



September 19, 2016

RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

Following are responses to requests for information from consultants submitted by September 15:

- The District anticipates that the greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory and forecast memorandum will compare Business as Usual and Target Year/emissions Level for different scenarios. We plan to work with the consultant to develop those scenarios based on the data that is collected as part of this effort.
- We are looking for an economic cost/benefit analysis to help prioritize actions that the District can take to reduce its carbon footprint. This analysis can include ecosystem services.
- The District has budgeted for this plan, including optional tasks. We are looking for consultants with the depth of experience to know what it costs them to provide these services. Although costs will be a criteria for consultant selection, experience and project understanding will also be considered.
- As part of the GHG inventory, the team will collect District-specific data such as the number of part-time and full-time staff, vehicles in the fleet, and visitor visits per year. Roughly, we currently employ 700 to 800 people.
- We also intend to define the horizon and/or target year as part of the plan.
- The District has a recently-developed energy strategic plan and carbon sequestration study update that will be incorporated into the Sustainability Plan, although additional data might be needed.
- The consultant team would need to collect data for waste and water use.
- Task 6 is absolutely mandatory, and Task 7 and 8 are optional, depending on need at the time. The optional tasks allow us flexibility in case the District needs more support from the selected consultant than currently expected. The plan is anticipated to be completed within a year. The current scope of the Request for Proposals is focused on GHG accounting, and we plan to provide community engagement services in-house.
- This Sustainability Plan is primarily focused on mitigation planning to guide actions to reduce the District’s carbon footprint and to apply for Cap and Trade funds administered by state agencies. Adaptation planning will be provided in-house. The Sustainability Plan will, however, summarize the adaptation planning that the District is currently undertaking to ensure it is included in the plan. We have also partnered, and continue to partner, with regional agencies who have done a number of asset inventories and vulnerability assessments and intend to include this work in the plan, although do not expect it to generate new analyses related to adaptation planning.

Board of Directors

Doug Siden
President
Ward 4

Beverly Lane
Vice-President
Ward 6

Dennis Waespi
Treasurer
Ward 3

Diane Burgis
Secretary
Ward 7

Whitney Dotson
Ward 1

John Sutter
Ward 2

Ayn Wieskamp
Ward 5

Robert E. Doyle
General Manager

- Task 2 meetings are with District staff, whereas Task 8 meetings are with the broader community.
- The 2016 carbon sequestration study update will be posted on-line before the proposal is due.
- We anticipate that land use and land use change modeling will be minimal, since we are a land management agency rather than a city that would need to consider different development scenarios. The District does, however, expect to develop a number of scenarios for the target year with the consultant team.
- This plan will incorporate the 2016 carbon sequestration study update, so no further analysis is expected related to sequestration beyond peer-review of the recent update.
- The carbon sequestration update includes land-cover types monitored by the District.
- In the future, we plan to engage in the private carbon market and will want to work with a third-party verifier in order to identify specific carbon offset projects. One of the tasks under the carbon sequestration study update was to do a preliminary analysis of the viability of the District to participate in the carbon market.
- The contract will probably be time and materials based.