DATE: March 21, 2019

TO: WCA Governing Board

FROM: Jane Tsong, Project Manager

THROUGH: Mark Stanley, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 19: Consideration of a resolution to award a professional services contract

to Tidal Influence, LLC to conduct a Spring Biological Survey for WCA's "Vasquez"

Property.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Watershed Conservation Authority Governing Board approve the award of a professional services contract to Tidal Influence, LLC in an amount of \$29,800 to conduct a Spring Biological Survey and Report of WCA's "Vasquez" Property, AIN 8684-024-907, with the option to increase the contract by \$20,000 for additional services for a total authorized contract value not to exceed \$49,800.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Spring Biological Resources Survey and Report of WCA's "Vasquez" property will document biological resources on site, assess their quality and significance, recommend approaches for restoration and management of such resources, and evaluate the feasibility of uses such as public access and/or mitigation banking.

Services to be provided include survey and mapping of wildlife and vegetation communities, and documenting observed and potential species of conservation interest. The results will be compiled into a report that includes a summary of the regulatory setting, description of survey methodology, significance of site within wildlife corridor/travel routes, resources management recommendations and evaluation of site potential for uses such as mitigation banking and public access/trails.

The contracted services are to occur during Spring 2019 and to conclude within a four-month period.

Proposers are asked to suggest optional additional surveys whose protocols fall outside the spring opportunity window, or other studies which clarify the property's biological opportunities and constraints. WCA's interest in contracting for such additional services would depend on information gathered in the course of the spring survey.

The biological resources survey and resulting recommendations will inform planning efforts that are currently in progress, including a management plan for WCA's "Vasquez" property, as well as prioritization of additional acquisitions in the San Gabriel Mountains foothills through the San Gabriel Mountains Foothills Open Space Acquisition Master Plan.

**BACKGROUND:** In 2016, the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) acquired the "Vasquez" property [AIN 8684-024-907], approximately 40 acres of undeveloped land in the San Gabriel Mountain Foothills above the City of Azusa, for the purpose of watershed restoration, community-driven stewardship, and potential for low-impact recreation.

Development of a land management plan was envisioned to protect existing natural and scenic resources, preserve landscape connections to adjacent conservation lands such as River Wilderness Park, and restore coastal sage scrub, chaparral, and walnut woodland burned in the 2014 Colby Fire.

A biological survey is necessary to inform the development of a land management plan. A request for proposals for a Spring Biological Survey and Report was issued on February 15, 2019. The RFP listed mandatory elements to include and gave proposers an opportunity to suggest optional and separate tasks outside the spring survey window that might further inform WCA's understanding of the site's biological resources and how to manage these resources. (See Exhibit A: RFP)

The RFP was emailed to about 200 biological consultants. The RFP was also posted on the WCA "Notices" webpage, the online RFP board of the California Society for Ecological Restoration (SERCAL), and online "Botany and Wildlife Job Announcements" forum of the California Native Plant Society, where it received 191 views as of March 6, 2019.

14 proposals were received, of which 11 were complete and received prior to the submittal deadline. All proposals received included required elements as well as suggested optional services.

These 11 proposals were evaluated by a selection committee according to the following criteria:

#### SUMMARY OF SCORING

#### GENERAL QUALITY OF THE OVERALL PROPOSAL

- (10 pts) Understanding of overall concepts and objectives
- (10 pts) Responsiveness to RFP requirements

#### **SCOPE OF SERVICES**

- (20 pts) Technical approach for providing all requested services, and optional services
- ( 20 pts ) Schedule of services and statement of commitment to complete the requested scope of services
- ( 20 pts ) Not to exceed proposed fee statement with tasks, and associated hours and hourly rates

#### STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- (10 pts) Qualifications of personnel assigned to the project
- (10 pts) Firm's experience with similar projects

