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ADDENDUM #1

RELEASE DATE: July 21, 2026

PROJECT TITLE: "Willow Creek Shaded Fuel Break Phase 3 – 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 REFER TO THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS:

Item 1. REVISION: Addition of language to PROJECT AREAS on page 2 of the Request for Proposals dated June 24, 2026 with the following as shown in **bold**:

Unit 1: Willow Creek Drainage

- 22.3-acre unit between HWY 299, Willow Creek, and Willow Road. Primary focus is on the slopes surrounding Creekside Park and the Chinook Salmon Disc Golf Course. Project area includes extensive blowdown, dense brush and shrubs, invasive plants (ex. English ivy, Himalayan blackberry, and Scotch broom), mixed conifers, hardwoods, and culturally significant species.
- Creekside Park is owned by the Willow Creek Community Services District (CSD). Anticipate thorough communication with CSD staff regarding operations and potential necessary closures.
- **Adjacent parcel to Creekside Park is owned by California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). HCRCD will coordinate with Caltrans staff. Road closure may be required. Caltrans requires 1 week notice for full closure or traffic control. C31 traffic control license is required. Permission is required from Caltrans for removal of trees that are both above 4" and 20' tall. No removal of live tanoak. Traffic cones are required when using pullouts along Highway 299. Stumps must be a maximum of 6" tall from ground level.**

Item 2. REVISION: Addition of language to TIMELINE on page 2 of the Request for Proposals dated June 24, 2026 with the following as shown in **bold**:

Project work is ready and available to implement upon issue of Notice to Proceed, which is anticipated to be August 2026. **Work must begin at Unit 3, followed by Unit 1, and then Unit 2. CONTRACTOR may work at multiple project areas simultaneously.**

Item 3. REVISION: Addition shown in **bold** and deletion shown in ~~strikethrough~~ of language to ATTACHMENT B on page 13 of the Request for Proposals dated June 24, 2026 with the following:

Disposal:

Preferred Disposal Method: The primary means of slash disposal will be chipping for Unit 1 and 2. **A variety of disposal methods will be required, including lop and scatter, chipping, and pile building and burning.** Chipped material may be distributed back into the unit; avoid watercourses or any areas where

chips may be transported to watercourses by heavy rains (i.e. road ditches). Where feasible, direct chips downhill to avoid chips washing into ditches unless there is known watercourse downslope. Chips do not need to be distributed uniformly (patchwork mosaic is OK at a depth no greater than 4") but should not be left in piles. A chip truck may be utilized to transport, however chips may not be transported off-site without explicit permission from HCRCD. Unit 3 will require primarily lop and scatter in preparation for a future prescribed fire, planned outside of this proposal. ~~Other methods may be requested for Unit 3 such as chipping and transporting off site. Hauling of chips will be required in some project areas per landowner request.~~

~~Alternative Disposal Methods:~~ In certain circumstances, where material generated will be limited and non-continuous, the "lop and scatter" method may be used. Slash must be cut into pieces small enough to maintain an average depth of less than 6 inches. Avoid accumulation of debris at the base of trees. Tree trunks must be limbed and cut into sections and all cut material should be arranged to maximize contact with the ground to encourage decomposition. This "lop and scatter" method must not be used within 150 feet of structures such as critical facilities, homes, or outbuildings.

In coordination with HCRCD and Partners, a plan may be made to employ several different methods of disposal for one project area. This may include areas where steep conditions hinder efficient dragging of material for chipping. In this case, "lop and scatter" may be used beyond 25 feet from the road on the downhill side; vegetation and woody debris in the first 25 feet must be chipped or removed.

~~In instances where other methods are infeasible or due to landowner specifications, CONTRACTOR will may—with explicit permission from HCRCD—be permitted to hand pile slash for burning in a manner consistent with agreed upon Best Management Practices for Pile Burning of Cut Debris (Attachment B).~~ It is the responsibility of the CONTRACTOR to burn piles unless explicitly stated otherwise. HCRCD anticipates restrictive burning conditions for all units. CONTRACTOR should anticipate being flexible with burn days, and will be required to follow the SMP approved by NCUAQMD.

Item 4. REVISION: Deletion of language as shown in ~~striketrough~~ to CULTURAL RESOURCES on page 14 of the Request for Proposals dated June 24, 2026 with the following:

Cultural Resources: Cultural resources are a major resource and will be protected. ~~CONTRACTOR will be expected to work with a cultural resource advisor during work on one of the project areas.~~ HCRCD or Partners may direct CONTRACTOR to avoid certain areas in order to protect these resources. If a cultural resource site is discovered within a project area during operations, the following applies:

1. Project activities within 100 feet of the newly discovered cultural resource should be immediately halted until HCRCD or Partners are contacted and measures are implemented to ensure avoidance of the site. Project activities may continue outside a 100-foot perimeter from the discovery during the identification and avoidance process.
2. If the newly discovered site has been negatively impacted by project operations the HCRCD or Partners shall contact an Archaeologist to assist in development of protection measures and any necessary remediation.
3. If the newly discovered site is a Native American Archaeological or tribal cultural resource (defined in CEQA), the HCRCD or Partners should notify the appropriate Native American tribal group and the Native American Heritage Commission, if appropriate.

