

**SACRAMENTO AREA FLOOD CONTROL AGENCY  
CONTRACT NO. 4094**

**Natomas Levee Improvement Program  
Phase 3  
Native Grassland Establishment Project**

**SUBMIT BID TO:**

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

**BID OPENING:**

County Administration Center  
700 H Street, Suite 2450  
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 project, 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 Sheet 3 of this Bid Form.

Item No.	Item Description	Specifications Section	Estimated Quantity	Unit	Unit Price (In Figures)	Amount (In Figures)
1	Mobilization and Demobilization	01 90 00	1	LS	\$ 44,030.00	\$ 44,030.00
2	Pre-seeding Weed Management - All Areas to be Seeded	32 92 00	379.2	AC	\$ 202.00	\$ 76,598.40
3	Chiseling - Levee Slopes, Seepage Berms, Road Ramps	32 92 00	53.5	AC	\$ 207.00	\$ 11,074.50
4	Seed Bed Preparation - Levee Slopes, Seepage Berms, Road Ramps	32 92 00	53.5	AC	\$ 244.00	\$ 13,054.00
5	Seed Bed Preparation - O&M and Utility Corridors	32 92 00	114.6	AC	\$ 258.00	\$ 29,566.80
6	Seed Bed Preparation - Garden Highway and Drainage Swale	32 92 00	13.9	AC	\$ 219.00	\$ 3,044.10
7	Seedbed Preparation - Lower Elkhorn Canal	32 92 00	7.6	AC	\$ 239.00	\$ 1,816.40
8	Type 1 Seed Mix (Wholesale/Bulk)	32 92 00	175.7	AC	\$ 641.00	\$ 112,623.70
9	Type 1 Seed Mix (Markup)	32 92 00	175.7	AC	\$ 184.00	\$ 32,328.80
10	Type 3 Seed Mix (Wholesale/Bulk)	32 92 00	13.9	AC	\$ 562.00	\$ 7,811.80
11	Type 3 Seed Mix (Markup)	32 92 00	13.9	AC	\$ 150.00	\$ 2,085.00
12	Type 4 Seed Mix (Wholesale/Bulk)	32 92 00	18.4	AC	\$ 213.00	\$ 3,919.20
13	Type 4 Seed Mix (Markup)	32 92 00	18.4	AC	\$ 50.00	\$ 920.00
14	Fertilizer		189.6	AC	\$ 128.00	\$ 24,268.80
15	Seeding - Levee Slopes, Seepage Berms, Road Ramps	32 92 00	58	AC	\$ 243.00	\$ 14,094.00
16	Seeding - O&M and Utility Corridors	32 92 00	114.6	AC	\$ 189.00	\$ 21,659.40
17	Seeding - Garden Highway and Drainage Swale	32 92 00	27.8	AC	\$ 314.00	\$ 8,729.20
18	Seeding - Lower Elkhorn Canal		7.6	AC	\$ 305.00	\$ 2,318.00
19	Blown Straw Mulch	32 92 00	61.9	AC	\$ 870.00	\$ 53,853.00
20	Annual Maintenance	32 98 00	-----	-----	-----	-----
20a	Herbicide Application	32 98 00	1709	AC	\$ 98.00	\$ 167,482.00
20b	Mowing	32 98 00	1519	AC	\$ 51.00	\$ 77,469.00
Total Bid Schedule (All Items [1 through 20b])						\$ 708,746.10

Note: AC = acre; LS = lump sum;

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 all Addenda, up to and including Addendum Number 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: CA

- 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

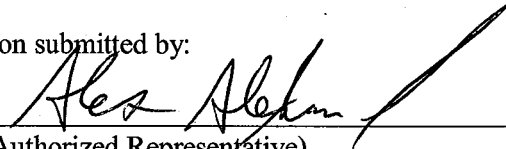
Contractor's License Classification: C27

Contractor's License Number: 858059

Contractor's License Expiration Date: 04/30/2013

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the above statements are true.