#### SCORING MATRIX

Proposer	Status	Reviewer 1 total	Reviewer 2 total	Reviewer 3 total	TOTAL
Ecorp	complete	81	76	96	253
Enviro. Intelligence	complete	95	82	90	267
Geomorphis	Incmplt, late				
Great Ecology	Incmplt, late				-
Kizh Nation Rsrcs Mgmt	complete	92	63	96	251
Noreas	complete	55	70	48	173
Sapphos	complete	85	82	50	217

South	complete	80	79	96	255
Tidal Influence	complete	100	80	94	274
Trestles	complete	98	80	80	258
Ultra Systems	complete	72	75	43	190
VCS	Incomplete				
Wood	complete	97	67	62	226
WRA	complete	78	76	63	217

After careful consideration of these factors, the proposal found most beneficial to the WCA was determined to be Tidal Influence, LLC, an ecological consulting firm and certified small business based in Long Beach. The field work component of this proposal was particularly robust, and most likely to ensure a thorough survey within this critical opportunity window of springtime after a winter of ample rains. Such thorough field work, combined with the firm's recommendations as "ecologists who manage land" will form the basis of a management plan for the property.

A summary of Tidal Influence's task list and fees is shown in Exhibit B: Tidal Influence Summary of Workplan/Fee estimates.

**FISCAL INFORMATION:** Rivers and Mountains Conservancy grant, Vasquez Property Acquisition (#16001) will provide funding for Tidal Influence, LLC, professional services fee of \$29,800 to conduct a Spring Biological Survey and Report, as well as funding for optional tasks valued at \$20,000 for a total authorized contract value not to exceed \$49,800.



## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR

# Spring Biological Resources Survey and Report for WCA's Azusa Foothill Property aka "Vasquez Property" AIN 8684-024-907

Proposals due: March 6, 2019 3:00 pm

Watershed Conservation Authority 100 N. Old San Gabriel Canyon Road Azusa, CA 91702

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#### 1. Introduction and overview

The Watershed Conservation Authority ("WCA") is seeking proposals from qualified entities to conduct a springtime biological resources survey and report of WCA's "Vasquez" property, situated in the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains north of Azusa [Assessor's Parcel Number: 8684-024-907 (formerly 8684-024-036)]. The purpose of this survey and report is to evaluate biological resources on site, recommend approaches for restoration and management of such resources, and evaluate the feasibility of uses such as public access and/or mitigation banking.

Services requested include survey and mapping of wildlife and vegetation communities, documenting observed and potential species of conservation interest, and jurisdictional delineation. The results are to be compiled into a report that includes resources management recommendations and evaluation of site potential for uses such as mitigation banking and public access/trails.

The requested services are to occur during Spring 2019. The survey and resulting recommendations will inform planning efforts that are currently in progress, which include a management plan for WCA's "Vasquez" property, as well as a plan to prioritize acquisition of additional parcels in the San Gabriel Mountains foothills.

WCA acknowledges that depending on site conditions, multiple surveys may be required for different plant and wildlife species that have potential to occur on the property. Proposers are asked to suggest such additional or specialized surveys as optional services to be considered in the future.

#### About WCA

The WCA is a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) of San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District whose mission is to provide for a comprehensive program to expand and improve the open space and recreational opportunities for the conservation, restoration, and environmental enhancement of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers Watershed area consistent with the goals of flood protection, water supply, ground water recharge, and water conservation. [Exhibit A: WCA territory]

#### About WCA's "Vasquez" Property

In 2016, the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) acquired approximately 40 acres of undeveloped land in the San Gabriel Mountain Foothills above the City of Azusa for the purpose of watershed restoration, community-driven stewardship, and potential for low-impact recreation.

WCA's "Vasquez" property is in unincorporated Los Angeles County approximately one quarter mile north of Sierra Madre Avenue and one quarter mile east of San Gabriel Canyon Road, south of Glendora Ridge Motorway. The adjacent parcel to the west is operated as an avocado orchard/farm and the land to the North is owned by the City of Pasadena and includes water conveyance pipelines. In 2014, the property and adjacent lands were burned in the Colby Fire. The USFWS National Wetlands Inventory shows potential for wetlands to occur on the property. Drainages from the property collect in a debris basin to the south. [Exhibit B: Site map]

The property is in close vicinity to Angeles National Forest and San Gabriel Mountains National Monument, WCA's River Wilderness Park, and Rosedale Open Space owned by the City of Azusa-RMC JPA. It is west of Glendora Wilderness Park and the Brodiaea Reserve.

