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as of October 30, 2026

1. What is the engineer's estimate for the project cost?

The project cost was estimated to be $1.3M.

2. What kinds of animal pressures do we expect?

Deer and gophers are common in the area. There will also be goats grazing nearby for roughly two weeks out of the year, though the goats will be kept in a fenced-off area.

3. Should trees without a species specified in the RFP also be Coat Live Oak?

It is preferred that contingency trees are not Coast Live Oaks. Other suitable native tree species can be chosen.

4. Can proposals include permanent irrigation systems?

Proposals can include permanent irrigation systems. However, a solid line cannot run across the road.

5. When do contractors need a biologist?

Contractors need a biologist when using large or loud equipment at the planting site. This is most often during the planting phase, but it may also be necessary during monitoring.

6. What is the preferred tree separation distance?

Tree separation distance is chosen by the proposers in their proposals. We would prefer for the trees to not be too close to each other.

7. How close can trees be to the road?

Trees should be planted at least 10 feet away from the road.

8. What is the exact acreage of the planting site?

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The exact area of the primary planting site is 2.47 acres, as shown in Exhibit E of the RFP. The exact area of the backup site is 0.16 acres, also shown in Exhibit E of the RFP.

9. What is the preferred strategy for removing poison oak?

Herbicides cannot be used on District watershed land. Other strategies for removing poison oak should be proposed.

10. Will the wood piles currently at the primary planting site be removed before planting begins?

Yes, the wood piles currently at the primary planting site will be removed by the District prior to planting.

11. Are there any restrictions on mulch sourcing?

The only restrictions for mulch sourcing are Sudden Oak Death requirements.

12. Is the size of the trees specified?

Tree size is not specified. Tree sizes can be chosen by the proposer based on which they think will ensure 85% survivorship. Typically, 5-gallon trees are used.