



Q&A Document - ADDENDUM No. 1 (of 2)

NAPA COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

NOAA Napa River Watershed Fish Passage Restoration Program

PROJECT 3 – Sulphur Creek Fish Passage Restoration Project

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

The following questions were received from potential contractors, as of 3/10/25:

1. **Q:** I do not see any plans for this project. Can you let me know if these will be uploaded to your website? Also, are there any permits? Is there a geotech report?

A: The plans, permits and reports are all available via the RFP.

2. **Q:** Will the chosen contractor provide the biological monitoring, or is the RCD providing the biological monitoring?

A: Napa RCD will provide the bio monitoring.

3. **Q:** There seems to be some mis-numbering issues with the first few pages of the "B" pages.

A: Edits to be made and issued in addendum 2.

4. **Q:** I am ordering the bid bond for the Sulphur Creek Fish Passage project and wanted to know if you have an engineer's estimate for this project? Our bond agent always wants an estimate of the project.

A: Napa RCD did not elect to include the Engineer's estimate for construction. The Contractor will be responsible to develop their construction cost estimate independently based on the Bid Documents.

5. **Q:** Can you verify that Builder's Risk Insurance will be required for this project?

A: Yes. Builder's Risk insurance is required for this project.

6. **Q:** Are the Contech Plans with weights available?

A: Yes. Plans will be issued in the Second Addendum.

7. **Q:** Are you going to specify the delivery location of the Contech bridge, so everyone bids the same thing?

A: To be determined. Response will be issued in the Second Addendum.



8. **Q:** What is the average summer CFS flow of the creek?

A: Anecdotal observations suggest the creek is dry or nearly dry during dry years, while in wetter years, midsummer flows have been roughly estimated between 12-50 cfs, though likely less than 1 cfs by July in average years. The contractor is responsible for interpreting all relevant data.

9. **Q:** I missed your answer on the overhead lines, do you expect to move those prior to the project?

A: Yes, we anticipate the overhead lines will be relocated, with the possibility of undergrounding, pending discussions with AT&T.

10. **Q:** Is the bid date going to push?

A: Yes. Bid due date has been extended to March 25, 2025.

11. **Q:** There are two types of gates called out in the documents: 12' Wire Mesh Gate per bid schedule or 12' tube Gate Per page c-1.0. Please clarify if these are the same gate or if there are multiple gates on the project?

A: The existing gate may be re-used; otherwise, it will be replaced with an equivalent or similar gate, but only if damage occurs. Plans, special provisions, and the bid schedule are pending updates.

12. **Q:** The specs provided a size passing for Bankline rock backing. What is the total quantity for this mix and what bid item will it be paid under?

A: Bankline Rock Backing will be included as a bid item in the bid schedule and the description of bid items, pending recalculation of the volume.

13. USFWS permit documents call out salvaging rock and soil for ESM mix.

Q: What are these assumed quantities for salvaging rock?

A: No quantities for salvaged rock were estimated.

Q: Are they included in the bid items for ESM quantity?

A: No, bid items for ESM do not include salvaged rock. All ESM quantity is import.

Q: If material is salvaged onsite will the contractor not be compensated for their full bid price? (Can the contractor take the risk and not put all the cost of the purchase and haul of aggregate in there bids?)

A: To be determined. Response will be issued in the Second Addendum.

14. **Q:** Specs call out rounded rock/cobble and passing rock sizes for ESM 1 and ESM 2. Availability for large rounded rock might be a problem. Can the contractor substitute some of these rounded sizes with an angular rock?



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A: Yes. The contractor may substitute some of these rounded sizes with angular rock, subject to approval of the ESM submittal.

15. **Q:** Specs call out no diesel-powered generators or bypass pumps, is there a temporary power source nearby?

A: To be determined. Response will be issued in the Second Addendum.

16. **Q:** What is estimated water flows CFS during construction window of work?

A: Please refer to Q/A number 8, above.

17. **Q:** What is the bypass system capacity requirement (in CFS) for possible summer storms?

A: Bypass pipe diameter shall be sized to accommodate, at a minimum, twice the existing summer baseflow.

18. **Q:** Specs call out Baker tanks for sediment control, is this a requirement?

A: A cofferdam constructed of sandbags shall be placed at the downstream water discharge area, to prevent incidental discharge from the work area. Sediment laden water from the dewatering or construction area shall be pumped from a sump pit to a filtering device placed over the outlet pipe with a stable substrate below the downstream cofferdam to prevent turbid water from re-entering the creek channel, and to prevent scour/sedimentation within the reach of the creek outside of the construction area. The diversion pipe shall be discharged onto a stabilized area of the stream. As needed, 4-7" native stone underlain with a class C geotextile shall be employed at the discharge location. Finally, a debris and fish screen (as described above) will be constructed to span the width of the low-flow channel, downstream of the water output system to prevent fish or other aquatic life from entering the work area.

19. **Q:** What is the anticipated delivery date for the bridge?

A: Anticipated bridge delivery date is mid-August to early September.

20. **Q:** It was mentioned at the job walk that there will be a realignment or undergrounding of the overhead communication lines. Is there an anticipated timeline for this changed site condition and what is the anticipated change? (underground or move to other side of roadway)?