Item 5. REVISION: Addition of language to ATTACHMENT B on page 15 of the Request for Proposals dated June 24, 2026 with the following as shown in **bold**:

Erosion control: Installation of erosion control measures will occur as necessary including but not limited to water bars, rolling dips, straw mulch, waddles, etc.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE INTENDED FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY:

Item 6. BIDDERS' QUESTIONS AND HCRCD RESPONSES:

Material Handling & Access

1. What is the anticipated maximum drag distance for the material?

Please see specifications on page 13 of the Request for Proposals dated June 24, 2026 regarding Disposal Methods.

2. Which roads are suitable for chipper and truck access, and are there any locked gates or other access restrictions?

There are several locked gates. The keys or gate codes will be provided to the CONTRACTOR. No other access restrictions. There are roads or skid trails in each unit that are suitable for chipper and truck access.

Cultural Resources

3. Which treatment units require cultural monitoring?

No units require cultural resource monitoring.

4. Will cultural monitors be provided by HCRCD, and who is responsible for associated costs?

No units require cultural resource monitoring. If the inadvertent discovery protocol for cultural resources is initiated, then HCRCD will provide and pay for the costs of an archeological monitor.

Environmental Constraints

5. Are there any riparian exclusion areas or other environmental buffers that will affect treatment?

No Watercourse and Lake Protection Zones are included in the project area based on spatial data analysis. If a riparian area is discovered by the CONTRACTOR or HCRCD, an Registered Professional Forester (RPF) will enforce a buffer.

6. What equipment sanitation protocols, if any, are required for Sudden Oak Death (SOD)?

Please see specifications on page 15 of the Request for Proposals dated June 24, 2026 regarding Disposal Methods.

Treatment Specifications

7. How will completed work be evaluated and accepted in the field?

HCRCD, RPF, and/or designee will inspect work to ensure prescription is followed and project area is complete.

Biomass Disposal

8. Can chips remain onsite where appropriate, or are there landowners or treatment areas where chip removal/off-haul will be required?

Please see Item 3: REVISION above.

Contract

9. Can contractors submit proposals for individual treatment units, or is the intent to award the project as a whole?

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The project must be bid as a whole.

10. Is HCRCD anticipating selecting multiple contractors?

No.

11. Given the stated proposal template and submission instructions would the customer please confirm that Attachment E: Cover Sheet, Statement of Proposal, and References are all the required documentation necessary to respond to this RFP?

Yes.

Changes in Field Conditions

12. If actual field conditions are substantially more difficult than anticipated, what is the process for addressing changes in scope or pricing?

Existing conditions are well documented in the Request for Proposals dated June 24, 2026 and during the mandatory pre-proposal meeting, and HCRCD does not anticipate issuing a contract amendment due to site conditions at this time. However, at any time, the CONTRACTOR may submit in writing a request for a change in the scope of work or other contract documents, including the project cost, for HCRCD's consideration. HCRCD will direct an RPF to review the request and provide HCRCD direction to either accept or reject the request.

Equipment

13. The RFP indicates heavy equipment is generally not permitted. Are there any situations where mechanized equipment may operate from existing roads or landings to assist with material handling?

Mechanized equipment may be utilized on existing roads. No ground disturbance may occur. No mechanized equipment can occur on saturated soils.

Project Schedule

14. Beyond the anticipated Notice to Proceed, are there any target completion dates, operational windows, or seasonal deadlines that contractors should consider when preparing their proposals?

Work must be completed by June 2027. Bird surveys will be required after March 1 and will require additional coordination.

Financial

15. Is there an engineer's estimate for this job?

No. Available grant funding has been provided in the Request for Proposals dated June 24, 2026.

16. Please provide Bid tabulations for Phase 1 and 2 of the project.

Phase 1:

Contractor	HCRCD Score	Total Bid Cost
Coleman	82.56%	\$500,000.00
Jones Family Tree	74.00%	\$1,172,550.00
Karl Benemann*	87.00%	\$233,850.00
Rosenthal	83.00%	\$595,100.00
Wildfire Services Group	70.51%	\$515,640.00

Phase 2:

Contractor	HCRC Score	Total Bid Cost
Biswell Forestry*	94.0%	\$456,243.00
Jones Family Tree Service	92.0%	\$486,693.00
Summitt Forests Inc	86.0%	\$454,314.00
Land Revision	83.0%	\$499,989.00
Forestscapes	80.0%	\$492,478.00
GE Forestry	76.1%	\$328,759.00
Mountain Thunder Tree Services	70.0%	\$172,550.00
Karl Benemann Contracting	55.0%	\$680,050.00
Mason Wood	Incomplete application	\$365,400.00

*Awarded contractor