

Request for Bid

Euer Valley Phase 2 Restoration Project

The Truckee River Watershed Council is seeking a construction contractor for the Euer Valley Phase 2 Restoration Project

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In 2026, TRWC will release several Requests For Proposals (RFP) and Requests For Bids (RFB) for restoration design, construction, environmental compliance, permit assistance, and the like. We appreciate that some firms may wish to respond to multiple RFPs & RFBs. To help with proposal and bid preparation, we offer the following:

1. **Responding to Multiple RFPs/RFBs.** Firms may respond to multiple RFPs and RFBs. In the vast majority of our projects, a firm will not be prevented from bidding on future work if they participate in current work. In the rare case where this prohibition exists, we will state the prohibition in the current RFP/RFB.
2. **Lead Firm vs. Subcontracted Firm.** We understand and accept a given firm may be the lead in one response and a subcontractor in another response.
3. **Respond Uniquely to Each RFP/RFB.** Each of our projects has a unique combination of partners, stakeholders, funders, constraints, opportunities, and timelines. Due to the characteristics of each project, we purposely release separate RFPs/RFBs. Firms must submit a response to each RFP or RFB to be considered. While we appreciate that a firm might be able to offer efficiencies if we combined projects, the unique blend of characteristics of each project prevents us from combining projects more than has already been done.
4. **Repeating Information Across Multiple Responses.** We understand and accept that information about the firm, its staff, past work, references, work approach, and the like may be repeated, perhaps even word for word, across multiple responses.

A. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The lead for the project is Truckee River Watershed Council (TRWC). The project partner is the Tahoe Donner Association (TDA).

Purpose. The purpose of the Euer Valley Restoration Phase 2 (Euer Phase 2) project is to restore and protect meadow and stream habitat through addressing historic and present-day land use impacts at four locations within Euer Valley. The project entails construction of instream log jams, channel fill and realignment, log cribwalls, stream access points, revegetation, and other activities. Project work will take place starting mid-August, 2026 and continue in summer/fall 2027.

Location. The project takes place on land owned and managed by Tahoe Donner Association, in Nevada County. A Vicinity Map is included on Sheet 1.0 of Attachment 2. Access to the project site is via the Tahoe Donner non-motorized trail system. The site is accessible to the public via foot or bicycle. Attachment 1 shows the work locations relative to the trail system.

Project Overview. The project was identified for restoration through the Prosser Watershed Assessment (Att. 4). The assessment examined watershed processes and alterations to natural functions. From those analyses, several restoration and protection opportunities were identified to address degradation. Within Euer Valley evidence of impaired function included stream channel incision and meadow degradation associated with the road and trail network.

Euer Valley Restoration, Phase 1 included instream restoration, road drainage improvements, and replacement of a trail segment and stream crossing with a boardwalk and bridge (“Coyote Crossing”). This work was completed in 2025 with additional revegetation and maintenance tentatively planned for 2026. Revegetation activities for Phase 1 are not expected to interfere with construction of Phase 2. Phase 1 construction is managed under a separate contract from Phase 2 work.

The goals of Euer Phase 2 are:

- Re-establish floodplain connectivity and channel-meadow hydrologic connectivity
- Protect and enhance meadow, riparian, and stream habitat
- Improve creek crossings for trail system users and winter grooming equipment
- Reduce excess runoff and sediment into creeks
- Restore historical fluvial landforms and processes that have been impacted by legacy land uses
- Do not adversely affect flood hydraulics that would impact bridge or other creek crossings

These goals will be met through the following objectives:

- Establish or enhance creek crossings to limit ad hoc crossings and focus impacts to single locations with planned bank stabilization features
- Encourage in-channel sediment deposition to reverse channel incision, improve water quality, and provide reach-scale channel stability
- Discourage meadow flows from being captured by roads/trails and improve road drainage
- Decommission or reroute extraneous road and trail segments

Schedule. Construction will take place over the course of two seasons. Work in 2026 will begin in mid-August and be completed by September 30th. The work schedule for 2027 will be dictated by

site conditions but is anticipated to begin August 1st and conclude by September 30th.

Work. Attachment 2 contains the Engineering Design Plans. The Design Basis Memo is included as Attachment 3.

