

C0717 – UPPER BERRYESSA CREEK OFF-SITE MITIGATION PROJECT**Project No. 26174041****Invitation No. VW0684****1. Notice.**

Notice is hereby given that electronic Bids (eBids) will be received by the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) submitted through Valley Water's Vendor Portal in PlanetBids (PlanetBids) as indicated in Section 2. Valley Water's Vendor Portal in PlanetBids, on **WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2026**, by **2:00 p.m.**, for furnishing all material and performing all Work necessary for the construction of the **Upper Berryessa Creek Off-Site Mitigation Project** located in City of Milpitas and San Jose, California.

2. Valley Water's Vendor Portal in PlanetBids.

<https://vendors.planetbids.com/portal/48397/portal-home>

3. Availability of Bid Documents.

- A. The Notice to Bidders (NTB) documents specifying the requirements of the Work and the details of the NTB procedures, Project Plans, Specifications, and Contract Documents, including the Instructions to Bidders and Bid Documents, can be downloaded at PlanetBids.
- B. To download these documents, prospective Bidders must first register as a vendor at PlanetBids indicated above. By registering as a vendor, Bidder will automatically receive notifications of upcoming Valley Water bidding opportunities. Once registered, Bidder can download the documents and the Bidder will be automatically included in the planholders list. There is no charge for downloading these documents.
- C. It is highly recommended that prospective Bidders acquire the Contract Documents directly through PlanetBids in order to bid on this Project and be assured that their Bids include all Addenda. All Addenda must be acknowledged online before selecting "Place eBid" to start the electronic submission process. PlanetBids will direct the prospective bidder to the Addenda tab if at least one acknowledgment is missing prior to entering the submission area.
- D. For questions or assistance regarding the vendor registration, please select the "Help" section within PlanetBids or contact the Valley Water Planroom by sending an email to scvwdplanroom@valleywater.org.

4. California State Department of Industrial Relations Contractor and Subcontractor Registration Requirements.

- A. California Labor Code Section 1771.1 requires:
1. A contractor or subcontractor shall not be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code or engage in the performance of any contract for public work, unless currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5 of the California Labor Code.
- B. An inadvertent error in listing a subcontractor who is not registered pursuant to Section 1725.5 in a bid proposal shall not be grounds for filing a bid protest or grounds for considering the bid nonresponsive, provided that any of the following apply:
1. The subcontractor is registered prior to the bid opening.
 2. Within 24 hours after the bid opening, the subcontractor is registered and has paid the penalty registration fee.
 3. The subcontractor is replaced by another registered subcontractor pursuant to Section 4107 of the Public Contract Code within 24 hours after the bid opening.

5. Summary of Work.

- A. Project Description:
1. The Work to be completed under this Contract shall consist of furnishing all tools, Equipment, Material, supplies, and manufactured articles, and all labor, transportation and services, including fuel, power, water, and essential communications, and of performing all Work or other operations required to construct the Upper Berryessa Creek Off-Site Mitigation Project as illustrated on the Plans and as detailed in these Specifications. The Project is being constructed to provide mitigation to construction impacts for the Berryessa Creek Flood Risk Management Project completed in 2018 and required by the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. Any quantities provided with Article 12.01. Summary of Work are approximate. Should there be a discrepancy between the quantities included herein and elsewhere in the Contract documents, those quantities specified elsewhere on the Contract shall govern. The Work and Contractor's qualifications include, but is not limited to, the following:
 - a. Preparing the sites for planting as shown in the Drawings.
 - b. Planting of approximately 17,858 container stock units (Type TB2) in accordance with the Drawings.
 - c. Planting of approximately 165 container stock units (Type TB4) in designated locations with the Drawings.

