



North Santa Clara Resource Conservation District An independent special district of the State of California

To: NSCRCD Board of Directors
From: Stephanie Moreno, Executive Director/District Clerk
Subject: *Item 4.9 Agreement for Services: Dudek*
Date: October 2, 2024

Recommendation:

Authorize the Executive Director to implement the “Contracts Requiring Special Skills” section of the Bidding Policy and execute an agreement for services with Dudek in an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00 to provide environmental consulting services for the CalVTP Project-Specific Analysis (PSA) required by the scope of work for CAL FIRE Agreement 5GA21155.

Discussion:

When we first executed the CAL FIRE Agreement for the San Antonio PSA, we anticipated only needing one environmental consulting services contractor. However, it was decided during grant implementation discussions to separate the cultural records search of the California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS) and the query of the Sacred Lands File for the project area from the remainder of the environmental consulting work. The summary of the results with relevant and appropriate (i.e., non-confidential) information will be provided to primary contractor Ascent to incorporate into the PSA. Funding for the contract will be reimbursed via the CAL FIRE grant. CAL FIRE supports the recommendation to split the work between the two contractors.

This will be a sole source agreement as provided for in the District’s Bidding Policy:

https://www.rcdsantaclara.org/files/0a9c78eab/Bidding+Policy_Adopted-111920_FinalwNC.pdf



California Historical Resources Information System

The California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS) maintains a wide range of documents and materials relating to historical resources (e.g., buildings, structures, objects, historic and archaeological sites, landscapes, districts). The CHRIS operates structurally through the California Office of Historic Preservation (OHP), eight Information Centers (ICs), and the State Historical Resources Commission (SHRC). The OHP administers and coordinates the CHRIS and presents proposed CHRIS policies to the SHRC, which approves these policies in public meetings, under authorization of Public Resources Code 5020.4(a)(2) and 5020.4(a)(3). Policies are codified in the [CHRIS Information Center Rules of Operation Manual](#).

The ICs are located on California State University campuses or museums throughout the state (see List of ICs). The ICs maintain information on cultural resources within their respective geographic areas. Information is organized by resources and reports, in a combination of digital (GIS spatial data, database records, and pdfs) and hard-copy formats. For further information on availability of data, visit [About the Inventory](#). The ICs provide cultural resources information, on a fee for service basis, to local governments, state and federal agencies, Native American tribes, individuals with responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act, the National Historic Preservation Act, and the California Environmental Quality Act, and to the general public as well. The OHP maintains data regarding the legal significance evaluation status of cultural resources, but resource records and reports are forwarded to the respective ICs.

CHRIS Update:

The Eastern Information Center (EIC) of the California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS), located at UC Riverside, ceased operations on Friday, June 28, 2024. The EIC held cultural resources records for Inyo, Mono, and Riverside counties.

The University of California, Riverside, and the State Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) are working collaboratively to ensure that the transfer of records to existing Information Centers is done as efficiently and quickly as possible. Once more information is available, including a tentative schedule, information will be posted to this webpage.

Questions or concerns not addressed here should be directed to the CHRIS Coordinator.

OHP realizes the inconvenience that the closure may present to customers and is working diligently to restore access to the cultural resources records as soon as possible. OHP appreciates your understanding and patience.

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