

Family Water Alliance History Project Proposal for the Site Project Authority

About Family Water Alliance:

Family Water Alliance is a coalition of people who are concerned about the future of agriculture, private property rights, rural communities and the balance between man and nature. Since 1991 Family Water Alliance and the Sacramento Valley Fish Screen Program have found innovative ways to promote and protect family farms in the Sacramento Valley.



Family Water Alliance, Inc.

Proposal: Bridging the future with the past

Family Water Alliance (FWA) and their close connection with family farmers is in a unique position to provide a service that will utilize both the strong property rights values that are a part of our mission statement, with the desire to help our local constituency to develop a greater understanding of the Sites Project, by maintaining the link to the past and the people whose lives might be impacted by the project. Family Water Alliance was started and is still managed by a board of directors that are tied to the Sacramento Valley and depend on a stable supply of water to ensure that those family farms continue.

Scope of Work and Deliverables:

In the next eight months FWA will develop and maintain a database of the Sites Cemetery. Using available genealogical research FWA will create a user-friendly map that will allow local family participation in creation and location, and current relationships of the occupants of the Site's Cemetery.

FWA will host three evening meetings to talk about the progress of the research and development of the data base at our office in Maxwell. Meeting notes and public input will be recorded and provided to the Site Joint Powers Authority. This will include any copies of pictures and printed material.

FWA will begin research to develop a proposal about those graves and burial grounds that exist outside of the Sites Cemetery, including recently discovered articles regarding research done in the 1950s.

FWA staff will travel to the Metropolitan Water District project at Diamond Lake to view and meet with staff that worked on both the archeological and historical aspect of that project.

Each month a written report will be submitted to the board of directors of the Sites Project Authority, outlining the progress and data recorded.

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This scope of work consists solely of ‘desk-top’ studies augmented by visual site inspections. No field or on-site exploratory work will be performed and all work will comply with applicable statutes. A partial listing of these statutes is provided at the end of this proposal.

The deliverables are expected to augment the Authority’s work and be complimentary with the Authority’s efforts to prepare its environmental documents and acquire applicable permits.

Cost

The cost for the research, database development, maps and meetings will be \$2,500.00 per month for the duration of 8 months, for a total, not-to-exceed amount of \$25,000.

Benefits to Sites Project authority

Construction of the reservoir will inundate the cemetery, which will require the Authority to develop a relocation plan that includes input from surviving family members. For some families, this will be an emotional process that will take considerable time. Early identification will enable the Authority to develop a plan that is responsive to the needs of the affected families and it will help the Authority to develop plans to help preserve the rich history of this area, which the Authority now calls its home.

Partial List of Statutes this work will comply with:

- National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA)
- California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
- National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA)
- State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) requirements
- National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)
- Public Resource Code Chapter 1.7 Section 5097.5 (Archaeological, Paleontological, and Historical Sites) and Section 5024.1 (preserve and maintain State-owned historical resources)
- Protection of Historic Properties (USC 36 CFR 800)
- Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act
- California Native American Historic Resource Protection Act