Bid and certification submitted by:

Signature:   
(Authorized Representative)

Print: Alex Alexander

Title: Chief Operations Officer

**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.**

**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. Attach additional sheets as necessary.

**The Bidder shall list by percentage the portion of the work for the identified Bid Item to be performed by the listed subcontractor. The percentage shown in the Percent of Bid Item column below shall be the percentage of the Bid Item work that the listed subcontractor is performing. Do NOT list the percentage of the Total Bid amount or Total Work amount in that column.**

The low Bidder, or apparent low Bidder, shall submit a listing of license numbers by subcontractor within three (3) calendar days of bid opening. The Contractor is directed to General Specification Section 2-8 regarding the listing of subcontractors.

<b>Type of Work</b>	<b>Percent of Bid Item</b>	<b>Bid Item No(s).</b>	<b>Subcontractor</b>	<b>Place of Business</b>
Chiseling	1%	3	R&R Horn	13504 Skypark Industrial Ave Chico, CA
Spraying	8%	2,20a	Boggs Equipment & Engineering	3341 River Road Colusa, CA
Straw Blowing	5%	19	Mark Seeding Services	P.O. Box 187 Galt, CA

## 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 establishment or similar seedbed soil preparation, seeding, and selective weed management, and operation of heavy equipment (e.g. dozers, farm tractors). 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 shall be located within two (2) hours of the project sites.

**Contractor Licensing:** Contractor License shall be in good standing to conduct business in California (copy of license to be submitted as an attachment to this bid sheet). The Bidder or its subcontractor(s) shall possess a California Pesticide Applicator License and Pest Control business License in good standing and shall have a Pest Control Advisor (PCA) available (See Section II of this bidder experience questionnaire).

**Contractor or Firm Experience:** The Bidder's principal contracting business shall include specialized California native grassland or native meadow establishment projects. The Bidder shall have the knowledge and skill to install, maintain, manage and monitor a created native grassland habitat. For these minimum qualifications, a grassland establishment project can be 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 seedbed soil preparation, seeding using a grass seed drill or imprint type machine (hydroseeding projects do not qualify), a 2-3 year maintenance period, control of weeds and herbivore damage, and monitoring according to prescribed performance criteria. The Bidder shall demonstrate his or her experience by fully completing Sections 1 through 3 of this questionnaire.

#### **Section 1 – Native Grassland Establishment Experience**

#### **Section 2 – Project Management, Site Supervision & Pesticide Application**

#### **Section 3 – Business Organizational Information**

## **Section 1 – Native Grassland Establishment 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 time required to complete all required pre-seeding weed management, chiseling, soil preparation, and seed and straw application as described on the Drawings and in these Specifications 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.

**Maintenance Period:** The work performed shall be for a 3-year plant establishment period immediately following Construction Acceptance by the Agency of each of the installed (i.e., constructed) portion of the Project. The Contractor will be responsible for the maintenance of the entire project site as defined by the Drawings and these specifications during the Maintenance Period. Specific maintenance actions required will be based on seasonality, weather and soil conditions, weed populations and distribution, and grassland condition and percent cover. Maintenance actions include mowing, herbicide application, disking and reseeding under-performing areas, trash removal, and any other actions necessary to successfully establish the grassland to meet the performance standards prescribed herein. The Contractor shall be responsible for the work as required by the Specifications and the Drawings, until the Agency gives Final Project Acceptance of the project in writing.

**Final Project Acceptance:** The conclusion of the Maintenance Period will be determined in consultation with the Contractor and the Agency and will be based upon satisfactory achievement of the required performance standards prescribed in the Specifications.

**Grassland Establishment:** Grassland establishment is the process of creating self-sustaining native grasslands, typically completed in phases up to three years (i.e., duration of time required to achieve desired conditions). Grassland establishment activities include, but are not limited to, weed management including mowing and herbicide applications, 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 using heavy equipment (e.g. large dozers), mechanized seeding using a grass seed drill, mechanical broadcaster, or imprint type machine (hydroseeding projects do not qualify), a 2-3 year maintenance and establishment period, control of weeds and herbivore damage, and monitoring and reporting according to prescribed performance criteria.

