



**Humboldt County Resource Conservation District  
Russ Creek & Centerville Slough Restoration Project**

**Addendum #4**

The purpose of this Addendum is to modify the Contract Documents for the subject project.

This Addendum shall become part of said Contract Documents.

Each bidder shall acknowledge receipt of this addendum in his/her bid proposal.

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE CLARIFICATIONS AND RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS:**

**Item 1. QUESTION:** *Will the bid due date be extended?*

**RESPONSE:** No, the bid due date remains unchanged.

**Item 2. QUESTION:** *Can the Contractor utilize the vegetated berm along the southeast portion of Area 1 for equipment and/or vehicle access for the project?*

**RESPONSE:** It is unclear which vegetated berm this question is referring to. In addition to the Temporary Construction Access Routes shown on the plans in Zone 1, temporary haul routes may be developed within the Limits of Construction Disturbance delineated on the plans for Zone 1. Use of areas outside these limits would require prior approval and would be subject to environmental restrictions, protection of existing vegetation, and rehabilitation requirements.

**Item 3. QUESTION:** *Could the Contractor discharge water to the south of Area 4, outside of the southern levee?*

**RESPONSE:** The area to the south of Zone 4 is outside the Limits of Construction Disturbance and its use for receiving discharge water will be subject to review and approval by the District. If approved, water discharged to this area shall be managed in accordance with permit conditions for discharging offsite and shall not increase inundation levels above 6 feet (NAVD 88).

**Item 4. QUESTION:** *Please confirm that there are only six (6) habitat alcoves that need to be installed.*

**RESPONSE:** There are a total of six (6) habitat alcoves to be installed, three (3) shown on sheet C-108 and three (3) shown on sheet C-111.

**Item 5. QUESTION:** *Are Contractors to assume a six-inch (6-inch) stripping depth, as referenced in Section 5.4.2 of the Geotechnical Report?*

**RESPONSE:** Section 31 11 00 of the Technical Specifications requires stripping organic material to an approximate depth of four inches (4 inches), or deeper as necessary, to remove organic or unsuitable material to the satisfaction of the Engineer. The Geotechnical Reports (which are not part of the Contract Documents) references a typical stripping depth of six inches (6 inches) based on assumed subsurface conditions. In developing bid assumptions, Contractors may assume a nominal stripping depth of four inches (4 inches) over areas requiring stripping however localized areas of deeper stripping may be required to adequately remove organic or unsuitable material based on field conditions and to meet compaction requirements.

**Item 6. QUESTION:** *Can the Contractor rely on the 10 to 15 percent swell factor?*

**RESPONSE:** The 10 to 15 percent swell factor referenced in the Geotechnical Report is provided as a preliminary, generalized estimate based on limited sampling and assumed soil conditions during excavation. The Geotechnical Reports are provided for reference only and is not part of the Contract Documents. As noted in the report, actual swell may vary depending on soil type, moisture content,

excavation methods, handling, and placement procedures. Accordingly, Contractors may use the 10 to 15 percent swell factor as general guidance in developing bid assumptions; however, Contractors remain responsible for evaluating site conditions and selecting their own means and methods for estimating excavation, handling, reuse, and disposal volumes in accordance with the Contract Documents.

**Item 7. QUESTION:** *If material is borrowed from a zone, does the available disposal capacity increase by the amount of material borrowed?*

**RESPONSE:** All borrow pits must be backfilled with excess/unsuitable material, see earthwork note #2B on sheet C-018 in the plans. If material is borrowed from an optional borrow area (i.e. Zone 2 or 3), the equivalent volume of material must be disposed of in the said area to achieve existing ground elevation.

**Item 8. QUESTION:** *Where tidal ridges pass through existing channels, will the channel be required to be over-excavated to remove unsuitable material?*

**RESPONSE:** Where tidal ridges pass through existing channels, if the Contractor's dewatering and subgrade conditioning methods are unsuccessful at drying the subgrade, localized over-excavation and replacement of unsuitable material to achieve stable subgrade conditions that meet performance and compaction requirements may be necessary.