Access to the subject property is through privately held land. Coordination with the owner of this land for access to complete the survey will facilitated by WCA.

Surveying the property may require negotiating dense vegetation as well as exposed granite hillsides with an average of over 50% slope. [Exhibit C: Site photographs]

#### About the San Gabriel Mountains Foothills Open Space Acquisition Master Plan

WCA is currently developing a methodology to evaluate, prioritize, and plan for the acquisition of additional foothill properties for watershed protection, habitat preservation, and increased public access for compatible uses such as multi-use trails and passive recreation.

Recommendations from the springtime biological resources survey of WCA's "Vasquez" property will be incorporated into a land management plan for the subject property, and will additionally inform planning for the San Gabriel Mountains Foothills Open Space Acquisition Master Plan.

### 2. Procedure for submittal

- 2.1 Responses to this RFP shall be made according to the specifications and instructions contained herein.
- 2.2 WCA requests that the Consultant respond to the specific criteria herein in a manner that will best help us evaluate the proposal. Proposers must submit:

- One digital copy of the proposal in Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF), submitted via email to <u>jtsong@wca.ca.gov</u>, with the subject line "Proposal for Vasquez BRA"
- Submittals must be received by WCA by 3:00pm, March 6, 2019.
- 2.3 Questions regarding this RFP are welcome and shall be submitted to <a href="mailto:itsong@wca.ca.gov">itsong@wca.ca.gov</a> by 3:00 pm February 25, 2019.
- 2.4 Note that WCA will share responses to questions and requests for clarification with other potential proposers through e-mail and the WCA website at <a href="https://www.wca.ca.gov/notices.">https://www.wca.ca.gov/notices.</a>
- 2.5 It is recommended that potential proposers inform WCA of their intention or interest in responding to this RFP. Such notification will allow for any supplemental information regarding this solicitation to be provided, including addenda and responses to questions.
- 2.6 WCA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for good cause and in the public interest. Firms responding to this RFP do so solely at their expense, and WCA is not responsible for any expenses associated with the preparation of the proposal.
- 2.7 This RFP is a solicitation for proposals only, and is neither intended, nor to be construed as, an offer to enter into an agreement or engage in any formal competitive bidding or negotiation pursuant to any statute, ordinance, rule, or regulation. Thus, the WCA reserves the right to reject any and all proposals received, to waive any informality on any proposal and to be the sole judge of the relative merits of material mentioned in the respective proposal received. WCA is responsible only for that which is expressly stated in this RFP.
- 2.8 WCA is not responsible for, and shall not be bound by, any representations otherwise made by any individual acting or purporting to act on its behalf.
- 2.9 WCA shall not in any way be liable or responsible for any costs incurred in connection with the preparation, submittal, or presentation of any proposals prepared and/or submitted in response to this request. Responses to this RFP shall be made according to the specifications and instructions contained herein. Failure to adhere to RFP instructions may be cause for rejection of any proposal.
- 2.10 WCA reserves the right to interpret or change any provisions of this RFP at any time prior to the proposal submittal date. Such interpretations or changes shall

be in the form of addenda to this RFP. Such addenda will become part of this RFP and may become part of the resultant contract. Such addenda shall be made available to each person or organization which has received an RFP. Should such addenda require additional information not previously requested a Proposer's failure to address the requirements of such addenda may result in the WCA's disregard of the Proposer's submittal. Proposals shall acknowledge receipt of any and all addenda received by the proposer.

