



July 2, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept the enclosed *Notice to Contractors, Instructions to Bidders, and Contract Documents* for the **Buena Vista 2 Wetland Enhancement Project**. The project is located on the Ellicott Slough National Wildlife Refuge at 1100 Fiesta Way, Watsonville, CA 95076. This project is part of a larger effort to address locally degraded wetlands for enhanced wetland function and amphibian recovery and improve landscape resilience to climate change and restore flood capacity. The project will improve approximately ~0.42 –acres of wetland extending the hydroperiod to allow successful breeding, movement, nesting, and foraging for a wide variety of wildlife species and is crucial for recovery of the Santa Cruz long-toed salamander (SCLTS

Due to covid, a **non-mandatory pre-bid meeting is scheduled at 1 pm on Friday, July 9, 2021**. We will meet at the US Fish and Wildlife Service office at **1100 Fiesta Way, CA**. Bids will be considered from Contractors who are not represented at the meeting. However, due to the project complexity, attendance is strongly encouraged. If attendance is not possible, additional information is available via zoom meetings.

No contractors or subcontractors may be listed on a bid proposal for a public works project (submitted on or after March 1, 2015) unless **registered with the Department of Industrial Relations** pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5 [with limited exceptions from this requirement for bid purposes only under Labor Code section 1771.1(a)].

No contractor or subcontractor may be awarded a contract for public work on a public works project (awarded on or after April 1, 2015) unless **registered with the Department of Industrial Relations** pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5.

This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations.

Sealed bids are due at the office of the RCDSCC located at 820 Bay Avenue, Suite 136, Capitola, CA 95010, by 10:00 am on Wednesday, July 21, 2021, at which time they will be publicly opened and read. All social distancing requirements will be adhered to during the bid opening.

If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact Kelli Camara at the contact information provided below. Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you at the pre-bid meeting!

The Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County (RCDSCC) is a special district organized under state law. The RCDSCC is also a public resource agency and has no enforcement or regulatory functions. The RCDSCC works closely with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, through a mutual agreement, in responding to the soil and water management needs of Santa Cruz County land users.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "KCamara".

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