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Request for Bid

Cold Creek Cribwall Project

The Truckee River Watershed Council is seeking construction bids for the Cold Creek Cribwall Project

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Bids Due: 5PM May 14th, 2026

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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 prevent 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.

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A. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The lead for the project is the Truckee River Watershed Council (TRWC). The project partner and landowner is Stonebridge Properties LLC, the Town of Truckee and Daniel Fraiman LLC.

Project Overview

The purpose of the Cold Creek Cribwall Project is to address the bank erosion located on the left bank of Cold Creek near the downstream end of Cold Creek, where the channel makes an abrupt 90-degree bend. The work will reduce erosion and stabilize the fine sediment source at the apex of the bend, promote natural geomorphic processes and create diverse instream and riparian habitat.

Work to Be Completed

Work. The Project work is described in detail in the attached Cribwall Design Plans (Attachment 1) and requires continuous coordination with Primary Contractor and landowners. This bid package represents a highly coordinated portion of the overall project, to be performed concurrently with a Primary Contractor working upstream. Access, sequencing, and construction timing will be dependent on Primary Contractor activities and approvals. In general, construction activities include:

- Establish and maintain stream diversion system of approximately 200 linear feet of the channel and a small fish rescue effort;
- TDPUD coordination and approvals will likely be required to relocate the electric transformer.
- Install and maintain Best Management Practices;
- Coordinating access routes and site use with the Primary Contractor, including shared haul/access routes;
- Salvage and stockpile trees and coarse rock material for backfill;
- Place and shape fill in dewatered channel;
- Revegetate with stockpiled material and alder/willow/cottonwood transplants;
- Grade and stabilize borrow areas;
- Decommission access routes; and
- Remove stream diversion.
- Construction will occur in limited space, steep excavations which may require temporary shoring, and the need to manage the active creek with diversion and dewatering measures; due to the steep slopes and area constraints, shoring might be required for trenching.
- Coordination with Primary Contractor for work occurring upstream is required; scheduling must align with diversion needs and use of the same access route is required.

Refer to the Attachments 1 for construction detail, typicals of project features, materials requirements, staging, access, etc.

Log Cribwall. The project includes construction of a log cribwall stabilization feature, consisting of:

- Large-diameter logs (10–16 inches), salvaged on site
- Stacked log framework secured with recessed metal rod connections (rebar or threaded bars)
- Stepped terraces designed for vegetative establishment
- Backfill using a mix of coarse rock and native soil
- Foundation support using buried boulders and coarse rock
- Installation of toe protection boulders and rootwads extending into the channel to enhance habitat complexity

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Stream Diversion Plan. The contractor will be responsible for submitting a detailed stream diversion plan 30 days prior to construction for approval by the Engineer’s Representative. The diversion plan will include details found in Attachment 2.

Coordination with Primary Contractor. This scope is not independent and will require extensive coordination, including:

- Alignment of construction schedule with upstream work and diversion timing
- Shared use of access routes, staging areas, and equipment corridors
- Potential delays or resequencing due to Primary Contractor priorities
- Ongoing communication and coordination to avoid conflicts

Note: The contractor must be prepared to adjust work sequencing, timing, and means/methods to accommodate the Primary Contractor.

Expected Project Schedule

Task	Deadline
Deadline for requests for additional information	May 11, 2026
Bids Due	May 14, 2026
Interviews	May 20, 2026
Contract Award	May 29, 2026
Construction Start (estimated)	July 20, 2026
Construction Completion (estimated)	September 30, 2026

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.

Environmental Compliance. The Contractor shall be responsible for complying with the conditions in CEQA compliance.

Staging and Access. Equipment/site access will be limited to routes designated by primary contractor and engineer. All equipment staging and stockpiling will take place in designated areas.

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 site engineer. When fueling must be done at a construction area, the Contractor shall designate a site(s) and obtain approval in writing from the engineer and primary contractor. All fueling, servicing, and repairs will be done in designated fueling

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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.

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.

C. REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

All requests for additional information or clarifications after the pre-bid meeting shall be submitted via e-mail to thutton@truckeeriverwc.org by **5PM Monday, May 11th**. Responses will be posted at www.truckeeriverwc.org in the "News" section, and emailed in our weekly E-Currents newsletter **Tuesday, May 12th**.

D. BID SUBMISSION

Bids must be received **by 5PM on Thursday MAY 14th**. Bids must be submitted electronically in .pdf format. All materials must be contained in a single file. Send bids to thutton@truckeeriverwc.org.

