

MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY

PROJECT: GRAZING LEASES MONTEREY COUNTY, CALIFORNIA PROJECT NO. 17-001 BID PACKAGE NO. 17-001

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids for the above project will be received at Office of Clerk of the Board of Supervisors/County of Monterey/ 168 W. Alisal St. 1st Floor/Salinas, CA 93901 (Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1728 Salinas, CA 93902-1728) until the submission deadline: 12:00 p.m. on Friday, September 29, 2017, at which time they will be publicly opened and read in the Board of Supervisors' Conference Room.

Each bid shall be in accordance with the Bid Qualification Packet, Grazing Lease specifications, addenda, and subject to all Special Provisions/Conditions, General Conditions, and other Lease Documents prepared by the Monterey County Water Resources Agency (Agency), and shall be submitted on the bid for prescribed by Agency. Minimum bids for each lease shall be as specified in the 2017 MCWRA Grazing Lease Minimum Bid Schedule posted on Agency website. The Agency reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any irregularities or informalities in any bids or in the bidding or to re-bid the leases. No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of sixty (60) days after the opening of bids without the written consent of the Agency.

A public auction will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, September 29, 2017, in the [Monterey Room / Board Chambers] at the County Government Center, 168 W. Alisal St. _ Floor/Salinas, CA 93901. The highest amount bid under seal by a qualified bidder for each separate lease shall serve as the opening bid for the public auction. Only those who submit Bid Qualification Packets by 2:00 p.m. on Friday, September 22, 2017, at the Agency Office at 1441 Schilling Place (North Building), Salinas, CA, 93901, and which Bid Qualification Packets are approved by the Agency, shall be entitled to bid at the public auction.

Historically, the Monterey County Water Resources Agency has leased portions of its property around both reservoirs for livestock grazing. Some of you may notice, however, significant modifications that have been made to the bid qualification packet for this new lease cycle.

The focus of the Agency's grazing lease agreement is implementation of management methods that meet the Agency's conservation goals of protecting the water quality and quantity of both reservoirs.

Bidders that have an existing Agency grazing lease must be deemed a "Lessee in Good Standing" to qualify for bidding. Lessee in Good Standing is defined as having met all of the requirements of an existing Agency grazing lease.

The Agency reserves the right to disqualify individuals or corporations for the bidding process based on their financial ability to support the lease and/or lack of experience with cattle grazing operation or other legitimate cause. A list of those who have submitted a Bid Qualification Packet approved by the Agency will be posted on the Agency website at least two days prior to the public auction. Only individuals whose names appear on the list will be allowed to bid.

Lease documents may be examined at the Agency's office, 1441 Schilling Place, North Building, Salinas, California 93901. Electronic Contract Documents are available to download free at the Agency's website page: <http://www.mcwra.co.monterey.ca.us>. Alternatively, contact Brent Buche either via email at bucheb@co.monterey.ca.us, or by phone at (831) 755-4860 to obtain a copy of the Lease Documents. Each party may obtain one set at no charge. Additional copies may be purchased for a nonrefundable fee of \$10.00. Checks or money orders made payable to Monterey County Water Resources Agency will be accepted.

All questions during bidding period must be submitted, in writing, as follows: Brent Buche, E-mail: bucheb@co.monterey.ca.us or by fax at (831) 424-7935. The for the submission of written questions is 5:00p.m., September 22, 2017. No questions will be accepted after the deadline. Inquiries and their written responses will be returned to all registered bidders via E-mail or fax. Answers to all questions and project addenda will be posted to the project page listed above.

Security in an amount equal to at least ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the bid in the form of cash, cashier's check, or certified check payable to the Monterey County Water Resources Agency, or a bidder's bond in the form attached to the proposal executed by an admitted corporate surety company, must accompany the bid. For the selected contractor, a payment bond and a performance bond, each in the amount of 100% of the Contract, are required.

Pursuant to California Public Contract Code Section 22300, the Contractor may substitute securities for any monies withheld by the Agency to ensure performance under the contract.

Date:

DAVID E. CHARDAVOYNE
GENERAL MANAGER