



COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

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ADDENDUM #1

Request for Proposal (RFP)
FOR 24P3-003

Santa Cruz Coastal Lagoons and East Cliff Drive Resiliency Plan

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01/24/2025

This addendum (#1) is being issued to answer questions posed by prospective vendors regarding RFP.

1. RFP indicates that the term of contract is through 2028. Does the county anticipate monitoring to extend through the contract term or just the proposed 24 month period?

Response: Only 24 months of monitoring is proposed. The contract term is longer because work may extend past the end of monitoring.

2. The RFP states that it is the County's intent to contract through 2028. Would the County be open to ending the contract in mid-2027 as long as 2 winters are covered?

Response: The contract is estimated to extend through project completion. If all project goals and tasks can be completed earlier than the estimated contract date noted in the RFP (2028), then the contract would end earlier.

3. Can a copy of the grant application be provided?

Response: [Click here to view the document.](#)

4. Did any consultants contribute to the application for grant funding for this project? If so, which consultant(s)?

Response: No

5. Can the County provide reporting related to emergency actions, repairs or O&M resulting from 2023 and 2025 high surf events?

Response: Yes, the County has records of damage, FEMA claims, etc and this can be provided prior to project kick-off.

6. Will the County provide a point of contact for the Climate Adaptation Vulnerability Assessment (CAVA) Study led by the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission?

Response: Yes, this information will be provided to the selected vendor after award of contract.

7. Will the County provide a point of contact for the Santa Cruz County Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment (SLRVA) Project?

Response: Yes, this information will be provided to the selected vendor after award of contract.

8. Will the County provide a point of contact for the Monterey Bay Living Shoreline Project?

Response: Yes, this information will be provided to the selected vendor after award of contract.

9. Is there a final modeling report for the Moran Lagoon project? Can that be provided?

Response: This was previously included in the RFP under Attachment 2, "2021 Moran Lake Restoration Studies" pages 204-328. [Please access the documents by clicking this link.](#)

10. Have any public or community meetings already been held with respect to these lagoons? Are there any specific board meetings where these areas were addressed.

Response: Yes, community meetings were held in 2021 and 2022 at Moran Lake County Park to collect feedback on short-term public access improvements in the park and lagoon restoration for Moran Lake, but did not address issues of sea level rise, nature-based adaptation, or modifications to East Cliff Drive. No recent public meetings have been held regarding Corcoran or Twin Lakes.

11. How is O&M of these areas funded? Is there any data available for current, annual O&M costs?

Response: O&M for Parks is funded by the County's general fund. O&M for Public Works to manage East Cliff Drive is funded by yearly assessment fees and gas tax revenue. During declared disaster events, FEMA often reimburses debris removal and installation of protective measures. The County can provide data on O&M costs (starting around 2018) as the project moves forward.

12. Would county staff be available for a site visit if requested?

Response: Yes. This would need to be an open invitation to all prospective consultant teams if requested prior to submission of proposals.

13. Has any date/time been scheduled for the public opening of proposals?

Response: Per Section 2.5: Public Opening of Proposals

A public opening of proposals will be completed at 701 Ocean Street, Room 330 after the submittal deadline. Please email the Contact Person if you would like to observe the opening process. Tentative award of contract will not be available until after the review team has concluded their review and final rankings are determined. Proposals will be available to the public for review only after the award of the contract.

14. Has previous monitoring performed for the lagoons followed the framework established by the California Estuary Marine Protected Areas monitoring program, including the California Rapid Assessment Method developed for bar-built estuaries?

Response: Use of the CRAM for bar-built estuaries was not a requirement for the monitoring that was included in the 2021 Moran Lake Restoration project. A CRAM analysis for Moran was performed in October 2024 for development of an HMMP for emergency repair work around the lagoon. [Please click here to access this data.](#)

15. For the Moran Lagoon study, the memo states "Water quality monitoring performed monthly by Santa Cruz County Department of Environmental Health." Can this data be made available?

Response: Water quality data from County Environmental Health can be found on this page: [Surface Water Quality](#)

16. Could you explain how Evaluation Criteria #6 (Price) will be scored (e.g., minimum price, best value, etc)?

Response: Price will be scored based on a 'best value' framework; the proposal that best meets the goals of the project while also being the most competitively priced. The lowest cost proposal may not necessarily be the best value if it does not adequately address project goals, scope, or tasks.

17. Will the consultant be responsible for identifying and confirming commitments from potential TAC members or will the County handle that initial assembly of the TAC?

Response: The County will lead the assembly of the TAC (including outreach to potential TAC members), but the consultant will provide expert guidance and help identify and recommend appropriate TAC members to support the project's technical needs.

18. In Task 4, the language specifying the water quality monitoring requirements is open ended ("including but not limited to..."). Can the County more specifically state what water quality parameters need to be monitored, as this will affect what sensors and sampling will be required?

Response: Generally speaking, the water quality data collected should be selected by the consultant team to assess habitat suitability for special-status aquatic species as well as to assess overall habitat response to sea level rise. Consultant proposals should assume that specifics on data collection will be reviewed by the TAC and that minor adjustments could be suggested by the TAC.

19. In Task 4, please clarify what is being requested for monitoring of "wave activity". We assumed that does not mean collection of ocean wave data offshore of the lagoons.

Response: Correct, collection of offshore wave data specific to this project is not required. However, the model developed for the lagoons should incorporate existing buoy data to predict wave runup.

20. In Task 7, does the County have public meeting spaces that can be used at no cost to the project, or should we assume rental of meeting space will be required? Same question for A/V equipment that may be needed for public meetings.

Response: The County has public meeting spaces and A/V equipment that can be used at no cost, and the County will cover the cost of renting meeting space or A/V equipment, if necessary.

21. Would the County consider reducing the monitoring period to 12 months including one winter instead of the requested 24 months? 24 months of monitoring will represent a substantial cost to the project and may limit the level of effort that can be dedicated to other technical and outreach tasks and delay the development of actionable strategies for implementation.

Response: The County has provided a specified budget for the consulting services. If this budget is insufficient to cover all the tasks noted in the RFP, then the consultant should propose alternate approaches and scope that best meet the goals of the project. If reducing the length of the monitoring provides sufficient data to develop a high-quality model for the lagoons, and in the consultant's estimation is the best way to deliver the project on-budget, then the County would consider that.

22. Please clarify what types of biotic surveys are intended as mentioned in the Proposed Approach and Draft Scope of Work under Task 4.

Response: Generally speaking, the types of biotic surveys should be selected by the consultant team to assess the presence of special-status aquatic species as well as to assess overall habitat quality and predicted responses to sea level rise. Consultant proposals should assume that specifics on data collection will be reviewed by the TAC and that minor adjustments could be suggested by the TAC.

All other information remains the same.

January 17, 2025 was the deadline for all questions regarding this RFP. No further questions will be accepted by Purchasing.

RFP SUBMITTAL DEADLINE REMAINS UNCHANGED.

RFP DUE:

Friday, February 07, 2025 by 5:00 PM Pacific Time

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