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Meeting: **Reservoir Committee & Authority Board** **June 26, 2026**
Agenda Item 2.4

Subject: **Recommended Terrestrial Compensatory Mitigation Shortlist**

Requested Action:

Reservoir Committee and Authority Board consider accepting the Evaluation Team recommendation of the Terrestrial Compensatory Mitigation statements of qualifications deemed best qualified to continue in the procurement process and issue a request for proposal to the short-listed firms.

Detailed Description/Background:

In October 2025, the Authority Board and Reservoir Committee authorized the Executive Director to issue the Terrestrial Compensatory Mitigation Request for Qualifications (RFQ), including the Preliminary Draft Contract. Following RFQ issuance in February 2026, staff conducted the procurement process as described in the RFQ. Statement of Qualifications (SOQs) were due April 17, 2026, and the two Respondents are listed alphabetically as follows:

- HGS, LLC dba RES Environmental Operating Company, LLC
- Westervelt Ecological Services

The Evaluation Team, led by the Environmental Planning and Permitting Manager, convened and completed its assessment of the submitted SOQs. Each team member independently reviewed the SOQs. The Evaluation Team utilized the information submitted by respondents and conducted discussions to evaluate and score the submitted SOQs. This process allowed the Team to determine which Respondents were best qualified to deliver the Terrestrial Compensatory Mitigation and, therefore, to advance to the second step in the procurement process. Based on the Evaluation Team's unanimous recommendation, it is recommended that the Reservoir Committee and Authority Board short-list the following firms, listed in alphabetical order:

- HGS, LLC dba RES Environmental Operating Company, LLC
- Westervelt Ecological Services

The Team determined that both firms were responsive and met the non-scored criteria. The RFQ also included scored criteria to evaluate qualitative factors and identify distinguishing capabilities. Both firms demonstrated a level of

experience and capabilities in key areas of importance to the success of the Project as reflected in the scored criteria, including the following:

- Successful completion of compensatory mitigation projects of similar size, scope, and complexity with recent, relevant experience, particularly in California.
- Expertise and capability related to specialized skills, methodologies, or experience working with local, California and federal regulatory agencies, and success in the Compensatory Mitigation Contractor Team achieving mitigation compliance.
- Effective Working Relationships with Public Owners, similar to the Sites Authority, Tribal Governments and Local Communities.
- References that supported submitted SOQ information.
- Demonstrated experience, competencies, and capabilities, including key personnel, to support successful completion of a project of similar size, scope and complexity.

Respondents have been notified of the results of evaluations and that the Board is considering its action today.

Following approval of the short-list, the anticipated procurement schedule is as follows:

1. Issue RFP to short-list – August 2026
2. Proposals Due – October 2026
3. Proposal Review and Interviews –October and November 2026
4. Board and Reservoir Committee approve contractor and authorize contract – Q4 2026

Prior Action:

October 2025: Reservoir Committee and Authority Board authorized issuing Request for Qualifications

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source:

The Amendment 3 Work Plan includes sufficient budget to cover required resources and activities to implement these next steps for the adopted Contracting Strategy.

Staff Contact:

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Primary Service Provider:

None.

Attachments:

None.