**Agency:** A local, state, or federal public agency project sponsor, such as SAFCA (Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency)

## **A. Contractor's Qualifications**

List three (3) major native grassland establishment projects constructed by the Bidder, each of which had a minimum contract amount of \$100,000 or greater. All listed projects must be 25 seeded acres or larger, and each shall be of a similar scope to this Project. All three projects shall be projects with a Public Agency or a Non-Profit Entity specializing in habitat conservation and restoration.

The three projects shall be located within the Sacramento Valley Region or Northern San Joaquin Valley Region, Sierra Nevada or Coast Range Foothills, Central and North Coast, or the San Francisco Bay Area (as defined by the Jepson Manual of Higher Plant of California). All projects listed shall have been mechanically seeded within the past seven (7) years. Long-term maintenance contracts do not apply to the initiation of seeding work.

## Grassland Establishment Project No. 1

Project Name: Del Rio 4

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

Agency/Owner Contact Name: Dave Means      Contact Telephone: 916-445-1095

Project Location: 5 Miles North of Butte City      County: Glenn

Acreage Seeded: 96 Acres      Contract Amount: \$428,000

Construction Start Date (month/yr): 7/03      Construction Completion Date (month/yr): 11/04

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 *Nassella 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 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: The final monitoring report for the Del Rio 4 project indicates that relative cover exceeds 50%. Although the contract did not require specific cover requirements, River Partners is continuing to manage and maintain these grasses to improve their overall cover.

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.

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## Grassland Establishment Project No. 2

Project Name: Wilson Landing Unit

Contracting Agency: Wildlife Conservation Board

Contracting Agency Contact Name: Dave Means Contact Telephone: 916-445-1095

Public Agency/Owner: California Department of Fish & Game

Agency/Owner Contact Name: Henry Lomeli 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, because the 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 these and many other types of seeding equipment.

### List 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: Although this contract did not have standards set beyond successful establishment of a healthy consistent stand of native grasses, River Partners internal goals are to provide 40% – 50% relative cover after year one, 60% or better after year 2, and better than 70% after year three. Although the grass has only been in the ground just over 1 year, early monitoring reports indicate results have exceeded our goal.

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.

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### Grassland Establishment Project No. 3

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 Seeded: 285      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 Bear River restoration included 567 acres of mixed riparian (Great Valley Riparian Forest, Great Valley Valley Oak Riparian and Great Valley Riparian Scrub), 33 acres of Valley Wildrye Grassland, and 40 acres of riparian enhancement within a remnant forest. The grassland seeding included 240 acres within the mixed riparian forest, a 33-acre open grassland, and a 12-acre floodplain drainage swale within the riparian enhancement area.

The project area soils were primarily Shanghai silt loam with some Columbia fine sandy loams. The Shanghai silt loam is poorly drained, so access is limited during winter months when ponding can occur.

#### Describe seeding method, equipment used, and dates of implementation:

River Partners utilized three different seed mixes (detailed below) on this project, as varying ecological conditions required that each area was planted with a site-specific seed mix.. River Partners seeded 33 acres of open grassland as part of Swainson's hawk mitigation; 240 acres of riparian forest; and a 12 acre swale. We seeded all three areas with a no-till drill, and drilled in the fall of years 2006 (in the mitigation and swale areas) and 2007 (in the riparian forest). Additionally, in the swale area we utilized fifty five native straw bales for both erosion control and seeding. Subsequent monitoring indicated that this area contained the highest percentage of native grass cover on the site. The majority of native grass seed was drilled into the soil with a Truax native grass seed drill. However, on terrain where the drill could not operate effectively and Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan requirements dictated, we employed a hydroseeding truck.

#### List all seed mix species and application rates:

Our standard seed mix of *Nassella pulchra*, *Elymus glaucus*, *Leymus triticoides*, and *Hordeum brachyantherum* was planted at 13 pounds per acre throughout the Swainson's hawk mitigation area; 7 pounds of the shade tolerant *Leymus triticoides* was drilled in areas designed to develop a canopy; and a mix containing the water tolerant species *Elymus glaucus* and *Hordeum brachyantherum* was drilled at 13 pounds per acre in the floodplain drainage swale.

