

Monterey County Water Resources Agency
RFQ 2026-001
Addendum No. 1
May 20, 2026

1. SOQ Deadline Extension:

The Monterey County Water Resources Agency (MCWRA or Agency) is extending the deadline for Statements of Qualifications (SOQs) for RFQ No. 2026-001 from Friday May 29, 2026 to **Monday, June 15, 2026 at 9 am PST.** All SOQs must be submitted electronically to HardenE@countyofmonterey.gov and MCWater@countyofmonterey.gov.

2. The updated Schedule of Events is as follows:

This is the planned schedule, all in PST:

Release of RFQ	April 16, 2026
Deadline for Written Questions	May 8, 2026 by 5:00 p.m.
Responses to Questions	May 20, 2026
<i>Proposals are Due</i>	<i>June 15, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Interviews (if held)</i>	<i>July 1 – July 10, 2026</i>
<i>Negotiation of Contract Terms</i>	<i>July 2026</i>
<i>Agency Committees/ Board of Directors</i>	<i>August 2026</i>
<i>Notice to Proceed</i>	<i>September 1, 2026</i>

All dates are subject to change at the discretion of MCWRA

3. Questions received (Q) and Answers (A):

Q1: Can the resumes be submitted as an appendix and excluded from the 20- or 30-page limit? If this is not permissible, would concise summaries of the proposed personnel's experience be acceptable?

A1: The SOQ should clearly identify the Project Manager and other key personnel within the body of the SOQ. Resumes may be included as appendices and be excluded from the 20-30 page count. Resumes shall not exceed two pages per person.

Q2: Reference Projects: For projects where proposers have provided multiple services and may be providing ongoing services (e.g., construction management), should the start and end dates align with the time period for CEQA/NEPA review?

A2: Please limit the relevant experience dates to the CEQA/NEPA and permitting phases.

Q3: Project Manager experience: Would it be acceptable for the Project Manager to have 10 years of experience managing heavy civil construction projects that are not specifically related to water conveyance facilities?

*A3: No. "CONTRACTOR's project manager, including any subsequent project managers, shall have a minimum of ten (10) years' experience in managing the environmental compliance and approvals of heavy civil construction projects **involving** water conveyance facilities."*

Q4: For San Antonio Dam Spillway Replacement, tasks 3.14 and 3.15 seem to conflict. Should the consultant propose likely permits and estimated cost for obtaining permits and other approvals, or would that scoping happen once the regulatory needs are better understood?

A4: Task 3.14 was intended as an identification phase, i.e., identify permit requirements and provide general approach. Optional Task 3.15 is intended to implement permit applications (prepare, submit and support MCWRA in obtaining permits).

Q5: For the San Antonio Dam project, please confirm that a NEPA scope, cost, and schedule is not being requested at this time.

A5: Until a federal lead agency is identified, this task cannot be scoped; however, Contractor should demonstrate experience with NEPA and federal agency process.

Q6: For the San Antonio Dam project, for purposes of developing a cost estimate, which topics should we assume will be evaluated in the EIR?

A6: A list of specific topics was not included since 1) a qualified Contractor should be able to identify likely potential impacts of the Projects based on supplemental info provided, and 2) it is stated the Contractor will need to prepare a CEQA checklist (Task 3) which will be based on Appendix G "to identify the preliminary scope and content of the EIR."

Q7: For the San Antonio Dam project, please confirm the deliverables for Task 3.6 should include a Screen check Draft EIR and Public Draft EIR, per the description above the deliverables list.

A7: Yes, as noted under task 3.6, it is expected that a screen check Draft EIR will be provided for review (electronic format only) and will be followed by the public Draft EIR. Please note that both should be ADA compliant.

Q8: For the San Antonio Dam project, please confirm the deliverables for Task 3.9 should include a Screen check Final EIR and Public Final EIR, per the description above the deliverables list.

A8: Yes, Task 3.9, it is expected that a screen check Final EIR will be provided for review (electronic format only) and will be followed by the Public Final EIR. Please note that both should be ADA compliant.