Tahoe Donner Association staff will complete a portion of the work, primarily related to road and trail maintenance. The work to be completed by TDA is marked on the plan set - see Att. 2, Sheets 3.1.1, 3.1.3, 3.2.1, 3.2.5, 3.3.1, 3.3.2, 3.4.1, 3.4.4, and 3.4.5. The split of project construction between TDA and the selected contractor will be reviewed during the pre-bid meeting as well.

TDA will harvest all the trees needed for project construction and will coordinate with the selected contractor to stockpile the material in appropriate locations for use in constructing project elements.

Implementation actions generally include:

- Install and maintain Best Management Practices (including meadow mats)
- Establish access routes
- Salvage and stockpile any vegetation (sod, willows) from grading areas
- Channel fill and realignment
- Replant salvaged vegetation
- Construct instream debris jams
- Install log cribwalls
- Construct hardened stream access points
- Install log grade controls
- Seeding and site stabilization
- Decommission access routes
- Install localized dewatering/diversion systems.

TDA will harvest all logs/trees needed to construct various project elements. Contractor will provide other materials necessary for completing the work, such as erosion control blanket, rebar or other connectors for stream crossings and cribwalls, and native seeds.

Refer to Attachment 2 for construction details, typicals of project features, staging, access, etc. In the case of contradictory information between this “RFB” document and the design plans, the information contained in the Design Plans should be considered to be accurate.

2026 vs. 2027 Work. Construction in 2026 will include Crabtree Crossing (Att.2, Sheets 3.3.1 – 3.3.2) and Euer Crossing (Att. 2, Sheets 3.1.1 – 3.1.3). All identified work at Crabtree will be completed in 2026. All work at Euer Crossing that can be accomplished without dewatering will be completed in 2026.

Work in 2027 will include Cowboy Crossing, Quickdraw Crossing, and the instream work at Euer Crossing.

We anticipate hiring one contractor for both years of work. If work completed in 2026 is unsatisfactory, we reserve the right to terminate the contract prior to construction in 2027.

Stream diversion/dewatering. It is anticipated that flows up to 2 cfs will be present in the South

Fork of Prosser Creek during construction, affecting some of the work at Euer Crossing, Cowboy Crossing, and Quickdraw Crossing. Diversions will be needed to construct in-stream structures. Crabtree Creek will be dry during construction. We anticipate that all work requiring dewatering will take place in 2027.

The contractor shall provide a Dewatering and Diversion Plan (DDP) one month prior to construction when site conditions are known. The DDP shall include descriptions of the installation and decommissioning sequences of the diversion system components, how accumulated water in the work areas (groundwater seepage, stormwater or leakage through diversion structures) will be accommodated, energy dissipation and sediment control structure at the diversion discharge point, and consideration of potential backwater effects upstream of the diversion and upstream of the discharge point. Project permits allow a turbidity increase of up to 20 nephelometric units (NTU) above background for installation and decommissioning of the diversion system and increases of up to 10 NTU over background during routine construction.

Permits and Environmental Compliance. The Project is covered by a number of regulatory permits and environmental compliance documents. These include:

- USACE Section 404 Nationwide permit
- Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board Section 401 Water Quality Certification
- State Water Resources Control Board NPDES Construction General Permit
- California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife Section 1602 Streambed Alteration Agreement

Issued permits are included as Attachment 6 of this bid package.

Construction Oversight. Work will be observed by the Engineer or Engineer’s Representative as described in Attachment 2. All parts of this project, including site preparation, earthwork, structure construction, and revegetation are subject to field design or refinement by the Engineer or Engineer’s Representative, according to field conditions.

Expected Project Schedule

Task	Date
Mandatory pre-bid tour	June 3, 2026
Deadline for requests for additional information	June 12, 2026
Bids due	June 25, 2026
Interviews	June 30, 2026
Contract award	July 10, 2026
Estimated earliest construction start	August 15, 2026
Construction completion (latest date)	September 30, 2027

B. WORK REQUIREMENTS

Work Schedule. The Work Schedule will be established between Contractor and TRWC. The work is expected to continue until the project is completed. No overtime charges will be accommodated.

