

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District
Request for Proposals

The San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is seeking qualified candidates to serve as project lead for conservation and habitat management projects at Delta Levees Program Habitat Sites primarily in San Joaquin County.

Background/History

Since 1988, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) has funded development of habitat mitigation and enhancement sites in accordance with Delta Levees Program (DLP) provisions that mandate no net loss of habitat as well as net long-term habitat improvement (Water Code §12314(c-d) and §12987(c-d)). Ongoing management activities of the habitat sites are required to restore and maintain sites that have been degraded by invasive species, trespassing, vandalism, and other stressors. Generally, Resource Conservation Districts (RCDs) can provide the necessary land stewardship activities which is required. Six RCDs have jurisdictions that cover the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: Solano County, Yolo County, Dixon, Contra Costa County, San Joaquin County, and the Lower Cosumnes. The San Joaquin County RCD (SJRCDD) has limited staff and capacity but can provide oversight of the necessary long-term habitat management activities by contracting with natural land experts and/or entities to fulfill the long-term habitat management requirements of the DLP.

Long-term habitat management activities will take place on sites specified by DWR. San Joaquin County RCD will be working on Delta Levees Program Habitat Sites primarily in San Joaquin County that include Pace Preserve on Wright-Elmwood Tract, Palm-Orwood and Terminous Tract, and other DLP habitat sites as needed.

Scope of Work

Activities will encompass general land stewardship, habitat restoration and deferred maintenance activities. These duties include non-native vegetation control, native revegetation and infrastructure maintenance. The goal is to improve habitat values by supporting ecologically healthy native riparian plant communities. Upon written direction by DWR, the RCD or their subcontractors will provide services that may include, but are not limited to, the activities below on an as-needed basis:

Activity 1 - Site assessment and monitoring

Activity 2 - Perform vegetation management

Activity 3 – Revegetation

Activity 4- Maintain infrastructure and respond to stressors

Activity 5 - Communication and Reporting

Activity 6 - Outreach and Capacity Building

Deliverables (in addition to carrying out SOW)

- Provide quarterly reports documenting activities undertaken.
- Provide written annual reports summarizing the previous year's activities and a proposed site work plan for the coming year developed in partnership with DWR.

Compensation

Starting at \$80/ hour for qualified candidate; commensurate on experience.

The selected candidate will serve as an independent contractor with SJCRCD. Invoices for work completed should be submitted no later than the sixth of the following month to the Administrator. SJCRCD will submit invoices DWR on a monthly basis, but payment to contractor will be based on receipt of invoice payment from DWR. Please be aware, this could be 60-90 days, or more.

The selected contractor will be required to enter into a contract with the RCD, subject to approval of the RCD board, and provide liability, auto and worker's compensation insurance.

Length of Agreement

Based on satisfactory performance and funding availability, this project is set to last until June 30, 2026.

To apply:

Submit resumé and one-page proposal detailing qualifications, brief plan of action and fees to sjcrd@outlook.com.

Application Deadline: September 12, 2021

**Interviews will be set from September 14-15*