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ADDENDUM #1

RELEASE DATE: September 24, 2025

PROJECT TITLE: “Willow Creek Shaded Fuel Break Phase 2 – Manual Fuels Reduction Services”

The purpose of this Addendum is to modify the Contract Documents for the subject project. This Addendum shall become part of said Contract Documents.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE INTENDED FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES:

Item 1. BIDDERS’ QUESTIONS AND HCRCD RESPONSES:

Equipment

- 1) There is no heavy equipment allowed for this work, but the RFP states chippers are allowed. Are rubber tracked chippers allowed?**

Chippers are allowed on preexisting roads and skid trails. In wet weather, all tires/tracks must remain on pavement.

Site Visits

- 2) Can the properties be entered or is approval needed? Will there be a site visit?**

There will not be a site visit. Properties cannot be entered. Representative samples of the Upper Patterson project area can be seen from Horse Linto Rd, and the Western Willow Creek Gateway area can be viewed from Brannan Mountain Rd., PG&E Station Rd., and the field just north of Trinity Valley Elementary.

Timeline

- 3) What is the expected timeline for project work?**

Work can begin on the Upper Patterson unit as soon as contracting is completed and Notice to Proceed is issued and should be complete by January 31, weather dependent. Start date for the Western Willow Creek Gateway is anticipated to be November 1, pending cultural resources surveys. Project should be completed within 2-3 months after Notice to Proceed is issued, weather dependent.

Weather

- 4) Will work be allowed during dryer periods of winter?**

Yes.

- 5) Will there be areas identified for lower risk of spreading disease during winter to allow winter work?**

Yes.

- 6) When work is paused for Red Flag/Very High risk, will standby/mobilization be compensable? Are daily minimum billable hours recognized when crews are already mobilized?**

No.

Qualifications

- 7) Are there any barriers to entry on the qualifications such as LTO B or A, or CSLB or other professional licenses?**

No.

Financial

- 8) Is the work considered for Certified payroll?**

This is not a prevailing wage project and does not require certified payroll.

- 9) We understand reimbursements may be delayed up to 90 days. Would HCRCD be amenable to including a clause allowing monthly progress billings by accepted acre with Net 15 terms from HCRCD receipt, or a modest mobilization line per awarded block?**

No.

Project Activities

- 10) Confirm chips remain on site unless specifically authorized.**

Yes, please see specifications on page 14 of the Request For Proposals dated September 15, 2025 regarding Preferred Disposal Method.

- 11) If off-site removal of chips is requested, will haul/disposal be approved and reimbursed?**

Yes, off-site removal is not anticipated.

- 12) Are patrol hours for pile burning billable?**

No, reimbursement is per acre.

- 13) Any limits on pile sizes/quantities beyond permit terms?**

No.

Environmental and Cultural

- 14) If work occurs Mar 1–Aug 15, will HCRCD provide the qualified biologist/responsible party for nest surveys, or should contractor? If contractor, is that reimbursable?**

HCRCD will provide.

- 15) Please share the cultural resources point of contact and the stop-work/clearance timeline so we can plan to avoid idle time disputes.**

Will be coordinated with selected contractor.

Permits/Exemptions

- 16) For hand-pile burning, please confirm HCRCD provides the SMP, while contractor obtains burn day authorization and conducts burning/mop-up.**

Please see specifications on page 18 of the Request For Proposals dated September 15, 2025 regarding Permitting and Smoke Management Plans.

- 17) For burn permits (NCUAQMD Non-Standard; CAL FIRE LE-5 if applicable), will HCRCD/landowner obtain and pay fees, or should contractor carry and bill those costs? Is SMP/permit admin time reimbursable?**

Please see specifications on pages 18-19 of the Request For Proposals dated September 15, 2025 regarding Permitting and Smoke Management Plans, CAL FIRE Burn Permits, and Project Burn Permit and SMP Management and Implementation.

Operations

- 18) Please confirm the minimum crew size and whether production targets (acres/day) are requirements or planning estimates.**

Please see specifications on page 3 of the Request For Proposals dated September 15, 2025 regarding Desired Qualifications.

- 19) Will assignments be issued in blocks (e.g., ≥5–10 acres per mobilization) rather than very small batches, to support efficient crew utilization?**

No, the entire area is accessible. HCRCD or Partners may need to coordinate with landowners in certain areas.

- 20) How will treated acreage be measured/accepted (GPS polygons, photo points, transects)? What defines substantial completion per acre for invoice approval?**

HCRCD or Partners, in coordination with contractor, will determine whether acres treated fulfills the Prescription on pages 13-14 of the Request for Proposals dated September 15, 2025.

Maps/GIS

- 21) Please see shapefiles and georeferenced PDFs attached as part of this Addendum packet.**
22) Are there locked gates and who coordinates access?

HCRCD or Partners will coordinate access through any locked gates.

Other Questions

- 23) Are secure staging areas available? Any overnight parking restrictions or lodging guidance near units?**

HCRCD is unable to provide guidance to contractors on this item.

- 24) Are there any additional photos of the treatment area?**

See Exhibits 1 and 2 below.

Exhibit 1 - Upper Patterson from road



Exhibit 2 - Western Willow Creek Gateway representative vegetation