Permits and Environmental Compliance. The Contractor shall be responsible for complying with

the requirements of and maintaining on-site copies of all project permits and compliance documents during construction.

Staging and Access. Staging and access routes are shown on the design plans. There may be slight modifications to account for field conditions. In all cases, modifications must be approved by the Engineer or the Engineer's Representative.

Equipment. Contractor must provide equipment in excellent operating condition. No leaks of any size will be allowed. Contractor will be required to secure replacement equipment if any equipment is inoperable for two (2) days or longer. Failure to perform these requirements is grounds for contract termination.

All equipment will be pressure washed prior to mobilizing to the site to remove any vegetative matter, soil, or other organic matter to prevent the spread of noxious weeds. Any equipment that leaves the site must be cleaned again before re-entry.

Contractor will be required to provide all fuel, servicing and repairs to maintain equipment in operating condition. The Contractor shall fuel equipment at areas designated by the Engineer or Engineer's Representative. When fueling must be done at a construction area, the Contractor shall designate a site(s) and obtain approval from the Engineer. All fueling, servicing, and repairs will be done in designated fueling areas at a minimum of 50 feet from any water surface or drainage area to prevent accidental petroleum discharge in riparian and other sensitive areas.

Water quality concerns require that all equipment be free of all operating fluid leaks. The Contractor will be required to submit a spill prevention plan prior to mobilization and is required to have the appropriate materials on-site to clean up any spills that may occur.

Fire Plan. Contractor will be required to follow Tahoe Donner Association's Fire Plan. The Fire Plan will be reviewed at the pre-bid meeting.

Personnel. No change in personnel will occur without written agreement between the Contractor and TRWC. TRWC reserves the right to have Contractor replace a non-performing operator.

Trees Needed for construction. TDA will generate the trees needed for construction of all project elements requiring logs such as instream debris jams, cribwalls, grade controls, etc. TDA will coordinate with the contractor to stockpile the trees in appropriate areas for use in construction.

Other Materials. Contractor shall provide erosion control materials/BMPs (including meadow mats), seeds, and rebar or other connectors. No monofilament temporary wattles are allowed on the project area. It is anticipated that other materials necessary to complete the work will be generated on-site (trees, fill, willows, mulch, etc.).

Construction water. A drafting site is located at Euer Crossing.

C. PRE-BID TOUR AND SUBMISSION

A mandatory pre-bid tour will be held on Wednesday, June 3rd, 2026.

The pre-bid tour will take place from 9 AM – Noon. The meeting location is the Alder Creek Adventure Center, 15275 Alder Creek Road, Truckee, and shown on Attachment 1. Due to limited parking within the project area, tour participants will be bused to the project location behind a locked gate. The gate will be locked behind the group, so do not be late!

Bids must be received by 5:00 P.M. on June 25, 2026. Bids must be submitted electronically in .pdf format, all materials must be contained in a single file. Send bids to: bchristman@truckeeriverwc.org

D. REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Requests for additional information or clarifications shall be submitted via e-mail to Beth Christman at bchristman@truckeeriverwc.org by 5 PM on Friday, June 12th.

Responses will be sent via e-mail to all participants in the pre-bid meeting and posted on the TRWC website.

E. BID PACKAGE AND EVALUATION

In the Bid Package, the Contractor shall document the following qualifying experience:

1. The Contractor shall have completed a minimum of three wetland and stream restoration projects as prime contractor in the past ten years. Example projects must demonstrate working in sensitive wetland areas, natural channel restoration, floodplain restoration, construction of debris jams (or similar structures), dewatering/diversion, and revegetation.
2. The Contractor's superintendent or foreman assigned to this project shall have at least three years' experience supervising restoration projects which included channel restoration, revegetation, and dewatering.
3. State of California Class A General Engineering Contractor's license in good standing.
4. Work experience - minimum three (3) example projects showing montane (>4000 feet elevation) meadow, floodplain, or riparian restoration work in the past 10 years. Submit a minimum of three (3) representative photographs showing operations for each project, including earthwork, revegetation, and site stabilization.
5. The Contractor shall have demonstrable experience implementing restoration projects within budget that were subject to field fit and design modifications during implementation.