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 the prime contractor in the past ten years. Example projects must demonstrate experience working in sensitive wetland areas, natural channel restoration, floodplain restoration, dewatering system implementation, grade control construction, and revegetation.
2. The Contractor shall have experience with projects involving large amounts of earth moving.
3. The Contractor's superintendent or foreman assigned to this project shall have at least three years' experience supervising wetland and stream restoration projects which included significant earthwork, site stabilization, and stream diversion.
4. State of California Class C-27 Landscaping Contractor's license, both in good standing.
5. Work experience – minimum three (3) example projects showing montane (>4000 feet elevation) meadow, floodplain, or riparian restoration work including native revegetation in the past 10 years. Submit a minimum of five (5) representative photographs showing operations for each project, including earthwork, revegetation/site stabilization, and stream diversion.
6. 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,

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qualifications of proposed equipment operators, integrity and capability of bidders, and probable level of service and convenience to TRWC. TRWC will conduct interviews with select 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 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

This is a fixed-price contract with a total not-to-exceed amount of \$350,000.00. Bids must be submitted as lump sum amounts per bid item.

- ◆ 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, stream diversion/dewatering, earthwork, instream work and structures, revegetation/site stabilization, and managing recreation access.
- ◆ Proposed project schedule
- ◆ Cost Estimate
- ◆ List of relevant project experience, with photographs and 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

Bid packages are limited to 10 pages, including all attachments.

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.

G. PAYMENT TERMS

Funding sources for this project allow invoices to be submitted monthly for work completed. It is expected that payment can be made within 60 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

Performance Bond. Before construction begins, Contractor must furnish a performance bond in favor of TRWC in the amount of 100% of contract value for faithful performance, and a separate bond for 100% of contract value for labor and materials. This requirement applies to any contract of \$25,000 or more (Civ. Code, § 3247 et seq.; Pub. Contract Code, § 7103).

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

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no less than \$4 Million Aggregate showing the Truckee River Watershed Council, Stonebridge Properties, Town of Truckee, and Dan Fraiman as well as their principals, directors, employees, mortgagees, agents, representatives, successors, and assigns as special endorsements to be added to the insurance policy.

Indemnification. TRWC and Contractor agree they shall attempt to settle any dispute arising out of this contract, to include allegations of professional negligence, through communication and negotiation in the spirit of mutual friendship and cooperation. If the dispute cannot be resolved in this manner, Contractor, at its expense, shall indemnify, hold harmless, and when requested by TRWC to do so, defend TRWC, its officers, agents, and employees from any and all claims, demands or charges and from any loss or liability, including attorney's fees and expenses of litigation, resulting from negligence or carelessness on the part of the Contractor, its employees, or agents in the execution of the work or delivery of materials and supplies, by or on account of any act or omission of the Contractor, its employees or agents, including damage or destruction of any property or properties arising from, caused by or connected with the performance of work by Contractor, its agents, subcontractors and employees, and any failure to fulfill the terms of any laws or regulations which apply to the contract.

Qualifications. Contractor must possess a valid California Class C-27 Landscaping Contractor's license

Prevailing Wage. California prevailing wage is required as established by the California Department of Industrial relations (<http://www.dir.ca.gov/public-works/prevailing-wage.html>). Where applicable, rates for Sierra County will apply.

Debarment and Suspension. TRWC cannot contract with any party listed on the SAM Exclusions in accordance with Executive Orders 12549 and 12689.

Audit. Contractor shall maintain, and TRWC shall have access to, all records connected with this contract until December 31, 2029 in the event an audit is required by the funder.

Contractor Vetting. TRWC must confirm that no contractor or subcontractor is: (1) on the State Water Board's List of Disqualified Businesses and Persons (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/enforcement/fwa/dbp.shtml); (2) debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from federal programs; or (3) on the federal System for Award Management (SAM) exclusions list (sam.gov). By submitting a bid, the Contractor certifies it is not subject to any of these disqualifications.

Permits Before Work Begins. Signed copies of all required permits and licenses must be submitted to TRWC before any construction or implementation begins (per grant agreement Section C.31). Any substitution of contractors or subcontractors from those agreed upon during negotiation requires prior written approval from the TRWC Project Manager.

Federal Procurement Rules. Because this project is federally funded, procurement of this contract is subject to 2 CFR §§ 200.318–200.326, which include requirements related to open competition, conflict of interest in procurement, and documentation (grant agreement Section D.20d). This contract is also subject to pre-procurement review by USEPA and the State Water Board. All contracts and subcontracts must include the required language from Appendix II to 2 CFR Part 200.

Build America, Buy America (BABA). All iron and steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in this project must be produced in the United States, unless TRWC has an approved waiver on file (grant agreement Section D.20jj). BABA compliance language must be included in every

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contract and subcontract. The specific required contractor certification language is set forth in full in grant agreement Section D.20jj, which will be incorporated into the executed contract.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Requirements. TRWC is required to make good faith efforts to utilize Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) in the procurement of construction, equipment, services, and supplies, per 40 CFR Part 33 (grant agreement Section A.3h). Contractors are encouraged to likewise make good faith efforts to include DBE subcontractors. DBE utilization reports are due annually by September 1 until a Notice of Completion is issued.

I. ATTACHMENTS

[Attachment A. Location Map](#)

[Attachment B. Design Plans](#)

[Attachment C. Creek Diversion & Dewatering](#)