

**SACRAMENTO AREA FLOOD CONTROL AGENCY
CONTRACT NO. 4067**

**Natomas Levee Improvement Program
Upper and Lower Giant Garter Snake/Drainage Canal
Planting Project**

SUBMIT BID TO:

Office, Clerk of the Board
County Administration Center
700 H Street, Suite 2450
Sacramento, California 95814

BID OPENING:

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Sacramento, California 95814

**NO LATER THAN: 2:00 P.M. ON THE
DAY OF BID**

**APPROXIMATELY: 2:10 P.M.
FOLLOWING BID SUBMITTAL**

TO: Honorable Board of Director
Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency

I. BID

Pursuant to your published Notice to Contractors for the above-referenced projects, and in accordance with the approved Plans and Specifications for that project, the following bid for said entire project is submitted by the firm indicated on Page 3 of this Bid Form.

Item No.	Item Description	Specifications Section	Estimated Quantity	Unit	Unit Price (In Figures)	Amount (In Figures)
1	Mobilization - Demobilization	01505	1	LS	31,448 ⁰⁰	31,448 ⁰⁰
2	Upper GGS Container Planting	02950	15,802	EA	3 ⁹²	61,943 ⁸⁴
3	Lower GGS Container Planting	02950	22,806	EA	3 ¹²	72,295 ⁰²
4	Upper GGS Soil Preparation and Seeding (Type 1 Seed Mix)	02950	8	AC	2,613 ⁴⁹	20,907 ⁹²
5	Lower GGS Soil Preparation and Seeding (Type 1 Seed Mix)	02950	22	AC	1,721 ⁹⁴	37,883 ⁷⁸
6a	Annual Maintenance	02970	-----	-----	-----	-----
6b	Weed Control	02970	-----	-----	-----	-----
6b ₁	Mowing	02970	12	EV	3,492 ²⁶	41,907 ¹²
6b ₂	Herbicide	02970	12	EV	2,583 ⁵⁴	31,002 ⁴⁹
6c	Plant Establishment Reporting	02970	3	YR	13,046 ²²	39,138 ²²
	Total Bid Schedule (All Items [1 through 6c])					\$ 336,527 ⁰⁶

In the event that the product of a unit price and an estimated quantity does not equal the extended amount stated, the unit price will govern and the correct product of the unit price and the estimated quantity shall be deemed the bid amount.

II. ADDENDA

Acknowledgement is hereby made of receipt and incorporation of addendum, number 1 through 1 into this bid.

III. BID GUARANTY

Bid Security must be a Bidders bond, a certified check or cashier's check payable to Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency. Bid secured by personal checks or personal guarantees will be rejected.

IV. AFFIDAVIT OF NON-COLLUSION

The Bidder swears and deposes that he or she is the party making the foregoing bid, that the bid is not made in the interest of, or on behalf of, any undisclosed person, partnership, company, association, organization, or corporation; that the bid is genuine and not collusive or a sham; that the Bidder has not directly, or indirectly, colluded, conspired, connived, or agreed with any bidder or anyone else to put in a sham bid, or that anyone shall refrain from bidding; that the Bidder has not in any manner, directly or indirectly sought by agreement, communication, or conference with anyone to fix the bid price of the Bidder or any other bidder, or to fix any overhead, profit, or cost element of the bid price, or of that of any bidder, or to secure any advantage against the public body awarding the contract or anyone interested in the proposed contract; that all statements contained in the bid are true; and further, that the Bidder has not, directly or indirectly submitted his or her bid price or any breakdown thereof, or the contents thereof, or divulged information or data relative thereto, or paid, and will not pay, any fee to any corporation, partnership, company association, bid depository, or to any member or agency thereof to effectuate a collusive or sham bid.

V. DEBARMENT

The bidder certifies, by submission of this proposal or acceptance of this contract, that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in a federally-funded contract by any Federal department or agency. It further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include this clause without modification in all lower tier transactions, solicitations, proposals, contracts, and subcontracts. Failure to certify by Bidder and or lower tier participant shall render the bid non responsive and shall result in its rejection.

VI. BID ATTACHMENTS

A. Subcontractor Listing

In accordance with the California Public Contract Code, Division 2, Part 1, Chapter 4, Section 4100 and following, the subcontractors listed on Attachment A to this Bid Form will perform the indicated work on improvement on this project. Attachment A is hereby incorporated into and made a part of this bid.

B. Bidders Experience Questionnaire

Each Bidder shall submit Attachment B - Bidder's Experience Questionnaire with the bid submitted in response to the Notice to Contractors. To be judged responsive to the Notice to Contractors, the Bidder must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Agency the experience requirements identified in Attachment B. Attachment B is hereby incorporated into and made a part of this bid. By submission of the bid, the Bidder certifies under the penalty of perjury that each and all of the statements made are true to the best of the Bidder's knowledge.

VII. TYPE OF BUSINESS (CHECK ONE)

- CORPORATION
STATE OF INCORPORATION: _____
- PARTNERSHIP
- JOINT VENTURE
- PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL
- INDIVIDUAL DOING BUSINESS UNDER A FIRM NAME

VIII. FIRM

Firm Name: River Partners

Mailing Address: 580 Vallombrosa Avenue
Chico, CA 95926

Physical Address: Same

Telephone: (530) 894-5401

Fax: (530) 894-5212

Contractor's License Classification: C-27

Contractor's License Number: 858059

Contractor's License Expiration Date: 4/30/2011

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the above statements are true. Bid and certification submitted by:

Signature: _____
(Authorized Representative)

Print: JOHN CARLON

Title: PRESIDENT

THE AGENCY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS AND TO VERIFY ALL OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION; AND REQUIRE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION FROM BIDDERS.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH PROVIDING ALL THE INFORMATION IN THE REQUIRED QUESTIONNAIRE MAY RENDER THE BID NON-RESPONSIVE AND MAY RESULT IN ITS REJECTION.

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ATTACHMENT A

DESIGNATION OF SUBCONTRACTORS

The following are the types of work, name and business location of all subcontractors who will perform work or labor or render service to the Bidder in, or about, the work in accordance with the approved Plans and Specifications, in an amount in excess of one-half percent (0.5 %) of the General Contractor's Total Bid. The Contractor or firm is directed to General Specification Section 2-8 regarding the listing of subcontractors. Attach additional sheets as necessary. The low Bidder, or apparent contractor, will submit a listing of license numbers by subcontractor along with this bid.

Types of Work	% of Work	Item Nos. to be performed by Subcontractor	Subcontractor Name	License No.	Business Location
Planting	28%	2 & 3	California Agricultural Workforce	FL5146	P.O. Box 1301 Yuba City, CA 95992
Straw Blowing	3.8%	2 & 3 4 & 5	Marks Seeding Service	537905	PO Box 187 Galt, CA
Plant layout staking	5.3%	2 & 3	Von Geldern Engineering	LS3751	430 2nd st. Yuba City, CA 95991

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ATTACHMENT B

BIDDER'S EXPERIENCE QUESTIONNAIRE

The Bidder shall submit to the Agency, with the proposal, a fully-completed copy of this statement, wherein the Bidder submits his/her own qualifications and experience in performing California native grassland and wetland establishment work. The "Contractor" is understood to include any parent company, partner, member, officer, director, responsible managing officer, or responsible managing employee. The term shall also include any employee with a proprietary interest of more than 2 percent of the Bidder. Failure to comply with this requirement may render the bid non responsive and may result in its rejection. Supplemental sheets may be included as required to provide information.

Contractor's Project Manager: The Contractor's project manager work site shall be located within two (2) hours of the project sites.