- 2.11 WCA, at its sole discretion, may determine that a time extension is required for submittal of proposals, in which case an addendum shall indicate the new proposal submittal date.
- 2.12 No changes to the proposals shall be allowed after submittal to WCA.
- 2.13 Any agreement entered into by the Proposer shall be consistent with applicable federal, state, and local laws.
- 2.14 Proposers understand and agree that submittal of a proposal will constitute acknowledgment and acceptance of, and a willingness to comply with, all of the terms, conditions, and criteria contained in this RFP, including attachments thereto, except as otherwise specified in the proposal.
- 2.15 WCA will select a successful Proposer based on qualifications that represent the best service, regardless of race, creed, color or gender.
- 2.16 The Consultant shall take all formal direction from the WCA employee assigned the responsibility to oversee these services. All activities related to administration of the Consultant's agreement will be managed by a WCA employee.
- 2.17 The services shall be overseen by a WCA employee or designee assigned by the Executive Officer of the WCA.

# 3. Scope of work

3.1 The biological resources survey report shall include the following elements:

#### 3.1.1. Survey and discussion

Description of survey area

- Discussion of environmental setting and significance of site within regional context
- Summary of regulatory setting
- Description of methodology including research conducted (CNDDB, BIOS, museum records), survey details (date, duration of survey, survey method), mapping methodology
- Survey of plant and wildlife on site to be summarized in table form as well as descriptive report:
  - Soil types
  - Physical features
  - Species observed
  - Biological communities described utilizing a standard classification scheme noting any habitats that do not fit into the classification scheme or are unique to the area
  - Species of conservation interest (observed and potential)
  - Avoidance and minimization measures for biological communities and species of conservation interest
  - Blooming period for plants and nesting/breeding period for wildlife
  - Site significance within wildlife corridor/travel routes
- Evaluation of potential for sensitive species and their habitats to occur
- Photos of plant communities and sensitive species
- Optional: Recommendations for additional surveys that would inform development of a land management plan for the property
- References

#### 3.1.2. Mapping

- Mapping of vegetation communities, wildlife habitat, occurrences of sensitive species if found, areas of potential occurrence of sensitive species
- Mapping of wetlands and jurisdictional delineation
- Consultant to provide map package, shapefile, or kmz data collected in the course of biological resources survey

#### 3.1.3. Recommendations for land management

 Assessment of habitat quality and significance of the biological resources of the site within regional context

- Recommendations for management of site to avoid adverse impacts to site biological resources.
- Recommendations for methods to remove invasive plants
- Evaluation of potential for restoration/habitat enhancement
- Evaluation of value of site for mitigation banking

#### 4. Schedule of services

- 4.1 After awarding of contract and contract execution, a Notice to Proceed will be issued for scope of services as required in this RFP. The duration of this scope of work is anticipated to be approximately four (4) months from the Notice to Proceed. It is desired that the Notice to Proceed will occur as soon as possible after Thursday, March 21, 2019, so that the selected entity will be able to complete the requested services during Spring 2019.
- 4.2 The selected Consultant shall be asked to execute a contract for performance not to exceed four (4) months beginning March 21, 2019 through July 21, 2019. Fees included as part of this proposal and contract shall remain firm for the four (4) month period.

## 5. Mandatory proposal contents

- 5.1 The proposal should include at least the following:
  - 5.1.1. Cover letter shall be a maximum three-page letter including the name and address of the proposing entity submitting the proposal; whether the proposing entity is an individual, partnership, corporation, or joint venture; and the name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address of the contact person who will be authorized to make representations for the organization.

#### 5.1.2. Table of Contents

- 5.1.3. Company Profile and Statement of Qualification and Experience shall include, but not be limited to the following information:
  - (a) Designation of an experienced senior individual as the supervisor/administrator of the Consultant's staff who will be responsible for the delivery of services in accordance with the established scope of services

- (b) Project team resumes and assigned roles and responsibilities of each team member
- (c) List and Resume of any sub-consultants to be used. Items of work to be performed must be detailed in the task list and timeline.
- (d) Consultant shall provide a list of references (2 minimum) for whom work has been completed in the last five years. The list shall include the name of the contact, company name, address, telephone number, email address, and a description of services rendered and outcomes.

