

RECLAMATION

Managing Water in the West

U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Reclamation

NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

This notice is not a request for applications. This provides public notice of the Bureau of Reclamation's intention to fund the following project activities without full and open competition.

ABSTRACT	
Opportunity Number	BOR-MP-19-N007
Project Title	Salmon Conservation and Research Facility Operations and Maintenance
Recipient	California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Anticipated Total Project Costs	\$10,743,114.99
Anticipated Federal Amount	\$10,743,114.99
Anticipated Completion Date	December 31, 2022
Statutory Authority	Public Law 111-11, San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement, Title X, Part I; Section 10002, Section 10004(b)(1); Stipulation of Settlement CIV NO. S-88-1658-LKK/GGH (San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement)—Paragraph 14(a)
CFDA Number	15.555 – San Joaquin River Restoration Program
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SUMMARY OF PROJECT ACTIVITIES

The objectives of the project are to: (1) Develop and maintain a genetically diverse brood stock of spring and potentially fall run Chinook to support the restoration of Chinook salmon to self-sustaining levels; (2) produce targets set by the San Joaquin River Restoration Program (SJRRP) to the maximum extent practicable given the limitations of tank space and water supply at the Interim Facility, until the full-scale Conservation Facility becomes operational; (3) produce juvenile spring-run and fall-run Chinook, with an emphasis on spring-run Chinook production, to support the restoration of Chinook salmon runs to self-sustaining levels; (4) support and provide research needs associated with restoring spring and/or fall run Chinook populations to self-sustaining levels.

SELECTION JUSTIFICATION

Since 2013, California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has worked with Reclamation conducting captive broodstock experiments and monitoring the results at the Interim Facility using fall run Chinook salmon. CDFW is uniquely qualified to carry out these particular tasks of the operations and maintenance of the Salmon Conservation and Research Interim Facility as the developer and owner of the facility. An Endangered Species Act, Section 10(a)(1)(A) permit for US Fish and Wildlife Service has been approved by the National Marine Fisheries Service that allows CDFW to collect, transport, and propagate spring-run Chinook salmon at the Interim Facility. CDFW has many years of experience conducting captive broodstock experiments and monitoring the results at the Interim Facility using fall run Chinook salmon, operates similar conservation facilities in California and is currently conducting various active research projects on the San Joaquin River. It would be impractical for the government to work with cooperators who are not intimately familiar with the Interim Facility operations, maintenance, and captive broodstock experiments.

Reclamation did not solicit full and open competition for this award based on the following criteria:

(2) CONTINUATION & (4) UNIQUE QUALIFICATIONS