Contractor Licensing: All bidders shall hold a C-27 Landscaping Contractor license in good standing (copy to be submitted as an attachment to this bid sheet). The bidder or its subcontractor(s) shall also possess a California Pesticide Applicator license and Pest Control business license in good standing (copies to be submitted as an attachment to this bid sheet) and shall have a Pest Control Advisor (PCA) available (provide name and contact. See page 23 of bidder experience questionnaire).

Contractor Experience: The Contractor's principal contracting business shall be in connection with specialized habitat restoration projects and the knowledge and skill to install, maintain, and manage restored or created habitats. For these minimum qualifications, a habitat restoration project is defined as any habitat restoration, mitigation, creation, or enhancement project that generally includes site preparation, planting and seeding, design and installation of irrigation and water management systems, installation of target species habitat structures, a 3-5 year plant maintenance period, control of weeds and herbivore damage, monitoring and reporting according to plant survival criteria using site-appropriate California native plants, and other habitat performance criteria such as water management. Primary Contractor experience shall be with projects designed to function as self-sustaining wildlife habitat for terrestrial and/or aquatic species. The contractor shall demonstrate his or her experience by fully completing Sections 1 through 3 of this questionnaire.

Section 1 – Habitat Restoration Experience

Section 2 – Project Management, Site Supervision & Pesticide Application

Section 3 – Contractor's Organizational Information

Section 1 – Habitat Restoration Experience

At the sole discretion of the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA), failure to provide all required information in this section may render the bid non-responsive and may result in its rejection. Any information provided in this section that cannot be independently verified (e.g., agency/owner name and contact information not current) may render the bid non-responsive and may result in the bids rejection. The Agency reserves the right to request additional information or contacts from the Bidder for independent verification.

DEFINITIONS

Construction Period: The Construction Period refers to the work completed in association with site preparation, planting and seeding, fertilizing, and applying straw mulch before Construction Acceptance.

Construction Acceptance: Construction Acceptance is the milestone when all work is completed in association with the Construction Period and recordation of the Notice of Completion by SAFCA.

Maintenance Period: The Maintenance Period is the period (generally 3 years) immediately following Construction Acceptance for maintaining the seeded and planted areas.

Establishment Period: The Establishment Period activities begin immediately following Construction Acceptance, and shall be completed in phases up to three years (duration of time required to determine results of installed materials). Activities include, but are not limited to, weed management, plant replacement, and reseeding where necessary.

Native Grassland Habitat Restoration Project: Defined as any grassland/savannah or meadow establishment, mitigation, creation, or enhancement project using site-appropriate native grass and/or forb seed, and that includes mechanical soil preparation, mechanized seeding using a seed drill, imprint type or broadcast machine (hydroseeding projects do not qualify), a 2-3 year maintenance period and fertility period, control of weeds and herbivore damage, and monitoring according to survival and stand condition criteria.

Native Wetland Habitat Restoration Project: Defined as any wetland establishment, mitigation, creation, or enhancement project using site-appropriate aquatic and terrestrial plant species, management of water control structures/facilities, a 2-3 year maintenance period and fertility period, use of terrestrial and aquatic herbicides for control of weeds, measures to control herbivore damage, and monitoring according to survival and stand condition criteria.

A. Acceptable Projects

List four (4) major habitat restoration projects, each of which had a minimum contract amount of \$100,000. All listed projects must be 10 acres or larger, and each shall be of a similar scope to this Project. All four projects shall be projects with a Public Agency or a Non-Profit Entity specializing in habitat conservation and restoration. The four projects shall be located within the Sacramento Valley Region or Northern San Joaquin Valley Region, Sierra Nevada or Coast Range Foothills, or the San Francisco Bay Area (as defined by the Jepson Manual of Higher Plant of California).

A minimum of two (2) such projects shall include native wetland habitat restoration.

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All projects shall have been constructed/planted within the past seven (7) years. Long-term maintenance contracts do not apply.

Wetland Restoration Project No. 1

Project Name: Bear River Levee Setback

Public or Non-Profit Agency/Owner: Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority

Agency/Owner Contact Name: Paul Brunner

Contact Telephone: 530-749-5679

Project Location: 13 Miles South of Marysville

County: Yuba & Sutter

Acreage Planted: 640

Contract Amount: \$4,200,000

Construction Start Date (month/yr): 9/2006

Construction Completion Date (month/yr): 2/2007

Maintenance Period Start Date: 3/2007

Maintenance Period End Date: 9/2009

Performed Work as Prime Contractor: Yes

Subcontractor:* No

* if work performed as subcontractor, indicate the name, address, telephone number, and contact name for Prime Contractor (below): N/A

Project Description:

Describe the site conditions and vegetation community type(s) established: The 640-acre Bear River Project included over 12 acres of wetland restoration. This was mitigation for Emergent Wetland and Other Waters: Waterways/Drainages. At a junction with the river channel, soil excavation and contouring lowered surface elevations to facilitate seasonal inundation and natural recruitment of rushes and cattails. The thalweg of the swale at the outlet to the Bear River is at an elevation that is now inundated by the Ecological Threshold Flow (ETF) annually.

Describe planting methods, equipment used, and dates of implementation: All *Scirpus* and *Carex* for the Bear River project were planted as plugs. River Partners staff used dibble sticks to create the planting location, and all plugs were then hand planted. The plugs were planted in November 2006, following the first seasonal rains.

List the proper name and quantity of species planted: The wetlands portion included 881 California bulrush (*Scirpus californicus*) and 25,300 Santa Barbara sedge (*Carex barbarae*).

Describe the maintenance activities, including operation of water control structures, undertaken to ensure successful establishment and which if any activities were performed by subcontractors:

The wetland portion of the Bear River project was actively maintained through the use of selective herbicides (Garlon 3A) to remove woody species such as willows and repeated mowing to prevent willows from establishing within the swale, as this would inhibit passage of water through the designed structure. When the installed vegetation established sufficient enough cover to resist the emergence of willows and other non desirable species, River Partners altered its methods to spot spraying and less frequent mowing events. The engineered swale on this project was fed by retreating flood waters and did not contain any engineered water control structures beyond the swale itself. All maintenance tasks were performed by River Partners employees.

What were the contract performance standards (e.g. percent survival, % cover) and were standards met or exceeded: Monitoring for the wetland mitigation is required for 10 years. River Partners has currently monitored for five years and all standards have been exceeded. The five-year monitoring requirements are >50% survival with >25% total cover. Monitoring has determined that survival is over 80% with greater than 50% total cover.

During the establishment period, was it necessary to install replacement plants or modify management measures to meet performance requirements? If yes, describe the remediation No, replanting was not necessary to meet performance requirements.

Wetland Restoration Project No. 2

Project Name: Bradford Island Tract 19

Public or Non-Profit Agency/Owner: Bradford Island Reclamation District 2059

Agency/Owner Contact Name: Angelia Tant

Contact Telephone: 925-684-3222

Project Location: Bradford Island Tract 19

County: Contra Costa

Acreage Planted: 32.73

Contract Amount: \$914,250

Construction Start Date (month/yr): 6/2006

Construction Completion Date (month/yr): 1/2007

Maintenance Period Start Date: 2/2007

Maintenance Period End Date: 1/2010

Performed Work as Prime Contractor: Yes

Subcontractor:* No

* if work performed as subcontractor, indicate the name, address, telephone number, and contact name for Prime Contractor (below): N/A

Project Description:

Describe the site conditions and vegetation community type(s) established: The 50-acre Bradford Island project included 3 acres of Freshwater Marsh restoration. The site was historically used for cattle grazing. Prior to planting the area had been disked, floated, land-planed, and had received chemical weed control.

Describe planting methods, equipment used, and dates of implementation: The 10,365 plants (listed below) for the Freshwater Marsh were planted as plugs. River Partners staff used dibble sticks to create the planting location, and all plugs were then hand planted. The plugs were planted in January when there was adequate soil moisture.