# 5.1.4. Standard Services and Work Plan, and Project Schedule shall include but not be limited to the following:

- (a) Describe technical approach for providing all requested services as described in Section 3 above
- (b) List assumptions and/or exclusions
- (c) Provide schedule for services described above, in accordance with Section 4. Proposals shall describe any additional survey periods if necessary to complete an assessment of the biological resources present or with potential to occur
- (d) Provide fee by task, detailed by hours and hourly rate. As funding is limited, proposal shall itemize fees for each discrete task, with fees for optional services separated. Include all estimated materials, travel, and related expenses that may be associated with the duties and obligations under this proposal
- (e) Optional: Provide fee by task, detailed by hours and hourly rate for additional surveys if necessary to complete an assessment of the biological resources present or with potential to occur. Include all estimated materials, travel, and related expenses that may be associated with the duties and obligations under this proposal
- (f) Optional: Describe other services that would support the development of a management plan for the Vasquez site,

- and/or an acquisition and management plan of other foothills lands which may be acquired in the future.
- (g) Description of the proposer's current workload, capacity, and commitment to complete the requested scope of services in accordance with the specified schedule

#### 5.1.5. Acceptance of Terms and Conditions

5.1.6. **Project references** shall include an annotated list/portfolio/excerpts from projects which indicate experience on projects of similar scope and complexity accomplished by the proposing team

## 6. Evaluation criteria and selection process

6.1 Proposals that are determined to be responsive to the services requested in Section 3 and 4, and meet the mandatory requirements as indicated in Sections 2 and 5 of this RFP shall be evaluated based on the following criteria:

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#### STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- (10 pts) Qualifications of personnel assigned to the project
- (10 pts) Firm's experience with similar projects
- 6.2 Proposals will be evaluated based on the above criteria. The proposal found to be the most beneficial to WCA shall be submitted to the WCA Board for their

consideration to award. The Board reserves the right to reject any proposals at their discretion.

# 7. Insurance and contract requirements

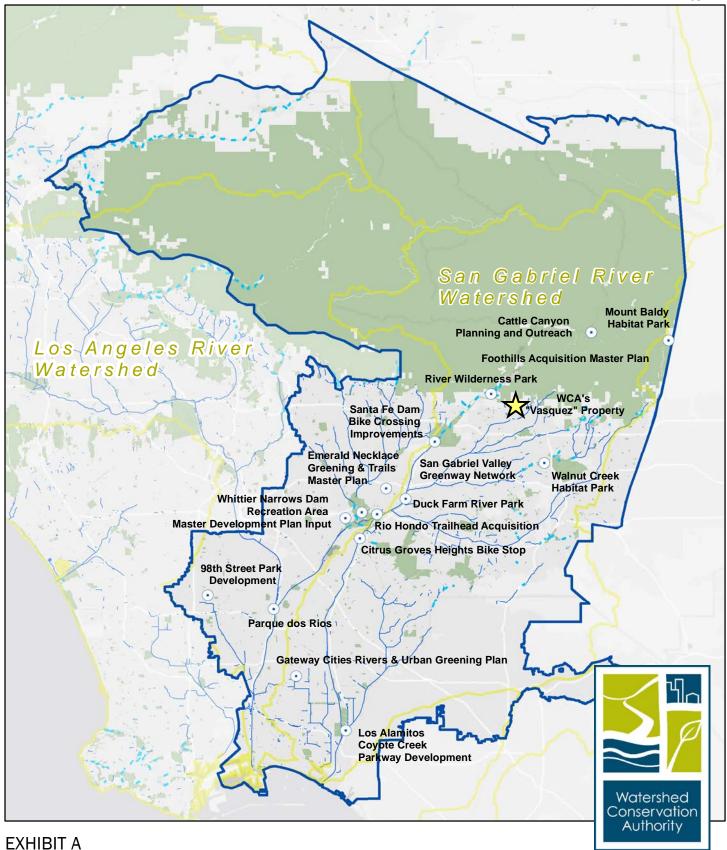
- 7.1 Consultant will show proof of Workers Compensation Insurance, General Liability Insurance and Auto Insurance with the General and Auto Insurance to be at least \$1 million per occurrence. The consultant must also have the Watershed Conservation Authority, San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, Los Angeles Flood Control District and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority named as Additionally Insured. There are Insurance Alternatives to the Written Agreement and the consultant must select either Alternative 1 or 2 upon contract execution.
- 7.2 By submitting a proposal for consideration, the Consultant acknowledges that the attached sample contract (Exhibit D) contains non-negotiable terms including liability and insurance requirements which must be executed by the successful consultant.
- 7.3 Any changes in the scope of work resulting in a contract increase or decrease in fee shall be approved, in writing, by the Watershed Conservation Authority prior to commencement of actual change of work. No fee adjustment shall be allowed unless it is based on said prior written approval.
- 7.4 Prior to execution of a contract, the contract will be placed on the agenda for authorization by the WCA Governing Board at their next public meeting.

