

**ZONE 7 WATER AGENCY**  
**Regional Groundwater Facilities Improvement Project**  
**Phase I: Test Wells**  
**Project 308-24**  
**August 23, 2024**

**PROJECT MEMORANDUM – PROJECT UPDATE AND QUESTIONS &  
ANSWERS**

**DOCUMENT #1**

**Purpose**

Due to the number of questions and feedback regarding the bid package, the bid due date will be extended. The new due date will be released in an upcoming addendum. The Contract Award will be presented for approval at the October 16<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. Upon award and notice to proceed, the District will expect the Contractor awarded the contract to mobilize promptly.

Additionally, this memorandum will notify potential bidders of changes to the bid items, clarify bid items, and address questions that were submitted. Details of changes and clarifications will be released in an upcoming addendum.

**Changes and Clarifications to Bid Package:**

- 1. Bid Due Date:** The bid due date will be extended. The new due date will be announced in an upcoming addendum.
- 2. Well Testing:** The bid item to perform well testing will be modified. Contractor will no longer be required to perform well testing. Contractor will, however, be required to collect a water quality sample at the completion of well development. Contractor will therefore not be required to generate or contain well testing discharge water. This change will be reflected in a future addendum.
- 3. Changes to Bid Units:** The agency is considering changing bid units for several bid items.
- 4. Sounds Walls:** Requirements for sound walls or other noise attenuation will be further clarified in an upcoming addendum. The contractor will be responsible for meeting City noise ordinances as stated in Document 01100. Sound walls are an acceptable mitigation measure to meet the noise ordinance requirements. It is the

responsibility of the contractor to determine whether noise attenuation is necessary and design and implement appropriately. Noise will be monitored by the District and City throughout the duration of the project to ensure contractor is meeting the requirements of the noise ordinance. If noise levels exceed the noise ordinance, work will be stopped until sound mitigation to meet the city ordinance is in place. No standby time or downtime will be paid if work is stopped due to noise level exceedances.

**5. Site Restoration:** It was determined that the City will require resurfacing and striping of the parking lot at Site A (Pleasanton Tennis and Community Park). A future addendum will address this in more detail.

## Questions and Answers

**Question 1:** Will the Agency extend the bid due date by two weeks?

**Response 1:** The Agency will extend the bid due date. The New due date will be announced in a future addendum.

**Question 2:** Please confirm that the screen slot size & type, casing/screen diameter & type, as well as the total lengths are not anticipated to change and can be ordered by the Contractor prior to receipt of the final well design. If any of these do change, will the Agency authorize a change order for Standby and/or the additional cost of materials?

**Response 2:** Bidders shall bid for the casing/screen material type and specifications as described in the bid package. Final footages may change based on field observations and results of the E-log. Change orders will not be authorized unless the engineer requests different material specifications as stated in Document 01100, for example, if District requests a change to the well diameter. Change orders shall not be authorized for standby time while awaiting materials as described in Section 01100 paragraph 1.13.B and of Section 01100A.

**Question 3:** Can the Agency change the units for bid item #6 to an hourly rate for the development of each test well?

**Response 3:**

The agency is considering this change in a future addendum.

**Question 4:** Can the Agency change the units for bid item #9 to account for a per load (or gallon or ton) rate for the disposal of drill cuttings, drilling fluids, and development testing fluid?

**Response 4:**

The agency is considering this change in a future addendum.

**Question 5:** Can the Agency get pre-approval from the City to discharge fluid that meets their NPDES requirements directly to the nearest storm drain?

**Response 5:** Well testing will be removed from this bid package. Contractor shall still contain all fluids generated during well construction and development.

**Question 6:** Please provide detail on the well sampling objectives. I.e.: are zones to be isolated by packers, if so – how many zones, will dynamic flow profiling be required, etc.

**Response 6:** Well testing will be removed from this bid package.

**Question 7:** Will the Agency accept direct mud rotary on the ream?

**Response 7:** Direct mud rotary will be required for the reaming of the hole as stated in Addendum No. 1.

**Question 8:** Please confirm that asphalt re-surfacing will be required at site A.

**Response 8:** Asphalt resurfacing and re-striping will be required in the parking lot at Site A (Pleasanton Tennis and Community Park). Further information will be provided in an upcoming addendum.

**Question 9:** Please confirm whether or not the hydrant closest to Site A is recycled water and confirm if the Contractor can use this hydrant for drilling makeup water.

**Response 9:** The hydrant that was observed to be closest to Site A is a recycled water hydrant. Contractors shall not use recycled water for any purpose for this project. Contractor shall be responsible for procuring water as stated in Section 01100 Paragraph 1.6.K.1 and Document 00800 Paragraph 7.B.

**Question 10:** Will the Agency authorize the Contractor to occupy site A for the entire duration of the project for a staging and laydown area for use during the construction of sites B and C?

**Response 10:** The City has not authorized any site to be used as a staging area for the duration of the project.

**Question 11:** Will the Agency accept a 250-gpm pump in lieu of the 500-gpm pump specified for development and testing which would be difficult to achieve in an 8" well?

**Response 11:** Well testing will be removed from this bid package.

**Question 12:** Will the Agency authorize a change order in the event that any cuttings and fluids waste is deemed hazardous?

**Response 12:** Cuttings and discharge water waste are not anticipated to be hazardous. If waste materials are determined to be and must be disposed of as hazardous materials, a change order will be authorized.

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