List the proper name and quantity of species planted: The 3-acre Freshwater Marsh portion of the project included 2,626 California bulrush (*Scirpus californicus*), 2,626 common reed (*Phragmites australis*), 2,626 slender sedge (*Carex praegracilis*), 829 bog rush (*Juncus effusus*), 829 Baltic rush (*Juncus balticus*), and 829 iris-leaved rush (*Juncus xiphiodes*).

Describe the maintenance activities, including operation of water control structures, undertaken to ensure successful establishment and which if any activities were performed by subcontractors: Establishment of the installed Freshwater Marsh vegetation within the seasonally inundated areas of this site was accomplished with the natural flooding of these areas and strict attention to weed control. Weed control was accomplished by promptly mowing after the recedence of water and with a follow up treatment of either Garlon 3A or Aquamaster to control the appropriate target species. This area established itself rapidly and required decreasing levels over time as a result. All maintenance tasks were performed by River Partners employees.

What were the contract performance standards (e.g. percent survival, % cover) and were standards met or exceeded: The contract performance standard of 80% survival was exceeded with the relevant (Freshwater Marsh) portion of the project.

During the establishment period, was it necessary to install replacement plants or modify management measures to meet performance requirements? If yes, describe the remediation No, while re-planting was needed for a separate portion of the project (Riparian Scrub), none was needed for the Freshwater Marsh.

Grassland Establishment Project No. 1

Project Name: Del Rio 4

Public or Non-Profit Agency/Owner: Wildlife Conservation Board

Agency/Owner Contact Name: Scott Clemons

Contact Telephone: 916-445-1072

Project Location: 5 Miles North of Butte City

County: Glenn

Acreage Seede: 96 Acres

Contract Amount: \$428,000

Construction Start Date (month/yr): 7/03

Construction Completion Date (month/yr): 1/04

Maintenance Period Start Date: 2/04

Maintenance Period End Date: 12/06

Performed Work as Prime Contractor: Yes

Subcontractor:* No

* if work performed as subcontractor, indicate the name, address, telephone number, and contact name for

Prime Contractor (below): N/A

Project Description:

Describe the site conditions and vegetation community type(s) established: This project established 66 acres of Great Valley Mixed Riparian Forest with a native grass understory, and a 30-acre Valley Wildrye Grassland. When planting riparian forest, the grassland species are often limited to *Leymus triticoides*, which cannot tolerate shade in the long term. Due to variable soil conditions across this site, the entire 66-acre mixed riparian forest was drilled with a four species mix (see below) rather than solely *Leymus triticoides*. This allowed individual species to thrive where appropriate on a large scale, rather than depending on a single species to thrive in all areas. Monitoring determined that overall native grass cover was consistent across the site, with *Nasella pulchra* dominating the shallowest soils.

Describe seeding method, equipment used, and dates of implementation: The native grass understory for this project was drill seeded in November of 2004 with the use of a Truax rangeland seed drill. These drills are specifically designed to be able to handle the unique challenges associated with properly installing native grass seed. Since successfully establishing native grasses at the Del Rio 4 site, River Partners has monitored and compared several long term management strategies. River Partners has been able to manage the grasslands through mowing, grazing, and, in limited instances, burning, and closely monitor the grasses response to each of these management techniques.

List proper names of all seed mix species and application rates: The seed mix at Del Rio 4 consisted of thirteen pounds total of *Nassella pulchra* (4 lbs), *Elymus glaucus* (3 lbs), *Leymus triticoides* (4 lbs), and *Hordeum brachyantherum* (2 lbs). This mix has been developed and refined over the course of over 10 years of restoration to provide successful grassland establishment.

Describe the maintenance activities undertaken to ensure successful establishment and which if any activities were performed by subcontractors: Managing the grassland at Del Rio was accomplished through a system of mowing and targeted herbicide applications. While the desired plants were young and small, weed pressure was present and mowing was an important tool in preventing faster growing annual weed species from shading out native grasses or setting seed. To target annual broad-leaved species without harming the native grasses, a selective herbicide (2,4-D) was applied.

No irrigation was necessary due to the timing of planting, and all maintenance activities were performed by River Partners.

What were the contract performance standards (e.g. percent survival, % cover) and were standards met or exceeded: There were no performance standards for the seeded areas. Monitoring indicated that native grass cover in seeded areas was >60% after one-year of maintenance, and this is expected to increase as the perennial root systems develop.

During the establishment period, was it necessary to install replacement seed or modify management measures to meet performance requirements? If yes, describe the remediation No, the grasses were well established without re-seeding or modifying management strategies.

Grassland Establishment Project No. 2

Project Name: Wilson Landing Unit

Contracting Agency: Wildlife Conservation Board

Contracting Agency Contact Name: Scott Clemons

Contact Telephone: 916-445-1072

Public Agency/Owner: California Department of Fish & Game

Agency/Owner Contact Name: Henry Lomelli

Contact Telephone: 530-892-8470

Project Location: 5 Miles West of Chico

County: Glenn

Acreage Seeded: 105 Acres

Contract Amount: \$1.2 Million

Construction Start Date (month/yr): 2/08

Construction Completion Date (month/yr): 2/09

Maintenance Period Start Date: 3/09

Maintenance Period End Date: 12/11

Performed Work as Prime Contractor: Yes

Subcontractor:* No

* if work performed as subcontractor, indicate the name, address, telephone number, and contact name for Prime Contractor (below): N/A

Project Description:

Describe the site conditions and vegetation community type(s) established: The majority of the site consisted of well-drained Columbia fine sandy loam soils which were appropriate for grassland establishment. In areas designed to include Great Valley Valley Oak Woodland and Great Valley Willow Scrub, *Leymus triticoides* was drilled, as this shade tolerant grass persists long-term in areas with a non-continuous canopy. In areas designed as a Valley Wildrye Grassland a four-species seed mix (see below) was drilled.

Describe seeding method, equipment used, and dates of implementation: River Partners plants its native grass understory species in year two of the restoration to allow effective weed control in year one. We time the drilling so that it occurs prior to the rainy season, ensuring survival of the understory in non-irrigated areas. The Wilson Landing Unit was a prime example of our standard grass planting methodology. The grasses were planted in fall of 2009, just prior to the beginning of the rainy season. On the Wilson Landing Unit, the grass seeds were drilled with a Truax® no-till drill, designed specifically for light, fluffy native grass seeds. Additional understory components, including native forbs such as mugwort, were broadcast using Gearmore 3pt broadcast spreaders. River Partners personnel are skilled in the calibration of both these and many other types of seeding equipment.

List proper names of all seed mix species and application rates: We planted our standard seed mix of *Nassella pulchra*, *Elymus glaucus*, *Leymus triticoides*, and *Hordeum brachyantherum* at 13 pounds per acre in areas designed to be open. The shade tolerant *Leymus triticoides* was drilled at 7 pounds/acres in areas designed to develop an oak woodland canopy.

We seeded two acres of the site, consisting of heavy cobbles and sand (Riverwash soil series), with an upland forb mix which included *Eschscholzia californica*, *Croton setigerus*, *Lupinus nanus*, and *Trifolium*

gemellum.

Describe the maintenance activities undertaken to ensure successful establishment and which if any activities were performed by subcontractors: River Partners maintained the grassland at Wilson Landing through mowing and targeted herbicide applications. While the plants were young and small a certain amount of weed pressure was present. We used mowing to prevent the faster growing annual weed species from setting seed or developing enough to shade out the native grasses. To target annual broad-leaved species without harming the native grasses, a selective herbicide (2,4-D) was applied.

No irrigation was necessary due to the timing of planting, and all maintenance activities were performed by River Partners.