- d. Installation of approximately 791 live stake cuttings placed and oriented as specified to promote establishment.
 - e. Planting of approximately 425 plug units, in accordance with the approved species list and spacing requirements shown in the Drawings.
 - f. Hydroseeding of approximately 16.72 acres, utilizing specified seed mix, carrier, and application rates.
 - g. Installation of the irrigation system including the operation and maintenance for a period of five (5) years following planting completion.
 - h. Provision of plant establishment monitoring services, including survival assessments, performance evaluations, and reporting, for a period of five (5) years post-planting, in accordance with the Technical Specifications.
2. The scope of Work is comprised of 9 Milestones:
- a. Milestone 1: June 2026 to October 2026 – Mobilization, demolition, clearing and grubbing, access to the planting sites, soil preparation for seeding and planting, completion of the SWPPP, installation of the stormwater BMPs, and completing the irrigation system design for all planting sites except Thompson Creek and Scott Creek.
 - b. Milestone 2: November 2026 to March 2027 – Seeding, planting, irrigation installation, and permanent stormwater BMP installation for all sites except Thompson Creek and Scott Creek.
 - c. Milestone 3: April 2027 to March 2032 – Plant establishment and maintenance for all the site except Thompson Creek and Scott Creek set forth in Section 28 of the Technical Specifications.
 - d. Milestone 4: April 2027 to October 2027- Mobilization, demolition, clearing and grubbing, access to the sites, soil preparation for seeding and planting, installation of stormwater BMPs, and completing the irrigation system design for Thompson Creek from approximately Station 10+25 to 26+25.
 - e. Milestone 5: November 2027 to March 2028 – Seeding, planting, irrigation installation, and permanent stormwater BMP installation for Thompson Creek (Station 10+25 to 26+25).
 - f. Milestone 6: April 2028 to March 2033 - Plant establishment and maintenance monitoring for Thompson Creek (Station 10+25 to 26+25) set forth in Section 28 of the Technical Specifications.
 - g. Milestone 7: April 2028 to October 2028 - Mobilization, demolition, clearing and grubbing, access to the sites, soil preparation for seeding and planting, installation of stormwater BMPs, and completing the irrigation system design for Thompson Creek from approximately Station 26+25 to 42+25.

- h. Milestone 8: November 2028 to March 2029 – Seeding, planting, irrigation installation, and permanent stormwater BMP installation for Thompson Creek (Station 26+25 to 42+25).
- i. Milestone 9: April 2029 to March 2034 - Plant establishment and maintenance for Thompson Creek (Station 26+25 to 42+45) set forth in Section 28 of the Technical Specifications.

B. Preference of Materials: **NOT USED**.

6. Contract Time.

Time limit for completion of the Work is **2920** calendar days. See Contract Documents, Special Provisions, Section 12. Work and Contract Time(s), Article 12.03. Contract Time(s), for Milestones and Contract Times.

7. Liquidated Damages.

See Contract Documents, Standard Provisions, Section 5. Prosecution and Progress of Work, Article 5.08. Liquidated Damages, and Special Provisions, Section 12. Work and Contract Time(s), Article 12.05. Liquidated Damages, for requirements regarding Liquidated Damages.

8. Estimated Cost.

The estimated cost of the Project is between **\$2.5** million to **\$3.5** million. This estimate is intended to serve merely as an indication of the magnitude of the Work. Neither the Bidder(s) nor the Contractor will be entitled to pursue a claim or be compensated due to variance in the stated estimated cost range.

A. Supplemental Bid Items.

These Bid Items, as listed in PlanetBids, may or may not be required. They may be deleted entirely or in part, by deductive change order(s), at the sole discretion of Valley Water. The sum of the Total Base Bid and the Total Supplemental Bid Items will be used to determine the lowest Bid price.

- 1) Traffic Control.
- 2) Scott Creek Site No. 1 and 2.

B. Additive/Deductive Bid Items. **NOT USED**.

9. Contractor's License Requirement.

The Bidder or one of its subcontractors must possess a valid Class C-27 Landscaping Contractor's license, at the time of Bid submittal, and may possess a valid Class A General Engineering Contractor's license. All licenses shall be current, active, and in good standing with the California Department of Consumer Affairs, Contractors State License Board at the time of Bid submittal. Regardless of whether a subcontractor must

be identified at the time of Bid, each subcontractor shall be properly licensed to perform its respective scope of Work.

