

Cactus Basin RFP Questions and Answers

TIMELINE UPDATE: Given the supplemental information provided in this document Valley District is extending the due date for proposals to Monday, May 6th by 4pm.

(Question 1) Has Valley District already determined the type of CEQA document anticipated for this project?

(Answer 1) Valley District feels there is a case to be made for an IS/MND, however, if your firm's CEQA experts feel this is not the proper course of action, we would entertain other options. Valley District wants to ensure the proper CEQA documentation is prepared.

(Question 2) Is a copy of the Supplemental Impact Report for Cactus Basins No. 3/3A, 4, & 5 Flood Control System Enhancements Project available for review?

(Answer 2) Yes, they can also be obtained from the following website:

<https://www.sbvmd.com/about-us/doing-business-with-us/bids-and-proposals>

(Question 3) Is the construction of the 60-acre Hidden Valley wetland restoration site requiring CEQA and permitting? The Opportunities and Constraints for Tributary Restoration Sites report refers to this as a 112-acre site?

(Answer 3) Yes, the 60-acre site requires CEQA and permitting. Section 3.4 of the Opportunities and Constraints document linked in the RFP describes a tributary restoration project at Hidden Valley that is 112 acres and is not the subject of this RFP. Section 3.5 describes the Hidden Valley Ponds restoration which is the subject of this RFP. Please utilize the PDF posted to <https://www.sbvmd.com/about-us/doing-business-with-us/bids-and-proposals> titled "Hidden Valley Construction Development Plan.pdf," for more detailed information on design details for the Hidden Valley Ponds Restoration. This document works in tandem with another PDF posted to the same website titled, "California Waterfowls Wetland Management Guide for California 2017 (1).pdf." "Hidden Valley CutFillDesign6_08_2018.pdf" is also provided as additional reference. It is similar to Figure 5 of the RFP.

(Question 4) Is there a project description available for wetland restoration activities to be analyzed in the CEQA document? Or a final wetland restoration plan? If not, should the proposal include development of these items assuming the current status of the wetland restoration plan is conceptual?

(Answer 4) Valley District will work with the selected consultant to develop the project description based on Chad Santerre's Hidden Valley Construction Development Plan. This is the project description that will need to be analyzed in the CEQA document for the Hidden Valley Wetland Ponds Restoration. The proposal for this RFP should not assume a wetland restoration plan is needed. Please utilize the PDF posted to <https://www.sbvmd.com/about-us/doing-business-with-us/bids-and-proposals> titled "Hidden Valley Construction Development Plan.pdf," for more detailed information on design details for the Hidden Valley Ponds Restoration. This document works in tandem with another PDF posted to the same website titled, "California Waterfowls Wetland Management Guide for California 2017 (1).pdf." "Hidden Valley CutFillDesign6_08_2018.pdf" is also provided as additional reference. It is similar to Figure 5 of the RFP.

(Question 5) It is unclear if focused surveys for Santa Ana River woolly-star were conducted during the appropriate blooming season for this species. Can you please confirm?

(Answer 5) Yes, focused surveys for Santa Ana River woolly-star were conducted during the appropriate blooming season. However, these surveys were done in a low water year. It may be prudent to suggest additional focused surveys to update existing results as an optional task.

(Question 6) Which of the 6 restoration opportunities identified in Section 3.4.3 of the Opportunities and Constraints for Tributary Restoration Sites report are being proposed?

(Answer 6) None of the opportunities described in 3.4.3 are being proposed for this RFP. Section 3.4 describes a tributary restoration project. Please refer to Section 3.5 of the Opportunities and Constraints document for Opportunities and Constraints background information. Please utilize the PDF posted to <https://www.sbvmd.com/about-us/doing-business-with-us/bids-and-proposals> titled "Hidden Valley Construction Development Plan.pdf," for more detailed information on design details for the Hidden Valley Ponds Restoration. This document works in tandem with another PDF posted to the same website titled, "California Waterfowls Wetland Management Guide for California 2017 (1).pdf." "Hidden Valley CutFillDesign6_08_2018.pdf" is also provided as additional reference. It is similar to Figure 5 of the RFP.

(Question 7) Is there a plan for importing water to the mitigation/restoration site? Rialto-Colton Groundwater Basin-what is being proposed at this basin? Groundwater recharge only? Is only CEQA evaluation being requested for this basin? Long-term access agreement with Flood Control-will SBVMWD provide legal counsel to review the agreement?

(Answer 7) Yes, there are plans to provide water to the mitigation/restoration described in Section 3.5.2.1. However, it will not be imported water. At this time the water supply for the wetlands will be from pumped groundwater via an existing well located onsite at Hidden Valley Wetlands complex. The groundwater will be from the Riverside-Arlington Groundwater Basin.

The Cactus Basins component of the project will recharge imported state project water into the Rialto-Colton Basin via a pipeline as described in the RFP.

CEQA and all relevant environmental permits or other regulatory consultation documentation showing compliance with all applicable laws and regulations is also required as requested in Section 5(b) and 5 (c) of the RFP. All of the above are required for:

(a) Cactus Basins groundwater recharge component (located in Rialto, CA)

And

(b) Hidden Valley Wetlands mitigation project (located in Riverside, CA)

Yes-Valley District will provide legal review of all CEQA documentation and applicable agreements.