What were the contract performance standards (e.g. percent survival, % cover) and were standards met or exceeded: There were no performance standards for the seeded areas. Monitoring indicated that native grass cover in seeded areas was >60% after one-year of maintenance, and this is expected to increase as the perennial root systems develop.

During the establishment period, was it necessary to install replacement seed or modify management measures to meet performance requirements? If yes, describe the remediation No, the grasses were well established without re-seeding or modifying management strategies.

B. Other Relevant Wetland and Grassland Establishment Experience

At the sole discretion of SAFCA, failure to provide all required information in this section may render the bid non-responsive and may result in its rejection. Any information provided in this section that cannot be independently verified (e.g., agency/owner name and contact information not current) may render the bid non-responsive and may result in the bids rejection. The Agency reserves the right to request additional information or contacts from the Bidder for independent verification.

In order to determine if the Bidder has the required habitat restoration experience for this project, the bidder must demonstrate sufficient skill and expertise with the following tasks, including:

- Developing an overall approach for a native wetland and grassland establishment project that is appropriate to physical site conditions and site constraints;
- Soil preparation and overall site preparation experience;
- Experience developing and implementing strategies for selective weed control, herbaceous vegetation establishment and fertility requirements.
- Working in and around Threatened and Endangered (T&E) species habitats.
- Working in and around Giant Garter Snake (GGS) or other ESA wetland species habitat.
- Experience with water management, including operating structures such as weirs and canals.

Indicate in the space provided which tasks you have performed and provide a description of the associated activities. If it is the intent of the Bidder to do any of the above tasks by means or through a subcontractor, the Bidder shall list that subcontractor's relevant experience as called for below.

Three separate projects are required for each entry. **Each project in each sub-section listed below (Sections I-VI) shall be for a Public Agency or Non-Profit Entity specializing in habitat conservation and restoration.** Please attach separate page(s) if necessary.

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I. Developing an overall approach for a native wetland and/or grassland project that is appropriate to the physical site conditions and site constraints.

Project 1: Colusa SRA

Project Name and Location: Habitat Restoration, Colusa State Recreation Area, Colusa

Public or Non-Profit Contracting Agency/Owner: California Department of Water Resources

Contact Telephone: 916-651-0768

Acreage: 140

Describe circumstances where project site conditions had to be addressed, and how project objectives were accomplished for project success: Portions of the Colusa State Recreation Area floods on a nearly annual basis. Accordingly, River Partners adapted its standard management strategy to address both standard (more dry) and more wet areas following flooding. River Partners maintained standard management practices on the grasslands, which did not flood, although on other portions of the project area, wet soil conditions limited access during key chemical application windows. Since we were not able to operate heavy machinery in these areas, River Partners designed and implemented a system employing more intensive mowing and later chemical application for the flooded areas.

2010 monitoring data confirms that in all areas River Partners exceeded the contract requirement of greater than 50% cover for grasslands.

Project 2: La Barranca

Project Name and Location: La Barranca Unit, 5 Miles Southeast of Red Bluff

Public or Non-Profit Contracting Agency: California Department of Water Resources

Contact Telephone: 916-574-1244

Public Agency/Owner: United States Fish and Wildlife Services

Contact Telephone: 530-934-2801

Acreage: 840

Describe circumstances where project site constraints conditions had to be addressed, and how project objectives were accomplished for project success: Due to early and intense rainfall in the fall season, River Partners was forced to install an understory of *Grindelia camporum* in conditions where it was difficult to operate heavy machinery. Subsequent monitoring determined that the overall cover of understory species would not accomplish landowner goals for the site. River Partners worked with the landowner (US Fish and Wildlife Service) to amend the original understory design to one that could be more effectively implemented in a shorter time frame. In areas of low cover, River Partners determined that conversion to grassland would be more appropriate than re-seeding herbaceous forbs. River Partners worked with nursery partners to rapidly acquire the appropriate seed, and successfully drilled native grasses while adding herbaceous forbs to the areas. The *Grindelia* planting was effective and successful.

Project 3: Wilson Landing

Project Name and Location: Wilson Landing Unit, 5 Miles West of Chico

Public or Non-Profit Contracting Agency: Wildlife Conservation Board

Contact Telephone: 916-445-1072

Public Agency/Owner: California Department of Fish and Game

Contact Telephone: 530-892-8470

Acreage: 338

Describe circumstances where project site conditions had to be addressed, and how project objectives were accomplished for project success: During the planning phase of the Wilson Landing project, soil pit excavations determined that a 40-acre portion of the property was not appropriate for installation of woody species. River Partners worked with the funder and landowner to adapt the planting design, while still meeting all project goals. In consultation with California Department of Fish and Game biologists, River Partners determined that the 40 acres could be restored with a mix of herbaceous forbs and drilled native grasses. In total, seven acres of a grassland mix was installed, with the species mix of *Nassella pulchra*, *Elymus glaucus*, *Leymus triticoides*, and *Hordeum brachyantherum* planted at 13 pounds per acre. The planting was successful and monitoring indicated effective habitat was created.

II. Soil preparation and overall site preparation experience.

Project 1:

Project Name and Location: Wilson Landing Unit, 5 Miles West of Chico

Public or Non-Profit Contracting Agency: Wildlife Conservation Board

Contact Telephone: 916-445-1072

Public Agency/Owner: California Department of Fish and Game

Contact Telephone: 530-892-8470

Acreage: 338

Work Performed by: Bidder

If Subcontractor, provide name and contact telephone: N/A

Describe soil and site preparation activities and goals:

During the planning process for our restoration projects, River Partners' standard protocol involves reviewing several historical aerial photographs to assess how previous landowners managed the project area. Combining historical records with on-the-ground investigation allows us to develop a site preparation plan. At Wilson Landing, we identified several areas which had never been farmed. Within these areas, vegetation studies revealed the presence of multiple patches of native upland forbs growing in shallow loam soils atop a gravel lens, which was buried 1-2' below the surface. Since these soils would not support native riparian vegetation they were marked and left undisturbed. The rest of the site was prepared utilizing our standard protocol of deep-ripping, disking, floating, land-planing, berm pulling, and intensive weed control.

Describe and list equipment used:

River Partners used a backhoe to dig soil pits on the project site, which provide accurate reflections of soil site conditions. When this information had been incorporated into the final design, River Partners used a tractor with a three point attached ripper (fitted with 2' shanks) to deep rip the soil. This was then followed with two passes by a tractor towing a disk to further break up the soil, and then a landplane and ring roller were used to smooth the soil surface. The final task for preparation was constructing planting berms, created by a ridger attached to the tractor's 3 point hitch. The tractor used to pull these berms is affixed with a GPS unit capable of steering the tractor to maintain alignment of the berms within a 6" margin of error.

Project 2:

Project Name and Location: Bear River Levee Setback, 13 Miles South of Marysville

Public or Non-Profit Contracting Agency/Owner: Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority

Contact Telephone: 530-749-5679

Acreage: 640

Work Performed by: Bidder

If Subcontractor, provide name and contact telephone: N/A

Describe soil and site preparation activities and goals:

Once appropriate ground surveys were completed, the entire Bear River project area was deep-ripped, disked, floated, and tri-planed prior to restoration. A culturally sensitive site, previously hidden beneath

the on-site orchard, was exposed in the process. Since pulling the stumps during the planned orchard removal could have damaged the site, River Partners ground the stumps to level instead. We worked with tribe members to develop an alternative to covering the culturally sensitive area with cement. Instead of using cement, we designed and implemented a dense thicket of native blackberry, rose and poison oak to deter trespassers. A cultural resources monitor from the tribe was present during the site preparation, which included light disking. All the weed control in this area was conducted by hand.