10. Contractor's Certifications Requirements.

- A. A Contractor or its Sub-contractor shall possess, the following certifications, as applicable to the Work:
1. California Department of Pesticide Regulation Certified Pesticide Applicator's License.
 2. California Department of Pesticide Regulation Certified Pest Control Advisor.
 3. International Society of Arboricultural Certified Arborist.
 4. Certified Ecologist Restoration Practitioner or Practitioner in Training (CERP or CERPIT).
 5. Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control (CPESC).
- B. Documentation demonstrating these required certifications shall be submitted by the Contractor as an immediate submittal following the Contract award, per Section 20.01.02. Immediate Submittals.

Additional information is specified in Section 27, Article 27.02.01.E. Qualifications of the Specifications.

11. Mandatory, Virtual Pre-Bid Meeting.

- A. Mandatory Virtual Pre-Bid meeting will be conducted by Valley Water on **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2026**. The Pre-Bid meeting will convene at **10 a.m.** (Pacific Standard Time), virtually. The virtual meeting registration link will be posted on PlanetBids, "Bid Information" tab under the Description and Scope Section.

Anyone not in attendance at the meeting by **10:05 a.m.** will be considered late and as having not attended this **MANDATORY** Pre-Bid meeting. A Bid submitted by any Bidder not represented at the entire mandatory Pre-Bid meeting shall not be considered and its Bid shall not be accepted. Attendance at the Pre-Bid meeting by subcontractors is not required.

- B. Attendance by the Bidder at the Pre-Bid meeting is:

1. Mandatory
2. Optional

- C. The objective of the Pre-Bid meeting is to familiarize prospective Bidders with the site. Please confirm your intent to attend the Pre-Bid meeting 24 hours in advance by registering for the ZOOM link at the Valley Water Vendor Portal.

Additional information regarding the Pre-Bid meeting will be sent to all prospective Bidders who confirm their intention to attend.

- D. Reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate persons with disabilities wishing to attend the Pre-Bid meeting. Please send an email to scvwdplanroom@valleywater.org to request accommodations at least two (2) business days before the Pre-Bid meeting.

12. Inquiries.

- A. The Bidder must submit all requests for clarification, or interpretation of the Bid Documents in accordance with the requirements stated in Instructions to Bidders, paragraph #8. Questions During Bidding. Written questions must be submitted in PlanetBids no later than nine (9) calendar days before the deadline for receipt of Bids.
- B. Valley Water may issue written Addenda as appropriate for clarification or other purposes during the bidding period. Addenda will be posted on PlanetBids and each planholder will be notified automatically.

13. Project Labor Agreement.

- A. Valley Water and the Santa Clara and San Benito Counties Building and Construction Trades Council have entered into a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) approved by Valley Water's Board of Directors on January 11, 2022. A Project Labor Agreement is a multi-union pre-hire agreement that governs wages, benefits, work rules, and other terms and conditions of employment at a construction site. The PLA is an agency-wide agreement applicable to all Covered Projects as defined in the PLA, Article 1 Definitions. 1.7, Covered Project.
- B. A copy of the executed PLA is in the Contract Documents in Appendix A, Project Labor Agreement.
- C. The Contractor must execute Project Labor Agreement, Addendum A - Agreement to be Bound and submit in accordance with the deadline stated in the Instructions to Bidders. Submission of Addendum A - Agreement to be Bound is not required at the time of Bid submittal.
- D. The Bidder must complete and submit Bid Form No. 11, Project Labor Agreement Acknowledgement, at the time of Bid in order for its Bid to be considered responsive.
- E. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to coordinate and schedule a Pre-Construction Conference with the Santa Clara and San Benito Counties Building and Construction Trades Council (Council) prior to starting work at the Project site. The Contractor must provide the Council with the documentation required for the Council to schedule and host a Pre-Construction Conference within 2 weeks after a Notice to Proceed is issued by Valley Water. The Contractor will be subject to the requirements stated in the Special Provisions, Article 12.05 Liquidated Damages, if the Pre-Construction Conference does not occur within

this time frame due to late submission of the required documentation by the Contractor.

