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## INVITATION TO BID #3614-13 ARROYO GRANDE CREEK AND LOS BERROS CREEK CHANNELS VEGETATION THINNING

### Clarifications

July 22, 2013

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#### 1. Clarification to Scope of Work Section 1:

As described in the Invitation to Bid, no trees (willows) will be trimmed within the buffer zone, with the exception of fallen trees, broken limbs, dead trees, or other woody vegetation overhanging the low flow channel. Additionally, willow limbs extending beyond the buffer zone (levee side of the riparian buffer), shall be pruned / hedged between ground level to a height of 6 feet above ground level, if determined not to be harmful to whole health of tree within the buffer zone.

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#### 2. Clarification to Scope of Work Section 8:

Along the north levee in Section C, Los Berros Diversion Channel, ivy is growing on the outside levee edge along the property line. This ivy shall be hedged and removed, so that it does not exceed the existing fence height. Cost for this work shall be included in the per acre unit cost for Section C.

The mowing and hedging of the levee tops shall be extended to include the north levee top between Station 5+80 and 23+80. This channel reach is immediately west of the project limits for in-channel vegetation thinning, Section A. Cost for this work shall be included in the per acre unit cost for Section A. Photos showing the existing vegetation growth on and along the levee top in this reach are following:

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Approximate Station 20+00, looking west



Approximate Station 10+00, looking west



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Approximate Station 5+80, looking east



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**3. Clarification to Scope of Work Section 9:**

Weed whackers may be used to clear vegetation at the top of the levees for access (Refer to Scope of Work Section 8 for description of work). If weed whackers are to be used, a biological monitor must be present to monitor and observe work and weed whacking shall be performed no less than 6 inches vertically from the top of levee. Absolutely, no weed whackers are permitted for use within the channel as described in Section 9.

Other hand tools, such as loppers, clippers, pole saws, are also permitted for use within the channel.

Although there are several creek crossings used by the farmers along the channel, vehicular access through or across the creek by the contractor will not be permitted during this project.

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4. [Clarification to Scope of Work Section 13:](#)

The first item of work for each channel section shall be the mowing/hedging as described in Section 8. Then, removal of invasive species should be done prior to removal of willows from each channel section. For removal of Castor Bean the plants should be removed by hand first, and three weeks later the remaining stalks should be treated with herbicide after re-growth has begun. Herbicide used must be approved for use (i.e. Rodeo or equal) and may only be applied by a qualified applicator.

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