GHD	Santa Rosa,	CA
16. Brelje & Race Consulting Engineers	Santa Rosa,	CA
17. Carollo Engineers, Inc.	Walnut Creek,	CA
18. Schaaf and Wheeler	Santa Rosa,	CA
19. BKF Engineers	Santa Rosa,	CA
20. BKF Engineers	Santa Rosa,	CA
21. Allana Buick & Bers, Inc.	Palo Alto,	CA
22. HDR Engineering, Inc.	Folsom,	CA
23. Group Delta Consultants, Inc.	Irvine	CA
24. Bauer & Associates	Forestville	Ca
25. Miller Pacific Engineering Group	Petaluma	Ca
26. GENTERRA Consultants, Inc.	Irvine	CA
27. Kleinfelder	Santa Rosa	Ca
28. Lee & Ro, Inc.	City of Industry	Ca
29. Moore Twining Associates, Inc.	Fresno	Ca
30. Arcadis	Emeryville	Ca
31. A3GEO, Inc.	Berkeley	Ca
32. Blackburn	Auburn	Ca
33. GEI	Oakland	Ca
34. Infra Terra	San Francisco	Ca
35. RMC Geoscience	Petaluma	Ca
36. Simpson Gumpertz & Heger	San Francisco	Ca
37. Stantec	Walnut Creek	CA
38. AECOM	Oakland	Ca
39. AMA Diversified Construction Group	Petaluma	Ca

40. Capers Service, Inc.	Rohnert Park	CA
41. Abide International, Inc.	Sonoma	CA
42. Suulutaaq, Inc.	Suisun City	CA
43. Martinez Services, Inc.	San Rafael	CA
44. Cerrudo Services, LLC	Novato	CA
45. Pacific Underground Services	Martinez	CA
46. ETIC	Pleasant Hill	CA
47. Katin Engineering Consulting	Antioch	CA
48. WRECO	Walnut Creek	CA
49. Anchor Engineering, Inc.	Lafayette	CA
50. Oscar Larson & Associates Consulting Engineers, Inc.	Eureka	CA