**Item 9. QUESTION:** *Which borings have been approved for select fill?*

**RESPONSE:** No specific borings have been pre-approved for use as select fill. The Geotechnical Reports are provided for reference only and do not designate or approve specific borings or source areas as suitable for select fill.

**Item 10. QUESTION:** *After the temporary cofferdam in Zone 1 is installed, will there be any requirement to dewater the area prior to commencing work?*

**RESPONSE:** The intent of the temporary cofferdams and sediment containment berms shown in Zone 1 are to isolate the work area from daily tidal influence. Following effective installation and aquatic organism relocation completed by the District's biologist, the need for dewatering nuisance water from localized groundwater seepage will be subject to the Contractors' means and methods for sediment excavation / dredging, handling and disposal.

**Item 11. QUESTION:** *Will the Contractor be required to install matting in order to access sensitive species areas?*

**RESPONSE:** Matting is not universally required, but may be an option on a localized, as-needed basis for establishing temporary access through sensitive areas.

**Item 12. QUESTION:** *In Year 1, can the Contractor perform work in Zones 3 and 4 to convey water off-site?*

**RESPONSE:** The two-season construction phasing requirements restrict Season 1 activities to specific work in Zones 1 and 2 only. Work in Zones 3 and 4 is deferred until Season 2 due to potential drainage impacts to adjacent properties and the need to maintain existing flow paths between construction seasons. If the Contractor identifies temporary measures in Zones 3 and/or 4 that could be implemented in Season 1 that further minimize drainage impacts to adjacent properties between Seasons 1 and 2, and are consistent with permit conditions, the Contractor may propose such measures for the District's review and consideration.

**Item 13. QUESTION:** *If the District does not receive any bids within their allocated budget, is it the intent of the district to award to the lowest responsive bidder and reduce the project scope via change order, or will the project be re-bid?*

**RESPONSE:** If all responsive bids exceed the District's available budget, the District may, at its discretion, revise the Project scope and re-advertise the Project for bid or award with post-award scope reductions to meet budget constraints.

**Item 14. QUESTION:** *Please confirm how LD's are assessed. For example, if a contractor does not complete the required minimum amount of work by October 15 of either year, are LD's assessed starting on October 16th and counted until the contractor is able to return to the site on June 15th of the following year, and until work is complete? If so, is work allowed after October 15th to complete the work? Or if work is not complete by October 15th, do LD's start on June 15th of the following year?*

**RESPONSE:** For each construction season, liquidated damages (LDs) are assessed beginning on the day following the applicable seasonal completion deadline (October 15) if the required Work for that season has not been completed. For Season 1, the minimum work that shall be completed by October 15, 2026 is the demolition and removal of the North Barn to avoid LDs. For Season 2, the balance of all contract work shall be completed by October 15, 2027 to avoid LDs.

**Item 15. QUESTION:** *Please confirm if there is a bidder's checklist for this project, and please detail if any prequalifying documents/plans/schedules are needed at bid time.*

**RESPONSE:** There is no separate bidder's checklist for this Project. Bidders are responsible for reviewing the Notice Inviting Bids, Instructions to Bidders, and Bid Proposal forms to ensure all required submittals are included at bid time. No prequalifying documents, plans, schedules, or technical submittals are required with the bid. At bid time, bidders must submit a complete Bid Proposal package, including the Bid Proposal form, Bid Schedule, bid security, Subcontractor List, and Noncollusion Declaration, as specified in the Contract Documents.

**Item 16. QUESTION:** *Is it possible that the Wetland Creation Area be included into season one scope of work.*

**RESPONSE:** For the two-season construction approach, the Wetland Creation Area is currently designated as Season 2 work. The Contractor may propose to include in Season 1, subject to District review and approval.

**END OF ADDENDUM NO. 4**



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