Q9: For the San Antonio Dam project, please confirm that the environmental consultant is expected to develop cost estimates for mitigation measures, and how detailed those estimates need to be. Typically this is done by the design team or cost estimator.

A9: Some mitigation measures will require engineering expertise. Mitigation cost estimates should be limited to biological, cultural and similar. Collaboration and coordination with the design team is expected within this task for items requiring engineering cost estimates.

Q10: For the Nacimiento Dam project, please confirm “environmental documents” include an NOP, Initial Study, Draft EIR, Final EIR, MMRP, Findings, SOC (if needed), and NOD, similar to the San Antonio Dam project. Many of these documents are not explicitly listed in the scope or deliverables.

A10: The RFQ states "the Agency will require assistance in determining an approach to the CEQA analysis as well as the level of documentation that will be required to support Agency decision makers as well as responsible, cooperating, and other agencies with discretion over the project."

Q11: For the Nacimiento Dam project, should the consultant include likely permits and estimated cost for obtaining permits and other approvals as part of this proposal, or would that scoping happen once the proposer is under contract and the regulatory needs are better understood?

*A11: “Proposers shall identify permits and approvals that will **likely** be required, a strategy for obtaining permits, and an estimated cost for preparing applications and obtaining the permits and other approvals.”*

The Nacimiento Project Task 3.14 was intended to identify permit requirements, provide general approach, and to implement permit applications (prepare, submit and support MCWRA in obtaining permits).

This is different than the San Antonio Scope where there is a separation of an identification task (Task 3.14) and an optional task (Task 3.15) for implementation of permit applications.

Q12: For the Nacimiento Dam project, if an Initial Study is desired to scope the EIR, which topics should we assume will be evaluated in the EIR, for cost estimation purposes?

A12: The RFQ states that "The AGENCY will rely on the expert knowledge of the CONTRACTOR to ensure that all probable environmental effects of this project are adequately identified and addressed in the environmental document. The analysis will

consider, at a minimum, each environmental resource topic included in Appendix G of the CEQA Guidelines, carrying forward those that are relevant to the project in the environmental documentation.

Q13: For the San Antonio Dam project, please confirm that a NEPA scope, cost, and schedule is not being requested at this time.

A13: Please demonstrate expertise now, scope and cost will be determined at a later time.

Q14: Is the contract expected to be a time & materials contract or fixed fee contract?

A14: The contract is expected to be task based and therefore, time and materials by task as described and outlined in the scope of work.

Q15: Is invoicing expected to be standard time & materials billing or on a percent complete billing basis?

A15: Please see response A14.

Q16: Can you provide a list of what other technical reports that have been done? Do you have Geotech and Hydrology/Drainage studies?

A16: Please see Exhibit B, Technical References for information regarding existing studies and needed studies related to each project. The Agency has all historical reports completed to date for each facility; however, that information is deemed critical infrastructure information and will only be shared with the selected consultant.

Q17: On page 8 of the RFP under Proposal Format Guidelines, it indicates "Proposal should be typed and should contain no more than 20 typed pages using a 12-point font size, including transmittal letter and resumes of each team member, but excluding Index/Table of Contents, tables, charts, graphic exhibits, and Appendices." Is the inclusion related to the page count or the font size?

*A17: SOQ **typed content** shall not exceed the equivalent of 20 typed pages with 12-point font size. Pages/sections that will not be counted against this page number maximum are Index/Table of Contents, tables, charts, graphics, exhibits, and Appendices. Resumes may be included as appendices per Q1 and A1 of this Addendum, but shall not exceed two pages per person.*

Q18: On page 9 under Staffing, it requests the anticipated hours of service of each individual. Is this information to be included in this section in addition to the Cost Proposal?

A18: Yes. Per the Evaluation Criteria, the Cost Proposal is scored independently.

4. ADA Compliance

All deliverables for both the San Antonio Project and Nacimiento Project shall be ADA compliant at time of submission to the Agency.

5. San Antonio Spillway Replacement Project

The San Antonio Spillway Replacement Project proposed design configuration has not been accepted by Division of Safety of Dams.