14. Prevailing Wage Requirements.

- A. Workers employed on this Project must be paid at rates at least equal to the prevailing wage rates as determined by the State of California Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Section 1770 et seq. of the Labor Code. Said wage rates are incorporated herein by reference and may be inspected upon request. Visit <https://www.dir.ca.gov/oprl/DPreWageDetermination.htm> to view the rates available on the State of California Department of Industrial Relations website. See Contract Documents, Standard Provisions, Section 4. Legal Regulations and Responsibilities, Article 4.04. Prevailing Wages, through Article 4.06. Apprentices, for related requirements.
- B. This Project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the State of California Department of Industrial Relations. The Contractor and subcontractors must furnish the records specified in California Labor Code Section 1776 directly to the Labor Commissioner, in the following manner: monthly, in a format prescribed by the Labor Commissioner.

15. Bid Proposal Submittal.

Electronic Bid submittal must be at the Valley Water Vendor Portal. The Proposal must be submitted in time for all information to be transferred to PlanetBids before the Bid submission deadline. If the transfer is not completed before the Bid closes, it will be considered submitted late and the Bid Proposal will not be accepted.

16. Bid Opening.

The Bids shall be made available to the public to view in PlanetBids on the date and time stated in this Notice to Bidders, Section 1. Notice.

17. Errors or Discrepancies in the Bids.

Valley Water reserves the right to reject any and all Bid Proposals. Valley Water also reserves the right to waive minor defect(s) or irregularities in any Bid received.

18. Bidder's Security.

- A. Each Proposal must be submitted electronically through PlanetBids and accompanied by a Bidder's Bond in the sum of not less than 10 percent of the total aggregate of the Proposal including all additive and Supplemental Bid items, if any.
- B. Bids shall be presented with an electronic Bidder's Bond (e-Bond) executed and verified by an admitted surety, made payable to Valley Water.
- C. Bidder's Security must be submitted in the form of a verified e-Bond through either Surety2000 at <https://www.surety2000.com> or Tinubu at <https://www.tinubu.com/ebonding> in PlanetBids before the latest date and time

for submitting Bid Proposals as specified in Section 1. Notice. The PlanetBids Contract ID for this Project is VW0684.

1. Bidders are solely responsible for completing Surety2000 or Tinubu registration, and payment of associated fees and charges.
2. Valley Water is not responsible to Bidders for (a) Surety2000 or Tinubu acts or omissions; (b) the completeness or timely verification of the authenticity of the issued e-Bond; or (c) any other errors by third parties in the issuance of the e-Bond.

D. Paper originals of Bidder's Bond that are physically delivered to Valley Water will not be accepted.

19. Contract Retention.

- A. The Contract Retention for this Project is established at five (5) percent of the Contract Price.
- B. The Contract Retention for this Project is established at ten (10) percent of the Contract Price. The Board of Directors has made a finding that the Project is substantially complex and therefore requires retention higher than five (5) percent.

20. Substitution of Securities.

The Contractor may, at the Contractor's request and expense, substitute securities equivalent to the amount withheld by Valley Water to ensure the performance of the contract, in accordance with Public Contract Code §22300.

21. Small Business Preference.

Valley Water has elected to implement the small business preference provisions of Public Contract Code §2002(a)(1). For purposes of Valley Water's program, a small business is as defined in Government Code §14837. See <http://www.valleywater.org/construction> to view the Small Business Enterprise Outreach Program Policy.

22. Rights of Way.

This Project will be constructed within Valley Water's existing rights-of-way.

23. Permits.

The Project is an activity covered under the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Plan. Staff also received a confirmation letter from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife stating that a Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement is not required for the Project.

24. Escrow Bid Documents. NOT USED.

25. Equal Opportunity.

Valley Water is an equal opportunity employer, and all Contractors of Valley Water are to have and follow a policy of equal opportunity including adherence to all state and federal laws and regulations, including the Federal Equal Opportunity Clause.

By order of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District, San Jose, California, on **MAY 26, 2026**.

ATTEST: CANDICE KWOK-SMITH

Clerk, Board of Directors

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