Describe and list equipment used:

The standard rip, disc, plane applications were completed with the use of River Partners' fleet of tractors and the use of the appropriate equipment (i.e. ripper, stubble disk, tri-plane). This Project was River Partners' first opportunity to employ a GPS-oriented tractor to pull planting berms. Prior to using this technology, berm alignment had to be surveyed and staked in the field so the tractor driver could follow the markings. With the GPS technology, the tractor could follow the programmed alignment without the need to stake each individual berm.

Project 3:

Project Name and Location: SAFCA Site Preparation Services Contract, Natomas Basin

Public or Non-Profit Contracting Agency/Owner: Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency

Contact Telephone: 916-874-4581

Acreage: 200+

Work Performed by: Bidder

If Subcontractor, provide name and contact telephone: N/A

Describe soil and site preparation activities and goals:

River Partners contracted with SAFCA to provide on-call site preparation services such as disking, mowing, applying herbicide, clearing invasive trees and brush, as well as a host of other activities. Specifically, River Partners prepared 40+ acres for future woodland mitigation plantings, including weed control through the use of herbicide applications as well as soil preparation including disking. River Partners also provided site preparation for locations designated to receive large oak tree and elderberry transplants. The on-call nature of this contract requires River Partners to respond quickly and to meet a variety of needs.

Describe and list equipment used:

The diversity of services performed by River Partners under this contract dictated the use of an assortment of equipment. River Partners used tractors, disks, and mowers as standard equipment, and also employed a rare tool to remove Himalayan blackberry. River Partners used a forestry shredder, mounted on a bobcat loader, to masticate the brush. The forestry shredder has the capacity to handle trees (up to 4" DBH) and leaves behind only a pile of mulch.

III. Experience developing and implementing strategies for selective aquatic and terrestrial weed control and herbaceous vegetation establishment and fertility requirements.

Project 1:

Project Name and Location: Turtle Bay Exploration Park (Turtle Bay II), Redding, CA

Public or Non-Profit Contracting Agency/Owner: Turtle Bay Exploration Park

Contact Telephone: 530-242-3154

Acreage: 76

Work Performed by: Bidder

If Subcontractor, provide name and contact telephone: N/A

List dominant terrestrial weeds: Himalayan blackberry, black locust, black mustard,

List dominant aquatic weeds: Johnsongrass

Describe weed management activities employed (e.g. mowing, herbicides, burning, grazing), including timing, equipment used, all herbicides used and application methods, and other relevant information: At this 76-acre site, our GIS mapping applications determined that over 46 acres contained nearly 100% cover of Himalayan blackberry. River Partners developed a four-pronged approach to invasive blackberry control. Since the site was a remnant gravel mine, numerous terrain and physical hazards were hidden by the blackberry. The first step was to remove as much of the leaves and newer growth so that heavy equipment operators would be able to quickly and easily conduct visual surveys. To do this, we employed a herd of 1,000 goats for over a month. The herd not only ate the green vegetation, but also an entire year's worth of berry (seed) production. Once the goats were through and hazards could be located visually, we used a masticator to grind the blackberry canes down to ground level. Herbicide control was the next step, but because the site flooded often and maintained multiple pools of water late into the summer, River Partners used a waterway approved herbicides (Garlon 3A and Aquamaster) to treat the blackberry. These chemicals were used to target new shoots in the spring, and were applied in the fall to help the herbicide trans-locate as the blackberry began to enter dormancy. A more permanent solution was establishing 4,900 native plants to shade and out-compete new blackberry growth. By the end of the project, greater than 95% of the invasive blackberries had been removed.

Project 2:

Project Name and Location: Bradford Island Tract 19, Bradford Island, Contra Costa County, CA

Public or Non-Profit Contracting Agency/Owner: Bradford Island Reclamation District 2059

Contact Telephone: 925-684-3222

Acreage: 33

Work Performed by: Bidder

If Subcontractor, provide name and contact telephone: N/A

List dominant terrestrial weeds: annual ryegrass

List dominant aquatic weeds: hemlock, smartweed

Describe weed management activities employed (e.g. mowing, herbicides, burning, grazing), including timing, equipment used, all herbicides used and application methods, and other relevant information: Seasonal wetlands caused by the rising of the water table above ground surface elevation created both unique and challenging conditions on the Bradford Island site. Although the majority of the sites weeds were controlled with a standard practice of mowing the row centers before weeds set seed and spraying the

planting berms with a waterway approved glyphosate herbicide (Aquamaster or Rodeo), weeds within the seasonal wetlands required a unique control regime. These weeds were treated only after the water drained from the area and herbicide could be applied without the danger of runoff into non target sites. By carefully monitoring and timing these controls River Partners was able to successfully and rapidly establish installed vegetation within the Freshwater Marsh section of the project.

Project 3:

Project Name and Location: La Barranca Unit, 5 Miles Southeast of Red Bluff

Public or Non-Profit Contracting Agency: California Department of Water Resources

Contact Telephone 916-574-1244

Public Agency/Owner: United States Fish and Wildlife Services

Contact Telephone: 530-934-2801

Acreage: 840

Work Performed by: Bidder

If Subcontractor, provide name and contact telephone: N/A

List dominant terrestrial weeds: pepperweed, cactus, and tree of heaven

List dominant aquatic weeds: Arundo

Describe herbicides used and application methods and equipment; timing of herbicide application; and other weed management activities employed (e.g. mowing, burning and grazing): River Partners employed active integrated pest management (IPM) on several species on the La Barranca site, including arundo, pepperweed, cactus, and tree of heaven. We used hand removal and selective herbicides to remove and control the undesirable species while leaving natives.

The arundo removal was accomplished with the use of a sickle bar mower where accessible by tractor, and by machete in seasonal overflow channels. After removing fallen stalks from the site during the fall of the first project year, an application of glyphosate (Aquamaster or Rodeo) during the following spring was used to treat all new growth. The key to successfully removing pepperweed was an early application of glyphosate to young plants. We removed the cactus with a shovel and then applied glyphosate to the remaining portions, which proved to be very effective.

The initial treatment for Tree of Heaven was the "hack and paint method." This method proved to be minimally effective, and only very young trees were killed (3'-5'). Larger trees were stunted but pushed through with new growth. We adapted our application method to a basal bark treatment during the active growing season, which proved to be much more effective. The herbicide used was Garlon 4, which was mixed in equal parts with crop oil. The oil was essential to keeping the herbicide on the tree so it could be trans-located. Results at the end of the project included a 90% reduction in cover of arundo, complete removal of cactus, and an 80% decrease in the living canopy of Tree of Heaven.

IV Working in and around Threatened & Endangered (T&E) species habitats.

Project 1:

Project Name and Location: Feather River Elderberry Mitigation Site, 10 Miles South of Marysville, CA

Public or Non-Profit Contracting Agency/Owner: Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority

Contact Telephone: 530-749-5679 x225

Acreage: 40

Work Performed by: Bidder

If Subcontractor, provide name and contact telephone: N/A

Identify proper names of all T&E Species: Valley elderberry longhorn beetle (*Desmocerus californicus dimorphus*)

Describe in detail actions taken to avoid harm to species and comply with the Endangered Species Act (ESA) or California Endangered Species Act (CESA) permit conditions: Due to construction activities during the implementation of the Feather River Setback Levee, it was determined that over 100 elderberry shrubs needed to be transplanted to a safer location. River Partners completed the transplants with a third party firm acting as environmental observers. As with all of our elderberry transplant projects, on-site biologists directed heavy equipment operators to safely and quickly transplant the shrubs. Negotiations with the US Fish and Wildlife Service on how to cluster the shrubs on the planting resulted in considerable cost savings for our client.

All transplanted shrubs were surrounded by protective fencing to ensure safety to the shrubs. USFWS guidelines also call for up to ½ of the shrub to be pruned during transplant (to a minimum of 6'), and River Partners staff collected all pruned limbs and transported them to the transplant locations on the off chance that an elderberry beetle emerged.

