



**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS/ REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
RFQ/RFP #2627-408**

**DISTRICT WIDE STORMWATER STRATEGY WHITE PAPER AND AB1572
COMPLIANCE CONSULTING SERVICES**

DISTRICT WIDE

Addendum No.1

Issued: October 7, 2026

The following changes, additions, deletions, or corrections shall become part of the above-mentioned RFP:

A. The following are responses to questions received:

1. Question: Please provide the anticipated notice-to-proceed date and project completion schedule. If no schedule has been established, should proposers provide a proposed schedule?

Answer: *The anticipated NTP date is January 2027. A schedule has not yet been established; however, the proposers may submit a suggested schedule for consideration but is not a requirement for this proposal.*

2. Question: Is the evaluation of stormwater infrastructure condition, capacity, and performance intended to be planning-level, based on available records and visual observations, or are hydraulic modeling, surveying, CCTV inspection, flow testing, or other field investigations required?

Answer: *The evaluation of the stormwater infrastructure is intended for planning and budgeting purposes. This will provide the District with priority areas to address. The consultant will review available records, conduct field verification and inspections of existing conditions, and develop a comprehensive inventory of the District's related stormwater infrastructure.*

3. Question: Are recommendations and cost estimates intended to be planning-level, or are engineering designs, construction documents, permit applications, or other implementation-ready documents required?

Answer: *At this time, the consultant shall provide observations, recommendations, and preliminary cost estimates to support the District's planning and budgeting efforts.*

4. Question: What existing information will the District provide, including drainage/stormwater plans, as-builts, GIS data, utility mapping, irrigation plans, water-use data, inspection records, and prior stormwater planning documents?

Answer: *The District will provide available plans, as-builts, GIS data, utility plans, water data, and other relevant documentation for use in developing the white paper. The availability and extent of information will vary by site. All information provided by the District shall be field verified by the consultant.*

5. Question: What format is required for the stormwater infrastructure inventory and nonfunctional turf mapping?

Answer: *Mapping should be provided in CAD and PDF. The inventory list should be provided in the report and in a separate CSV.*

6. Question: Please identify the MS4 permit(s) or other stormwater regulatory programs applicable to the District and the seven project sites, including the District's current MS4 designation or enrollment.

Answer: *Currently, the District submits annual project reports through the SMARTS system. Based on the consultant's recommendations, the District will determine whether any additional reporting is necessary to maintain compliance with MS4 permit requirements.*

7. Question: Task 7 describes consultant support in developing the SWQP, while the deliverables include draft and final SWQPs. Please clarify the consultant's responsibility for preparing the SWQP and identify and required template, format, or existing District plan to be used as the basis.

Answer: *The awarded consultant will review all applicable requirements for each site and prepare a plan to support the District's future planning efforts maintain. The SWQP will serve as a planning tool to identify and develop necessary projects and implementation practices to achieve permitting requirements and maintain compliance with AB1572 and state requirements.*

The final report will be provided in both Microsoft Word and PDF formats. All inventory lists shall be included in the report and provided separately in CSV format. All maps should be provided in both CAD and PDF formats.

8. Question: Section 3.6 and Exhibit D request hourly rates, while Section 5.1 evaluates a proposed fee. Please clarify whether proposers should also submit a total project fee and, if so, whether that fee should be Firm Fixed Price or Time and Materials

Answer: *Yes. Proposers shall submit a Firm Fixed Price for development of the districtwide SWPPP and associated deliverables described in RFP. Hourly rates in Exhibit D will apply to ongoing or as-needed authorized by task order. Under Section 5.1, the District will evaluate the Firm Fixed Price and the proposed hourly rates.*

9. Question: AB 1572 prohibits potable irrigation of nonfunctional turf on local public-agency property beginning January 1, 2027, which precedes the likely

notice to proceed. Has the District already taken interim steps toward that deadline (for example a turf inventory, irrigation shut-offs, or conversions in progress)?

Answer: *Implementation for institutional properties shall begin on January 1, 2028. The selected consultant shall review all applicable deadlines and develop a strategy to prioritize areas of focus for the District.*

10. Question: Does the District have an existing landscape or irrigation inventory?

Answer: *The District does not currently maintain a consolidated inventory list. As-built documents may include schedules on a project-by-project basis. The consultant will be responsible for reviewing the available documentation and field verifying the information, as necessary.*

11. Question: Which sites, if any, currently receive recycled water for irrigation?

Answer: *The only site utilizing recycled water for irrigation is the Criminal Justice Academies in Tustin.*

12. Question: Section 2.2(4) asks for compliance and annual-reporting "tools." Does the District have a preference for the platform?

Answer: *Currently the District utilizes SMARTS for annual SWPPP reporting. The District does not have a preference for tools but open to tool recommendations from the selected consultant.*

13. Question: What is the District's anticipated notice-to-proceed date and desired completion date for the white paper?

Answer: *Please see response to Question 1.*

14. Question: Exhibit D states that rates are fixed for the term of the agreement. What contract term does the District anticipate, and will annual rate escalation be considered for a multi-year term?

Answer: *The District anticipates an initial contract term of 3 years, with the option to extend for up to 2 additional one-year periods at the District's sole discretion. Annual rate escalation will not be considered. As stated in Exhibit D, the hourly rates submitted shall remain fixed for the entire term of the agreement, including any extensions. Proposers should account for any anticipated cost increases over the full term when preparing their rates and Not-to-Exceed fee.*

End of Addendum No.1