Describe the maintenance activities undertaken to ensure successful establishment and, which if any activities were performed by subcontractors: River Partners maintained the grasslands at Bear River through mowing and targeted herbicide applications. While the plants were young and small some weed pressure would be present, so 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 contract performance standards for the seeded areas. Final monitoring of the mitigation areas showed a 79% relative cover of native grasses.

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.

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## B. Other Relevant 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 grassland establishment experience for this project, they must have performed the following tasks, including:

- I. Developing an overall approach for a native grassland establishment project that is appropriate to physical site conditions and site constraints;
- II. Seedbed soil preparation, including the use of heavy equipment (e.g. dozers) and overall site preparation experience;
- III. Experience developing and implementing strategies for selective weed control and herbaceous vegetation establishment.

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 subsection I, II, and III. **Each project in each sub-section listed below (Sections I-III) shall be for a Public Agency or Non-Profit Entity specializing in habitat conservation and restoration.** Please attach separate page(s) if necessary. Listed projects may duplicate those listed in Section 1A.

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**I. Developing an overall approach for a native perennial grassland establishment project that is appropriate to the physical site conditions and site constraints.**

**Project 1:**

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: 916-651-1294

Acreage: 140

Describe circumstances where project site conditions had to be addressed, and how project objectives were accomplished for project success: At least a portion of the Colusa State Recreation Area floods on a nearly annual basis. River Partners adapted their management strategy to address “dry” versus “wet” areas following flooding. River Partners was able to maintain standard management practices on the grasslands which did not flood, but wet soil conditions limited access during key chemical application windows. Since we were not able to operate heavy machinery in these areas, a separate regime which involved more intensive mowing and later chemical application was designed for the flooded areas.

Contract requirements of >50% cover for native grass seed were exceeded in year one and two, with monitoring results indicating better than 60% cover. Cover is anticipated to continue to increase in the final year of management remaining under the contract.

**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 achieve the landowner’s (US Fish and Wildlife Service) goals for the site. River Partners worked with the landowner to amend the original understory design to one that could be more effectively implemented in a shorter time frame. In areas of low cover it was 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 where it was determined that the *Grindelia* planting had been 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: 916-445-1095

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 was able to work with the funder and landowner to adapt the planting design while still meeting all project goals. Further site evaluation and consultation with California Department of Fish and Game biologists determined that the 40 acres could be restored with a mix of herbaceous forbs and drilled native grasses. The grassland mix installed, was a species mix of *Nassella pulchra*, *Elymus glaucus*, *Leymus triticoides*, and *Hordeum brachyantherum* planted at 13 pounds per acre.

## II. Seedbed 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: 916-445-1095

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, including heavy equipment (e.g. dozers):

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 large crawler type 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 tractors 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 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 make use of a GPS oriented tractor to pull planting berms. Prior to the use of this technology, berm alignment had to be surveyed and staked in the field so the tractor driver could follow the markings, but with the GPS steered tractor, 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

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 weed control and herbaceous vegetation establishment requirements.**

**Project 1:**

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

Public or Non-Profit Contracting Agency/Owner: 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 weeds: Arundo, pepperweed, cactus, and tree of heaven

Describe weed management activities employed (e.g. mowing, herbicides, burning, grazing), including timing, equipment used, herbicides used and application methods, and other relevant information:

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 and/or machete, depending on the terrain. After removing fallen stalks from the site during the fall of the first project year, an application of glyphosate 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.