A: Pending communications with AT&T. The lines are confirmed to be relocated, with the possibility of being undergrounded. AT&T has previously indicated they can complete the relocation within a couple of weeks, assuming no issues arise with the County Right of Way. The relocation is expected to be completed before construction begins, no later than June 1st.

21. **Q:** Can the contractor assume that the entire length of channel can be bypassed, or will we have to do the work in 2 sections due to the 500 foot bypass restriction?



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A: NOAA permits a 1,000-foot bypass. CDFW permits a 500 foot bypass. A request is in progress for CDFW to allow a 1,000-foot bypass.

22. **Q:** Who is responsible for the encroachment permit?

A: The contractor shall be solely responsible for securing the necessary encroachment permits from the City of St. Helena and the County of Napa.

23. **Q:** Do you have all permits in place for this project?

A: All regulatory permits have been obtained. The County grading permit is nearly finalized, and the County building permit is in process. The Contractor is responsible for obtaining the encroachment permits.

24. **Q:** Can the contractor assume re-using on-site rock for ESM, RSP and boulders above grade?

A: Yes. The contractor may re-use onsite rock for ESM, RSP, and above-grade boulders.

25. **Q:** Will pile load testing be required for CIDH piles?

A: To be determined. Response will be issued in the Second Addendum.

26. **Q:** What are the details for the tribal monitoring agreement?

A: Refer to plan sheet G-1.1, Note 7 and the USACE Permit. Napa RCD will be responsible for providing the tribal monitor.

27. **Q:** What are the sizes and materials to be used for the foliage protection cages?

A: Refer to page 31 of Special Provisions: "8.04 Foliage Protection Cages (EA): Measurement and payment shall conform to Caltrans Standard Specifications Section 20. Includes procurement, fabrication, and installation of foliage protection cages to prevent damage to newly planted vegetation. Payment is per each installed cage.

28. **Q:** Is onsite water available to the contractor for the 1 year of irrigation? If there is water available, will it be from a pressurized well? If it is from a pressurized well, what are the requirements for using that well (backflow preventor, Flow meter, ECT.) and what is the pressure and flow rate available from the well for the temporary irrigation system?

A: To be determined. Pending conversations with the associated landowners.

29. **Q:** The irrigation section of the special provisions has assumed quantities for the irrigation system that may not be sufficient to irrigate the entire site. Please confirm that these are the only materials and quantities for the irrigation system that the contractors are to assume for bidding purposes?



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A: To be determined. Response will be issued in the Second Addendum.

30. **Q:** Will Napa County want any third party inspections done on any of the structural elements?

A: To be determined. Potential responses provided in coordination with the County during the building permit procurement process.

31. **Q:** If need be, can the contractor temporarily close White Sulphur Springs road (for 15 mins, two hours, one day,)?

A: To be determined. Response will be issued in the Second Addendum.

32. **Q:** Where is the willow harvesting site?

A: Willow shall be harvested in proximity to the project area, or, if not feasible, from within the watershed. The Flood Control District may authorize additional harvesting locations as necessary.

33. **Q:** If solid rock is encountered during the CIDH process and pile tip elevations are not achieved, would the contractor assume "refusal" and be able to proceed with CIDH install after necessary inspections?

A: To be determined. Response will be issued in the Second Addendum

34. **Q:** Will a licensed Arborist be needed for any of the tree removal?

A: Yes. WRA will provide licensed arborists.

35. **Q:** Will the contractor be responsible for notifying surrounding residence prior to construction?

A: No. Napa RCD will notify the associated landowners.

36. **Q:** When will bird surveying begin?

A: Northern Spotted Owl surveys may begin as early as mid-March, and continue through May (3 surveys total), along with nesting bird surveys (2-weeks before construction).

37. **Q:** The foundation report recommends "wet" setting of CIDH piles. Please confirm contractor will not have to de-water pile holes.

A: To be determined. Response will be issued in the Second Addendum.

38. **Q:** Will there need to be any other additional testing done on existing bridge besides ACM? Does the clients or county have any additional information of existing bridge that warrants possible ACM or any other hazardous materials?

A: To be determined. Response will be issued in the Second Addendum.



39. **Q:** Who will be handling compaction testing?

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A: Refer to Section 6-2.01E Contractor's Quality Control Testing (Page 19 of Special Provisions), contractor will employ an independent testing firm. Compaction testing of road subgrades is to be determined, and will be issued in addendum 2.

41. **Q:** On the plan set it states to relocate stream river gauge. In the 1600 permits of CDFW it does not show it as a permitted item. Please confirm if the contractor is to relocate river gauge and with what agencies direction.

A: To be determined. Response will be issued in the Second Addendum.

42. **Q:** Will the bid date be extended to 1 week as mentioned at the job walk?

A: Yes. Bid due date has been extended to March 25, 2025.

43. **Q:** 1. Section 19-7.02B of the Specials states that "Excess cut material may be used as fill in the compacted soil lifts." With the cut-out sections of subgrade for the ESM and boulders in the channel there is quite a bit more cut than fill. Is it your intent to lose this fill on-site, or is it the contractor's responsibility to haul and dispose?

A: It is the contractor's responsibility to haul and dispose of excess material. Refer to Bid Item 7.02.