

East Bay Plain Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan Development

Questions and Answers for the East Bay Plain GSP Development RFP

1. Will facilitation services be solicited?

No. EBMUD and Hayward staff will carry out Stakeholder Communication and Engagement tasks and not seek facilitation services at this time. The consultant team may be asked to prepare briefing materials for stakeholder meetings.

2. Could you please clarify high-level representation in Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model Development?

The Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model and groundwater model should be developed applying best available science and high quality data. We recognize that data gaps exist and generalization will be necessary for some areas within the model domain. These model areas will be refined and enhanced in future GSP updates using more accurate data from pertinent GSP implementation projects.

3. How would you consider climate change in the GSP development?

On August 6, 2018, DWR published the guidance document providing climate change datasets and related tools for use in developing GSPs. This guidance document should be referenced in developing the proposal and the GSP.

4. Will your agencies be willing to prepare a support letter to research well logs/boring logs data?

We will work with the selected consultants to evaluate the need for this letter and may prepare it if necessary.

5. Are you not developing a DMS under this proposal?

A DMS will be developed as a part of GSP implementation phase. Under this RFP, we are seeking research, analysis, and recommendation for a DMS.

6. What are the % requirements for contract equity purposes?

None. EBMUD's expectation is that based on proposers' Good Faith Outreach Efforts to subconsultants/subcontractors of all races and both genders, the composition of consultant teams will reflect the broad diversity present in the marketplace, consistent with the Contracting Objectives of the Contract Equity. All potential contractors must implement all ten of the Good Faith Outreach Efforts (GFOE) subject to the provisions of Section B. If all of the contracting objectives are met, the GFOE are not required but are still strongly recommended. Contracts which have no subcontracting, supplying, or trucking opportunities are exempt from the GFOE requirements.

Proposers are required to sign the Contract Equity Program Guidelines Certification, Form P-042, with the proposal document, certifying that the bidder is informed as to the Program requirements. An exemption could also be filed to obtain a waiver from the Contract Equity program.

As described in Evaluation Criteria, the selection process is a two-steps process. Contract Equity compliance will be reviewed as part of the first evaluation step. The final selection will be made through oral interviews.

<https://www.ebmud.com/business-center/requests-proposal-rfps/east-bay-plain-subbasin-groundwater-sustainability-plan-development/>

7. How many copies do you need?

Six hard copies.

8. What is your schedule?

The due date to implement the GSP is January 31, 2022.

9. Will model files be available?

Available upon request

10. Can pdf files of the East Bay Plain references be made available from the East Bay Plain Subbasin GSP Development RFP website?

Requested specific documents will be made available to requesters.

11. Does EBMUD or the City of Hayward currently have a DMS system in place to keep track of data resulting from current monitoring practices?

We do not currently have a DMS – as specified in GSP regulations- in place but just have an application associated with pressure transducers we use for monitoring water level.

12. Can you post the sign-in sheet and a copy of PPT slides from the meeting?

Yes

13. The RFP mention in various places, Exhibit A, and perhaps it should Exhibit B. This is regarding the proposal format; for instance, on page 37, item 9, it reads “...hyperlink contained in the last page of this Exhibit A”. I do not see a hyperlink on Exhibit A, but where there are hyperlinks, I cannot access Form P-25 per the instructions. If I may please get clarification on this proposal format question, I would appreciate it.

The subject link is on Page 40 of the RFP. The link <http://ebmud.com/business-center/contract-equity-program/> should take you to the Contract Equity Program page. For your convenience, attached here is the CEP guideline including the form P-25 starting on page 25.

14. For this RFP, on p.35 of 91, it states that “Cost shall be submitted on this Proposal Form as is.” There is no form for the Proposal Cost provided on this page or in Exhibit B. Can you provide the form or the specifications for presenting the cost estimate?

Sorry for your inconveniences. Here is the format you can use. You may break your cost down by tasks as RFP outlines.

Description	Unit of Measure	Estimated Quantity	Unit Cost	Extended Cost
Senior Consultant	hour		\$	\$
Junior consultant	hour		\$	\$
TOTAL COST				\$

15. The CH2M Hill 2005 “Phase 1 Bayside Groundwater Project – Evaluation of Project Effects” TM pdf did not include the figures – are those available?

We don't have the figures with the TM but Bayside DEIR captures numerous figures relating to CH's TM. Please review the DEIR.

16. *The CH2M Hill 2005 TM references a WRIME (June 2004) Report documenting development of NEBIGSM. Based on review of references it sounds like this document may contain some information in addition to what is included in the WRIME (2005) document that I have. Is it possible to obtain the WRIME June 2004 report?*

We do not have the WRIME report.

17. *Report prepared by CH2M Hill in 2001 to document a reconnaissance level MODFLOW model developed for EBMUD for the East Bay Plain. We do not have the report.*

The model prepared for the SEBP GMP synthesized the recon model to reflect up-to-date knowledge at that time.

18. *There seem to be several other Kenneth Muir reports on the East Bay Plain including on Geologic Framework (1993), Groundwater Yield (1996), Groundwater Discharge (1996), and “Geology and Groundwater of the East Bay Plain” (1998). Would you happen to have copies of any of these Muir reports that can be made available?*

We do not have these reports.

19. *In which proposal section does the Cost Estimate go? Should that section be submitted with the proposal as a section under a specific tab (i.e., Section 10, Cost Estimate) or elsewhere, or in a separate, sealed envelope?*

The cost estimate could be included as a separate section or a part of your proposal package but not in a separate sealed envelope. It will be appropriate to follow the description of proposed services and schedule.

20. *If our firm has met the 25% requirement, do we still need to advertise for EEO firms?*

If you already meet or exceed the Contracting Objectives for all three availability groups including 25% ethnic minorities as our EEO guidelines (page 4), your firm is exempt from the Good Faith Outreach Efforts requirements set forth in Section A of the guidelines.