Project 2:

Project Name and Location: Turtle Bay Exploration Park (Turtle Bay II), Redding, CA

Public or Non-Profit Contracting Agency/Owner: Turtle Bay Exploration Park

Contact Telephone: 530-242-3154

Acreage: 76

Work Performed by: Bidder

If Subcontractor, provide name and contact telephone: N/A

Identify proper names of all T&E Species: Bald Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*)

Describe in detail actions taken to avoid harm to species and comply with the Endangered Species Act or California Endangered Species Act permit conditions: An active Bald Eagle nest fell within the project area at the second phase of Turtle Bay. To comply with California Endangered Species Act conditions and California Dept. of Fish & Game standards, River Partners agreed to keep any disturbances to a minimum through the extent of the project. These efforts included using no heavy machinery and keeping labor crews to a maximum of ten people at any time during the nesting season. Efforts proved successful, as the restoration ended in December 2009, and the eagles successfully fledged young all three years of the restoration.

River Partners also actively collaborated with a DFG subcontractor hired to monitor the eagle nest during the blackberry removal, meeting with the subcontractor at the beginning and end of each shift.

Project 3:

Project Name and Location: San Joaquin River National Wildlife Refuge (SJRNWR), Vernalis, CA

Public or Non-Profit Contracting Agency/Owner: United States Fish & Wildlife Services

Contact Telephone: 209-826-3508

Acreage: 300

Work Performed by: Bidder

If Subcontractor, provide name and contact telephone: N/A

Identify proper names of all T&E Species: Riparian Brush Rabbit (*Sylvilagus bachmani riparius*)

Describe in detail actions taken to avoid harm to species and comply with the Endangered Species Act or California Endangered Species Act permit conditions: During the floods of 2006 it became apparent that the former agricultural fields that now constitute the SJRNWR needed to be upgraded to accommodate riparian brush rabbit survival. Riparian brush rabbits escaping the floodwater fled to unvegetated levees, where they became easy prey. Working with the USFWS, River Partners developed a series of 32 high ground refugia (“bunny mounds”) planted with dense vegetation that the species prefers. Dense bands of willows were planted surrounding the mound to present a wind-wave buffer which would protect the mounds during flood events.

River Partners collaborative work with the Endangered Species Recovery Program has led to an increased planting palate at the SJRNWR, and now includes legumes and other native plant species which the rabbits use for forage. Another planting change is that River Partners does not plant tall tree species near known rabbit habitat, as these could become perches for raptors which prey on the species.

V Working in and around Giant Garter Snake (GGS) or other ESA wetland species habitat.

Project Name and Location: Glenco Farms Giant Garter Snake Mitigation Site, Glenn County, California

Public or Non-Profit Contracting Agency/Owner: US Fish and Wildlife Service

Contact Telephone: 530-934-2801

Describe in detail where your firm has worked, and your firms experience, working in and around Giant Garter Snake (GGS) or other ESA wetland species habitat: Over 70 acres on the 113-acre Glenco Farms site were restored to habitat for the Giant Garter Snake. The planting design incorporated native grasses over most of the unit, with shrubby woody species and low herbaceous species along discrete patches of the slough channels. The plant design also included planting two rows of woody trees and shrubs as a buffer strip along County Road Z to both discourage giant garter snake from the road area and provide a wildlife screen from road traffic.

Describe in detail actions taken your firm has taken to avoid harm to the latter identified species and comply with the ESA or CESA: Several measures were taken to ensure the safety of GGS on the Glenco Farms site, including:

- River Partners conducted most activities within the giant garter snake habitat during the snake's active period, between May 1 and October 1, to reduce mortality.
- Maintained minimum water levels (2-3 feet deep) during the required flood period, between May 1 and September 30.
- Adjusted mowing schedule to periods between March 1 and October 31 and raised mower blades at least six inches to avoid injuring snakes and disturbing grassy cover.
- Performed prescribed burns during the spring, and fall months.
- Minimized vegetation removal on the tops and sides of slough channels.

VI Experience with water management, including operating structures such as weirs and canals for habitat or other purposes.

Project Name and Location: Vierra Unit, San Joaquin National Wildlife Refuge

Public Owner: United States Fish & Wildlife Services

Contact Telephone: 209-826-3508

Public Contracting Agency: California Department of Water Resources

Contact Telephone: 916-574-1300

Describe in detail your firms water management experience related to maintaining design water levels and through flow in canals: River Partners was responsible for establishing over 80 acres of wetland habitat on the Refuge. Establishment of this habitat required River Partners to pump water at approximately 5,000 gpm from the San Joaquin River into a gravity controlled head ditch which delivered the water to the wetland site. River Partners was responsible for maintaining water elevation at the USFWS-designed levels. This required continuous monitoring of water surface elevation and operation and maintenance of water delivery infrastructure.

Identify and describe in detail the types of water control structures your firm has operated: _____

River Partners has experience operating multiple types of water delivery and control structures. Our experience includes the operation of both well and river based pumps, the use of large head ditches for flood irrigation and water transport, various flood gates, screw gates, and board gates, and even a 24" flap gate used to drain a seasonal wetland back into the river. In addition, River Partners has experience with a multitude of pumps (submersible, turbine, lift pumps, engine driven centrifugal, etc.), used both for irrigation and for dewatering.

Section 2 – Project Management, Site Supervision & Pesticide

Application

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Identify the individuals, including the project manager, site superintendent and pesticide applicator, who will be responsible for conducting project activities. The project manager shall have more than five (5) years experience in similar work.

The superintendents (construction & maintenance) and the pesticide applicator shall have a minimum of five (5) years experience in similar work.

Provide sufficient reference projects and contact information (as listed below) for each position to demonstrate relevant experience. **Three projects for Public Agencies or Non-Profit Entities specializing in habitat conservation and restoration** are required for each position. Substitution of the identified personnel will not be permitted without the prior written consent of the Agency.

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Project Manager Information

Project Manager's Name: John Carlon

Present Position in the Organization: President

How Long with Organization: 12 Years

Years of Habitat Restoration Experience: 20+ Years

Percentage of On-Site Time Individual Would Spend Managing/Supervising the Work: 25%

Reference Projects (All Public or Non-Profit projects required):

1. Project Name: Bear River Levee Setback – Habitat Restoration
Project Dates (month/yr): Begin: 9/2006 End: 9/2009
Project Owner - Public Agency: Three Rivers Levee Improvement Agency
Project Owner Contact Name: Paul Brunner Phone: 530-749-5679

2. Project Name: Turtle Bay I
Project Dates (month/yr): Begin: 9/03 End: 12/05
Project Owner - Public Agency: Turtle Bay Exploration Park
Project Owner Contact Name: Terry Hanson Phone: 530-228-4009

3. Project Name: Lanno Seco T1
Project Dates (month/yr): Begin: 9/98 End: 12/03
Project Owner - Public Agency: Unites States Fish and Wildlife Services
Project Owner Contact Name: Joe Silveria Phone: 530-934-2801

On-Site Construction Superintendent Information

On-Site Construction Superintendent's Name: Ruben Reynoso

Present Position in the Organization: Senior Restoration Field Manager

How Long with Organization: 4 years

Years of Habitat Restoration Experience: 20+ Years

Percentage of On-Site Time Individual Would Spend Managing/Supervising the Work: 75%

Reference Projects (All Public or Non-Profit projects required):

1. Project Name: Bear River Levee Setback - Habitat Restoration
Project Dates (month/yr): Begin: 9/2006 End: 9/2009
Project Owner - Public Agency: Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority
Project Owner Contact Name: Paul Brunner Phone: 530-749-5679