**Project 2:**

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

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 weeds: Himalayan blackberry, black locust, black mustard, Johnsongrass

Describe weed management activities employed (e.g. mowing, herbicides, burning, grazing), including timing, equipment used, 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 hazards could be located visually, we used a masticator to grind the blackberry canes down to ground level. After removing existing vegetation, River Partners concentrated its applications of Garlon 3A, targeting new shoots in the spring, and also applying it 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 and over 25,000 native grass plugs 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 3:**

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

Public or Non-Profit Contracting Agency: Wildlife Conservation Board

Contact Telephone: 916-445-1095

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

List dominant weeds: Johnsongrass, yellow star thistle

Describe weed management activities employed (e.g. mowing, herbicides, burning, grazing), including timing, equipment used, herbicides used and application methods, and other relevant information:

For over thirty years the Wilson Landing Unit was fallow. The former agricultural landscape was perfect for the invasion of non-native weed species, including Johnsongrass (*Sorghum halepense*) and yellow star thistle (*Centaurea solstitialis*). Although funding for this project was awarded before a floodway encroachment permit had been granted by the Central Valley Flood Protection Board (preventing any planting), River Partners proceeded to engage in weed control. By installing a custom sprinkler irrigation system, River Partners was able to irrigate during the summer months and flush the weed seed bank multiple times, following each flush of weeds with an application of herbicides (glyphosate and transline) to treat germinating weeds. The applications were performed with a tractor-mounted 30' spray boom, and proved so effective in reducing the weed pressure that River Partners was able to plant the project's understory component in the first year, an uncommon feat. River Partners' flexibility in the face of regulations and permitting challenges, and its adaptive management practices, contributed to a current plant survivorship in excess of 95%. Additionally, the decreased weed pressure has ultimately saved costs by reducing the subsequent frequency of weed treatment events.

## **Section 2 – Project Management, Site Supervision & Pesticide Application**

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Identify the individuals, including the project manager, site superintendent, pest control advisor (PCA), and pesticide applicator, who will be responsible for conducting project activities. The project manager, superintendents (construction & maintenance), PCA, and pesticide applicator shall have more than 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. Attach additional sheets if necessary. 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: 13 Years

Years of Grassland Experience: 20+ Years

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

### **Grassland 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: 5 years

Years of Grassland Experience: 20+ Years

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

### **Grassland 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: 6 Years

Years of Grassland Experience: 6+ Years

Percentage of On-Site Time Individual Would Spend Managing/Supervising the Work: 85%

Grassland 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: Dave Means Phone: 916-445-1095
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: 530-934-2801

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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: 5 Years

Years of Grassland Herbicide Application Experience: 20+

Pesticide Application License No: PA00221

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

**Grassland 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 Hicks Phone: 916-651-1294

**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:

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:

The mission of River Partners 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

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

Yes  No

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

Yes  No

Exhibit I: Pesticide Licenses and Certifications

**dpr** 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.

Mailing Address: RIVER PARTNERS, INC.  
 580 VALLOMBROSA AVE  
 CHICO, CA 95926

Business Location: RIVER PARTNERS, INC.  
 580 VALLOMBROSA  
 CHICO, CA 95926

Mary-Ann Warnerdam, Director

POST THIS LICENSE PROMINENTLY IN PUBLIC VIEW  
 THIS LICENSE IS NOT TRANSFERABLE - ANY CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP REQUIRES A NEW LICENSE



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Consumer Affairs

License Number: 858059  
 Entity: CORP

Business Name: RIVER PARTNERS

Classification(s): C27

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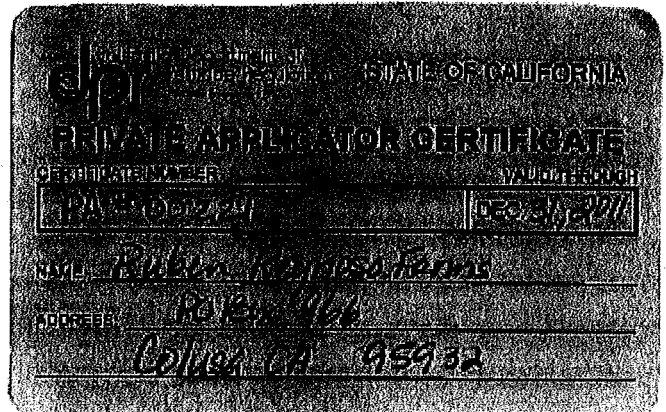
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**CERTIFIED ARBORIST**

Julianne R Rentner

Certificate Number: WE-7742A

Expiration Date: Dec 31, 2012



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