

Coldstream Canyon: Biological Resources – Request for Information
Bids Due April 12, 2024

The information provided below details questions posed by multiple consultant teams via email correspondence with Project Director, Eben Swain. Response to questions is noted in the information provided below.

General Info

- Q.** How big is the area of construction, including staging, laydown, and access areas?
- A.** The construction foot-print includes approximately 4,300' of stream channel/riparian habitat and is roughly 35 acres in size, including all staging and access locations.
- Q.** Does the 20-page limit for the proposal include the cover letter and resumes?
- A.** Cover letter and resumes are not included in the 20-page limit for the proposal.

TASK 2

Nesting bird surveys

- Q.** Are any permits required for western willow flycatcher surveys?
- A.** No permits are necessary. The primary objective of the willow flycatcher protocol is to determine the status (presence or probable absence) of willow flycatchers at the Coldstream site timing of surveys – if Willow Flycatcher is detected in initial survey, additional surveys will be necessary as will development of appropriate avoidance measures.

Sierra Nevada mountain beaver and snowshoe hare.

- Q.** Mountain beaver/snowshoe hare survey protocols are not listed on the CDFW website, would camera trapping be an appropriate way to survey these species?
- A.** Although camera trapping would be acceptable, selected Consultant should also scan probable habitat types where mountain beaver and/or snowshoe hare may reside and document and map any possible nest or burrow sites – if potential nesting sites are located, additional

documentation may include fur, hair or established tracks. If located, avoidance measures will need to be established.

Sensitive Species Plants

Q. Does the qualified biologist need to be a Registered Botanist in California?

A. Interested Consultant teams should provide qualifications of the team conducting the work, including survey for sensitive plant species. Although the team member does not need to be a registered botanist, prior work experience and/or similar project surveys with reference should be provided at a minimum to be able to document ability to complete work and knowledge within field/discipline.

Q. Is there a standard avoidance and minimization plan that CDFW uses for special status plants?

A. If special status plants are encountered during the site surveys, Consultant will be expected to work closely with TRWC and State Parks to identify and map extent of plant population and the Project team will cross-walk any locations of sensitive species with proposed project impacts and will develop a plan to avoid or minimize impacts to any special status plants located on site. Avoidance/minimization may include fencing or flagging as designated environmentally sensitive habitat areas or other measures as determined appropriate.

Q. Are they species specific?

A. N/A – not species specific.

Task 2 - Deliverables

Q. Are technical memorandums the preferred format for submitting nesting bird, western willow flycatcher, and SS plant survey results and findings?

A. Technical memorandums will work fine for documentation of survey results and findings, however selected Consultant should also be prepared to develop a report related to the Biological Clearance Survey and should include proposed methodology, and an initial listing of potential avoidance/minimization measures to be implemented if any species are identified on site.

TASK 3

Q. Which types of protection status, specifically, are included in 'special status' species?

A. Protection status is noted via either State or Federal level and could include threatened or endangered species as listed by the State of California or by Federal Government.

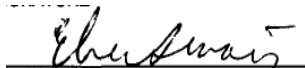
- Q.** Task 3 (WEAP Development & Training) includes instructing personnel regarding the recognition of cultural and heritage resources per the IS/ND. Will cultural resources services, including WEAP development and training, be covered under a separate contract, or should we include this as a services in response to this RFP?
- A.** The landowner (California State Parks) has agreed to identify and delineate any areas where cultural/heritage resources may be located within proximity of the project site and will also be the lead on WEAP training as related to cultural/heritage resources. These aspects are not part of the scope of work within Coldstream RFP, and do not need to be addressed within bid proposals.

TASK 4

Biological Clearance Survey

- Q.** Will a biologist be required to conduct daily construction clearance surveys prior to each day of construction?
- A.** We anticipate the a "construction monitor" from the contractor/construction crew will survey the project site on a daily basis, and if any wildlife are observed, the person assigned this task will be able to move the wildlife out of harms way. The expectation is that the selected consultant team can provide appropriate training to the construction crew, including the person or persons assigned to the task of construction monitor so that they are aware of processes and protocols necessary to move wildlife outside of harms way. This training can be conducted as a component of the WEAP and information can be conveyed to the project team through this media.
- Q.** Are fish included in the "Relocation out of harm's way" section?
- A.** Although we anticipate conducting the majority of work when the stream channel is dry, there may still be isolated pools containing small fish that may need to be relocated.

Sincerely,



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