2. Project Name: O'Connor Lakes Unit
 Project Dates (month/yr): Begin: 7/2005 End: 12/2010
 Project Owner - Public Agency: California Department of Fish and Game
 Project Owner Contact Name: Dale Whitmore Phone: 530-7743-5068

3. Project Name: Drumheller Slough Unit, Sacramento River National Wildlife Refuge
 Project Dates (month/yr): Begin: 9/04 End: 12/09
 Project Owner - Public Agency: United States Fish & Wildlife Services
 Project Owner Contact Name: Kelley Moroney Phone: 530-934-2801

On-Site Maintenance Superintendent Information

On-Site Maintenance Superintendent's Name: Francisco Jauregui
Present Position in the Organization: Field Technician
How Long with Organization: 5 Years
Years of Habitat Restoration Experience: 5+ Years
Percentage of On-Site Time Individual Would Spend Managing/Supervising the Work: 85%

Reference Projects (All Public or Non-Profit projects required):

1. Project Name: Drumheller Slough Unit, Sacramento River National Wildlife Refuge
 Project Dates (month/yr): Begin: 9/04 End: 12/09
 Project Owner - Public Agency: United States Fish & Wildlife Services
 Project Owner Contact Name: Kelley Moroney Phone: 530-934-2801

2. Project Name: Del Rio Wildland Preserve
 Project Dates (month/yr): Begin: 9/04 End: 10/10
 Project Owner - Public Agency: Wildlife Conservation Board
 Project Owner Contact Name: Scott Clemons Phone: 916-445-1072

3. Project Name: La Barranca Unit, Sacramento River National Wildlife Refuge
 Project Dates (month/yr): Begin: 4/2005 End: 10/2008
 Project Owner - Public Agency: United States Fish and Wildlife Services
 Project Owner Contact Name: Kelley Moroney Phone: 530-34-2801

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California Certified Pesticide Applicator Information

California Certified Pesticide Applicator's Name: Ruben Reynoso

Present Position in the Organization: Senior Restoration Field Manager

How Long with Organization: 4 Years

Years of Herbicide Application Experience: 20+

Pesticide Application License No: PA00221

Percentage of On-Site Time Individual Would Spend Managing/Supervising the Work: 80%

Reference Projects (All Public or Non-Profit projects required):

1. Project Name: O'Connor Lakes Unit
Project Dates (month/yr): Begin: 7/2005 End: 12/2010
Project Owner - Public Agency: California Department of Fish and Game
Project Owner Contact Name: Dale Whitmore Phone: 530-743-5068

2. Project Name: Turtle Bay II
Project Dates (month/yr): Begin: 5/2007 End: 12/2009
Project Owner - Public Agency: Turtle Bay Exploration Park
Project Owner Contact Name: Maggie Redmon Phone: 530-242-3154

3. Project Name: Habitat Restoration, Colusa State Recreation Area
Project Dates (month/yr): Begin: 10/08 End: 11/11
Project Owner - Public Agency: California Department of Water Resources
Project Owner Contact Name: Will Verigin Phone: 916-651-1292

Pest Control Advisor (PCA) Information

California Certified Pesticide Control Advisor (Name of Individual): (Claude) Stephen Sheppard

Name of Organization: River Partners

Pesticide Control Advisor License No and Category: 71326, Categories A, B, E, F, G

Phone: 209-639-2216

California Certified Pesticide Control Advisor (Name of Individual): John D Hayes

Name of Organization: Helena Chemical Company, Yuba City

Pesticide Control Advisor License No and Category: 73532, Categories A, B, E

Phone: 530-674-3718

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Section 3 - Organizational Information

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Provide names, titles and qualifications of executive officers of Contractor or Company; description of bidding firm's principle contracting activity, years in business and verification that the Contractor or Company has never been disqualified, removed, or otherwise prevented from bidding, working on or completing federal, state, or local government projects; and indicate any claims and lawsuits involving the Contractor or Company.

1) Names, titles, and qualifications of executive officers of Contractor or Company:

Executive Officers

John Carlon, MSIA, President

Mr. Carlon has over 18 years of experience restoring habitat in California. In addition Mr. Carlon has been responsible for the installation of over 1 million native trees and shrubs.

Tad Alexander, MBA, Chief Operations Officer

Mr. Alexander has overseen the installation and management of over 4,000 acres of riparian habitat and has over 15 years of management experience in project management.

Jessica Bourne, CPA, Chief Financial Officer

Ms. Bourne is responsible for cash flow projections, financial statements and budgeting of multiple multi-million dollar projects.

2) Describe the bidding firm's principle contracting activity and years in business: Years in Business: 12

River Partners' mission is to create wildlife habitat for the benefit of people and the environment. In that pursuit, River Partners' principal contracting activity is implementing large scale restoration and mitigation projects along the streams and rivers of California. Our project sites span California's Central Valley, including the Sacramento, Feather, Bear, San Joaquin, Merced, Tuolumne, Mokelumne, Stanislaus and Kern rivers. From project design and permitting to plant installation and from elderberry transplanting to long term maintenance agreements, River Partners can provide any and/or all restoration project based services.

3) The Contractor or Company has never been disqualified, removed, or otherwise prevented from bidding, working on or completing federal, state, or local government projects, except as follows:

River Partners has never been disqualified, removed, or otherwise prevented from bidding, working on or completing any federal, state, or local government project

4) Claims and lawsuits involving the Contractor or Company. **(If the answer to any of the questions below is "yes," please submit a detailed explanation.)**

A. Are there any judgments, claims, arbitration proceedings or suits pending or outstanding against your organization or its officers?

Yes No X


B. Has your organization filed any lawsuits or requested arbitration with regard to construction contracts within the last 5 years?

Yes No X

C. Has your organization ever failed to complete any work awarded to it?

Yes No X

Exhibit I: Pesticide Licenses and Certifications



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PESTICIDE REGULATION
1001 I STREET
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA 95814

ISSUED **January 01, 2010**
EXPIRES **December 31, 2011**

PEST CONTROL BUSINESS MAIN LICENSE

LICENSE NO. **32710**
Invalid if insurance and/or qualified person(s) lapse before expiration date.

<p>Mailing Address</p> <p>RIVER PARTNERS, INC. 580 VALLOMBROSA AVE CHICO, CA 95926</p>	<p>Business Location</p> <p>RIVER PARTNERS, INC. 580 VALLOMBROSA CHICO, CA 95926</p>
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Mary Ann Warmerdam, Director

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State Of California
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License Number **858059**

Business Name **RIVER PARTNERS**


Classification (s) **C27**

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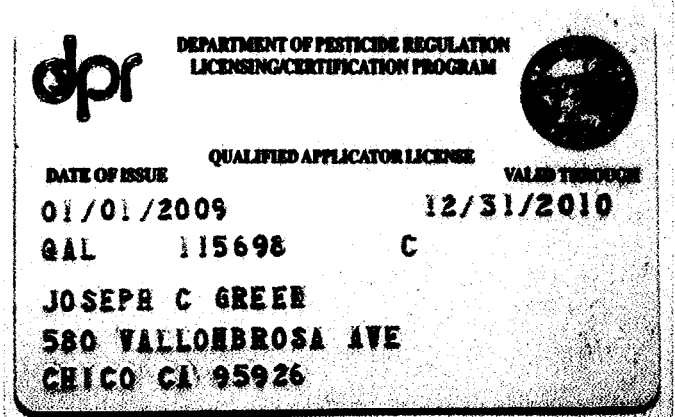
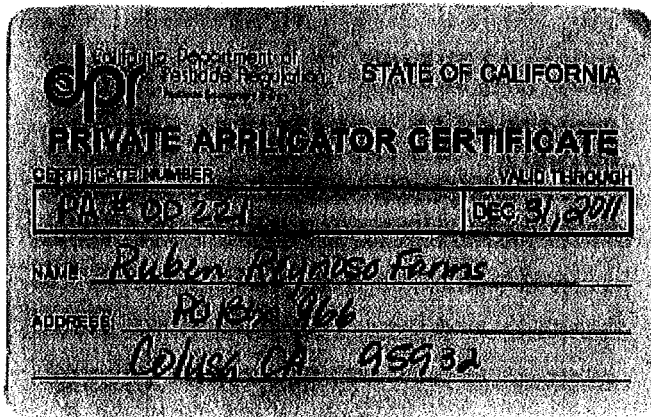
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CERTIFIED ARBORIST

