

BLUE LAKE RANCHERIA

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Call for Proposals

The Blue Lake Rancheria (BLR) Tribe is seeking a qualified independent consulting firm for the purposes of conducting a tribal wastewater system feasibility study for the Tribe. We are looking for a consultant who is experienced with tribal wastewater systems and environmental issues, and will coordinate BLR staff throughout the project to obtain necessary information and incorporate feedback from tribal leadership.

Proposal Due Date: April 29, 2022

Proposal Submission Method: competitive proposals via email, U.S. mail, overnight mail, or hand delivery.

Proposal Submission Address:

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Notification of Contract Award: May 5, 2022

Project Start Date: May 9, 2022

Project Completion Date: November 30, 2022

Background

The Blue Lake Rancheria consists of ~98 acres along the Mad River and adjacent to the City of Blue Lake and Highway 299, in Humboldt County, California. The land is mostly low-lying and floodplain information will be provided to the selected consultant. The residential population is approximately 200, and an average of 2,000 people visit tribal businesses each day. Currently some of the Tribe's businesses and residences are served by the adjacent City of Blue Lake's wastewater treatment facility, and some have septic tanks. The Tribe has continually focused on development projects to increase self-sufficiency and tribal sovereignty, and a tribal wastewater system aligns with these priorities.

The Tribe received a CalEPA Environmental Justice Small Grant award for this feasibility study with community input. BLR Facilities and Environmental Programs staff will work with the consultant to provide information during the project and to circulate the draft feasibility study to tribal leadership and the community for input.

The Blue Lake Rancheria Tribe is considering a phased approach to wastewater treatment for the community, with the initial facility hookups serving the Blue Lake Casino, Hotel, and tribal office buildings (estimated 40,000 gallons per day). Further phases will include the tribal gas station convenience store, tribal residences, and potential future developments (up to a total of 125,000 gallons per day). For this feasibility study, the Tribe is interested in a wastewater plant that can handle the initial demand and scale up to handle new users and developments.



Blue Lake Rancheria location map (left) and tribal land boundary in yellow (right).

Project Scope of Work:

Provide subject matter expertise, planning and research support to tribal staff and leadership to develop a tribal community wastewater system feasibility study:

- Identify potential locations on the Rancheria for a wastewater treatment facility;
- Recommend size and type of wastewater treatment system based on BLR needs and engineering feasibility;
- Identify potential for expansion of facility to handle projected growth;
- Describe required permitting process;
- Provide construction cost estimate and timeline;
- Describe operation and maintenance needs and cost estimate;
- Identification of project assumptions and potential issues or concerns;
- Cooperation with tribal environmental staff to circulate draft feasibility study and incorporate community feedback; and
- Final draft tribal community wastewater treatment feasibility study.

Proposal Requirements:

Proposal must contain the following components. Additional information that may prove beneficial to the Tribe during the rating and awarding process is welcomed.

1. Contact name, address, telephone number, and email address.
2. Detailed description of skills, experience, and ability to meet project requirements including identification and designation of roles/responsibilities of key project staff.
3. Detailed description of tasks/activities, with timeline and estimated costs per task
4. List of deliverables
5. Statement of acceptance, ability and willingness to enter into a Professional Services Contract.
6. A proposed budget not to exceed \$40,000 with administrative costs clearly detailed.

Evaluation of Proposals:

Proposals that do not include required information listed above cannot be adequately evaluated.

Proposals that include all required information will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Demonstrated project experience and skills;
- Capabilities of key project staff;
- Experience working with Native American tribes;
- Proposed timelines;
- Project budget;
- Client references; and
- Veteran, Minority, Women, and/or Native American owned entity.