Bid Completeness. All sections of this bid package are important and must be addressed. Bids must be submitted for the entirety of the work as described in this RFB and its attachments.

Bid Evaluation. Bids will be evaluated on the basis of cost, project experience, past performance, qualifications of proposed equipment operators, integrity and capability of bidders, and probable level of service and convenience to TRWC. TRWC may conduct interviews with Contractor(s) or teams based on their evaluation of bids.

If in the sole opinion of the TRWC, the Contractor does not meet the required qualifications the bid will be deemed non-responsive.

TRWC reserves the right to retain all bids for a period of 60 days for examination and comparison,

and to delete any portion of work from the contract. TRWC reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

F. BID FORMAT

Bids must be prepared using the attached bid sheet.

No overhead or administration costs are allowed.

Bid packages should include the following:

- ◆ Scope of work and approach. Outline the proposed technical approach to project activities including work sequencing and equipment. The approach should include discussion of all major project components including but not limited to Best Management Practices, earthwork, dewatering, revegetation/site stabilization, and invasive weed control.
- ◆ Proposed project schedule.
- ◆ Cost Estimate prepared on attached Bid Sheet; include fuel cost used in bid.
- ◆ Rate sheet.
- ◆ List of relevant project experience, with contact information for references.
- ◆ List of current certifications of staff assigned to project (e.g. Class A Contractor's license).
- ◆ Experience of project manager, superintendent, foreman, and operators assigned to project.
- ◆ Exact specifications of equipment to be used.
- ◆ If you have completed work or submitted proposals to work with TRWC before, please list the most recent project or proposal.

Amendments. Once a contract has been executed, no changes to the agreed upon scope of work shall occur without written agreement between the Contractor and TRWC.

Fuel contingency. Fuel costs used in bid shall be included on the bid sheet. One month prior to mobilization, TRWC and Contractor shall revisit fuel costs to evaluate the need for a fuel cost contingency (increase or decrease).

G. PAYMENT TERMS

Funding sources for this project allow invoices to be submitted once every 90 days (March 25, June 25, September 25, and December 15) for work completed. It is expected that payment can be made within 120 days of invoice(s) submittal; however payment will only be made to the Contractor once TRWC has received payment from the project funders. All efforts will be made by TRWC to expedite payment; however no interest will be paid on overdue payments.

H. CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

Bonding. Contractor must furnish a performance bond in favor of TRWC in the following amounts: faithful performance (100%) of contract value; labor and materials (100%) of contract value for any contract over \$25,000.

Insurance. Contractor must provide insurance certificates covering \$2 Million per Each

Occurrence and no less than \$4 Million Aggregate showing the Truckee River Watershed Council and the Tahoe Donner Association, as well as their principals, directors, employees, mortgagees, agents, representatives, successors, and assigns as special endorsements to be added to the insurance policy.

Prevailing Wage. California prevailing wage is required as established by the California Department of Industrial relations (<https://www.dir.ca.gov/lcp.asp>). Where applicable, rates for Nevada County will apply.

Qualifications. Contractor must possess a valid California Class A General Engineering Contractor's license.

Audit. Contractor shall maintain, and TRWC shall have access to all records connected with this contract for three years from contract completion date in the event an audit is required.

Disqualified Businesses and Persons. TRWC cannot contract with any individual or organization on the State Water Board's List of Disqualified Businesses and Persons, located at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/enforcement/fwa/dbp.shtml, or with contractors excluded under the federal System for Award Management: <https://sam.gov>.

Build America, Buy America. None of the funds provided under this contract may be used for a project of infrastructure unless all iron and steel, manufactured products, and construction materials that are consumed in, incorporated into, or affixed to an infrastructure project are produced in the United States.

I. ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – [Project Location Map](#)

Attachment 2 – [Euer Valley Phase 2 Engineering Designs](#)

Attachment 3 – [Euer Valley Phase 2 Design Basis Report](#)

Attachment 4 – [Prosser Watershed Assessment](#)

Attachment 5 – [Bid Sheet](#)

Attachment 6 – [Project Permits](#)

- 401 Water Quality Certification
- 1600 Streambed Alteration Agreement
- Nationwide 27 Authorization