Julianne R Rentner

Certificate Number: WE-7742A

Expiration Date: Dec 31, 2012

Exhibit II: Staff Resumes

John Carlon

President

jcarlon@riverpartners.org

Education

Master of Science, Agriculture, 1988 (International Agricultural Development)
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
San Luis Obispo, California

Bachelor of Science, Agriculture, 1980 (Horticulture and Agronomy)
California State University, Chico
Chico, California

Relevant Experience

- Project management
- Budgeting
- Identify, and secure public and private funding
- Grant management
- Implementation of annual plans

Pertinent Projects and Responsibilities

San Joaquin River National Wildlife Refuge

Responsibilities included: Oversight of design, permitting, budget and implementation of over 800 acres of riparian restoration.

O'Connor Lake Unit Feather River State Wildlife Area

Responsibilities included: Negotiating an agency "Safe Harbor" agreement for Valley Elderberry Longhorn beetle, coordination with MBK Engineering to develop a flood-neutral design.

Pine Creek Unit Sacramento River State Wildlife Area

Responsibilities included: Coordination with the Department of Fish and Game on design and securing a State Reclamation Board Encroachment Permit.

Llano Seco Unit – Sacramento River National Wildlife Refuge

Responsibilities included: Oversight of design and implementation of this 265-acre native grass and riparian restoration site.

Glenn Colusa Irrigation District Elderberry Mitigation Project.

Responsibilities included: Meeting all regulatory compliance on this Valley Elderberry Longhorn beetle mitigation project. Transplanted 161 mature elderberry bushes and successfully established a 28-acre mitigation site.

Bear River Levee Setback

Responsibilities included: Oversight of the Restoration Plan and the Operations and Maintenance Manual, elderberry transplants and plant propagation contract.

Alex (Tad) Alexander

Chief Operations Officer

talexander@riverpartners.org

Education

Master of Business Administration, 1997-1999
California State University, Chico
Chico, California

Bachelor of Agriculture Business, 1994-1997
California State University, Chico
Chico, California

Relevant Experience

- Qualified Applicator's License-#108225
- Chief financial officer
- Responsible for all field operations of 4000 acres
- Worked with Matson and Isom representatives during year-end financial audit
- Contract management
- Budget management

Projects and Responsibilities

San Joaquin River National Wildlife Refuge

Fiscal & Contractual Oversight

Responsibilities included: Review of budgeted costs vs. actual costs monthly, completion of contractual obligations.

Bear River Levee Setback Project

Oversight and coordination

Responsibilities included: The 6 elderberry transplants and negotiation of the plant material contract with Sierra Nursery

O'Connor Lake Unit Feather River State Wildlife Area

Fiscal & Contractual Oversight

Responsibilities included: Developing life of project budget and monitoring adherence to budget, fulfillment of contractual obligations.

Pine Creek Unit Sacramento River State Wildlife Area

Fiscal & Contractual Oversight

Responsibilities included: Conclusion of contract and fulfillment of all contractual obligations.

Turtle Bay – City of Redding

Fiscal & Contractual Oversight

Responsibilities included: Maintaining project budget within acceptable tolerances, assisted in creative solutions for achieving targeted planting goals.

Professional Affiliations

SRWP- Board Member

Stephen Sheppard

Senior Restoration Field Manager

ssheppard@riverpartners.org

Education

Bachelor of Science, Agriculture, 2000
Minor, Plant Science, 2000
Fresno State University
Fresno, California

Relevant Experience

- Pesticide Control Advisor Certification (PCA)
- Budgeting
- Implementation and maintenance of restoration sites
- Weed removal and treatment

Pertinent Projects and Responsibilities

San Joaquin River National Wildlife Refuge

Responsibilities included: budget, implementation and maintenance on over 800 acres of riparian restoration including over 3000 feet of levee revegetation.

McHenry Avenue Recreation Area

Responsibilities included: budget, implementation and maintenance on 31.7 acres of riparian restoration.

San Joaquin River National Wildlife Refuge – Vierra Unit.

Responsibilities included: budget, implementation and maintenance on 511 acres of riparian restoration (311 acres of riparian vegetation and 200 acres of wetlands). Including 12,000 feet of levee revegetation.

Merced River Ranch Revegetation Experiment.

Responsibilities included: budget, irrigation design and install, and implementation of experimental plots of riparian restoration on a floodplain that had been extensively modified by gold dredging activities.

Arundo removal on San Joaquin River National Wildlife Refuge

Responsibilities included: budget, removal and recommendations for treatment on 5 acres of arundo located on steep river banks.

Private Land Restoration on San Joaquin River

Restoration Field Manager

Responsibilities included: budget and implementation on 90 acres of riparian restoration.

BAER Native Grass Drilling on San Joaquin River National Wildlife Refuge

Restoration Field Manager

Responsibilities included: budget and implementation on 340 acres of creeping wild rye and 10 acres each of mugwort and gumplant.

Ruben Reynoso

Senior Restoration Field Manager

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Relevant Experience:

- Private Applicator's License-#00221
- Restoration Management - Over 2,000 acres
- Budgeting – over \$10 million
- Contract Development
- Production Agriculture Management
- Management of Pesticide Operations on 1,500 acres

Pertinent Projects and Responsibilities

Bear River

Senior Restoration Field Manager

Responsibilities include: Implementation of the Restoration Plan, planting over 95,000 woody species, maintenance of environmentally sensitive mitigation areas, and the seeding of 400 plus acres of native grasses and forbs. Also responsible for the implementation of SWPP compliance plan.

Nelson Slough

Senior Restoration Field Manager

Responsibilities include: Managing client relations, project area surveying and delineation, implementation of restoration plan.

Abbot Lakes

Senior Restoration Field Manager

Responsibilities include: Implementation of the Restoration Plan, site assessment, assist with design of restoration plan, budgeting and fiscal oversight.

Elderberry Transplants

Senior Restoration Field Manager

Responsibilities include: Management and on site supervision of the transplant of 20 elderberry transplants for the Feather River Levee Setback.

Certifications

- CA Class A Drivers License
- DPR Private Applicators Certificate

Joe Green
Manager of Operations and Logistics
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Education

Masters in Business Administration, 2007
California State University, Chico
Chico, California

Bachelor of Science, Agricultural Business, 2005
Minor Business Administration
California State University, Chico
Chico, California

Relevant Experience

- Qualified Applicator's License-#115698
- Contract Development
- Project Management
- Budgeting
- Purchasing Agent
- Regulatory Compliance

Pertinent Projects and Responsibilities

Feather River

Budgeting and contract development responsibilities

O'Connor Lakes

Site preparation, native species planting, species viability monitoring, irrigation installation and repair

La BARRANCA

Seed collection, site preparation, invasive weed control

Sacramento Emergency Levee Repairs

Responsible for the implementation of two contracts covering six emergency levee repair sites. Contracts entailed installation and design of irrigation systems and the installation and monitoring of vegetation for mitigation credits.

Turtle Bay II

Full responsibility and control over the implementation of the restoration plan. Plan included the removal of blackberry over the entire 76 acre site and the design of an above ground irrigation system.

Lindo Channel

Responsibilities include execution of contract to restore an elderberry mitigation site.

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