#### 8. General conditions

- 8.1 Responses to this RFP shall be made according to the specifications and instructions contained herein.
- 8.2 Proposers understand and agree that submittal of a proposal will constitute acknowledgment and acceptance of, and a willingness to comply with, all of the terms, conditions and criteria contained in this RFP, including attachments thereto, except as otherwise specified in the proposal. Any and all parts of the submitted proposal may become part of any resultant contract between the selected Consultant(s) and WCA.

8.3 The submission of a proposal shall be considered conclusive evidence that the Proposer has investigated and is satisfied as to the conditions to be encountered in respect to the character, quality and quantities of the properties listed in this RFP.

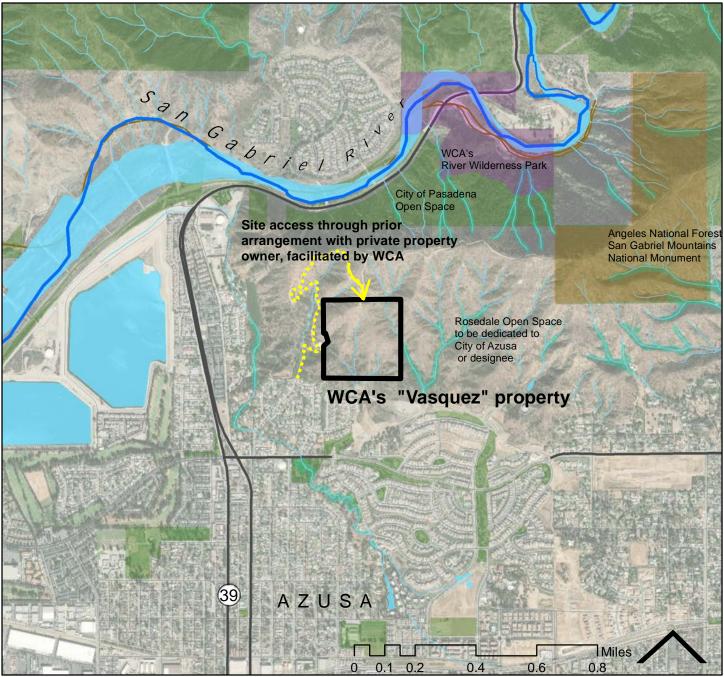
- 8.4 Anything called for in any one of said documents shall be deemed to be required equally as if called for in all these documents; Request for Proposal, Proposal, Statement of Qualifications and Experience, and Written Agreement executed by the parties, shall constitute the Contract; the documents constituting the same are intended to be read together and to require a complete and finished piece of work, including all labor and materials necessary for the proper execution and completion thereof.
- 8.5 The Proposer(s) to whom the award is made will enter into a written contract with the WCA. In case of default by the Consultant, the WCA reserves the right to procure the services from other sources and to hold the Consultant responsible for any excess costs incurred by the WCA thereby. A copy of a sample Draft WCA contract is attached (Exhibit D).



# **WCA Projects and Territory**

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 Watershed boundaries
 LA County Parks and Open Space

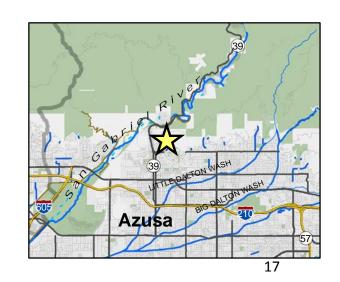


**EXHIBIT B** 

# Site Map

AIN 8684-024-907 (formerly 8684-024-036) ±40 acres

- LA County Parks and Open Space
- USFWS Wetland Inventory CA\_Wetlands
- USFWS Wetland Inventory CA\_Riparian











**EXHIBIT C** 

# **Site Photos**

WCA'S "VASQUEZ" PROPERTY photos taken 7-12-2018



# **Tidal Influence Summary of Workplan/Fee estimates**

# **Spring Biological Survey and Report**

Task	Subtask	Task Description	Fee per subtask	Total fee per Task
3.1.1	Field Surveys and Report			\$20,200
	1A	Review existing data and regulatory setting	\$1,600	
	1B	Vegetation and Wildlife field surveys (1 day of reconnaissance and six	\$10,850	
		days of wildlife/vegetation survey)		
	1C	Evaluation of Plant Communities, Sensitive Species/Habitats	\$2,650	
	1D	Biological Resources Survey Report	\$5,100	
3.1.2	Mapping			\$4,750
	2A	Vegetation, Wildlife, and Sensitive Species Map Development	\$3,250	
	2B	Geodatabase Map Package Development	\$1,500	
3.1.3	Land Man	agement Recommendations		\$4,700
	ЗА	Analyze land management approach within regional context	\$700	
	3B	Land management recommendations based on survey results	\$1,150	
	3C	Recommendations for Invasive species removal	\$700	
	3D	Evaluation of potential for restoration/habitat enhancement	\$1,600	
	3E	Evaluation of value for mitigation banking	\$550	
Other di	rect costs/ex	penses	\$150	\$150
TOTAL				\$29,800

# **Optional Tasks**

1	Wetland habitat mapping (in lieu of jurisdictional delineation)	\$3,250
2	Jurisdictional wetlands delineation report	\$10,450
3	Potential trail location mapping	\$3,000
4	Land management plan	\$14,450

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#### **RESOLUTION 2019-20**

RESOLUTION OF THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY TO APPROVE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO TIDAL INFLUENCE, LLC TO CONDUCT A SPRING BIOLOGICAL SURVEY FOR WCA'S "VASQUEZ" PROPERTY, AIN 8684-024-907, WITH THE OPTION TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES.

WHEREAS, The Watershed Conservation Authority has been established as a joint powers agency between the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (District); and

**WHEREAS**, the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) has further been established to focus on projects which will provide open space, habitat restoration, and watershed improvement projects in both the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers watershed; and

WHEREAS, this action will approve award of a professional services contract to Tidal Influence, LLC to conduct a Spring Biological Survey for WCA'S "Vasquez" Property, AIN 8684-024-907, with the option to increase the contract for additional services; and

**WHEREAS,** the proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act; NOW

*Therefore be it resolved that* the WCA hereby:

- 1. **FINDS** that this action is consistent with the purposes and objectives of the WCA.
- 2. **FINDS** that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
- 3. **ADOPTS** the staff report dated March 21, 2019.
- 4. **APPROVES** the award of a professional services contract to Tidal Influence, LLC in an amount of \$29,800 to conduct a Spring Biological Survey and Report of WCA's "Vasquez" Property, AIN 8684-024-907, with the option to increase the contract by \$20,000 for additional services for a total authorized contract value not to exceed \$49,800.

~ End of Resolution ~

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Motion: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_\_
Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_ Nays: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstentions: \_\_\_\_\_\_

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Passed and Adopted by the Board of the WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY On March 21, 2019

Herlinda Chico
Governing Board Vice Chair

ATTEST:\_\_\_\_\_

David Edsall, Jr. Deputy Attorney General