

Mid San Joaquin River Regional Flood Management Plan

How were the consultants selected?

In late 2012, stakeholders in the Mid San Joaquin River/Stanislaus County area were invited to participate in the consultant selection process and four stakeholders formed a consultant selection committee. The following steps were used to identify the most qualified consultant:

- A preliminary scope of work was developed in coordination with DWR and interested stakeholders to clearly articulate the expectations of the consulting team.
- This preliminary scope of work was used to draft a Request for Qualifications. This Request for Qualifications was distributed to interested stakeholders for review and approval prior to circulation.
- The approved Request for Qualifications was distributed to interested parties for response and notice was posted publicly in three locations. The period for response was 21 days (three weeks).
- A three-phase evaluation process was used to determine the most appropriate consultant from the RFQ responses:

Phase 1 - Preliminary Review: a preliminary review of completeness was conducted by RD 2092. 3 responses were deemed complete. No responses were deemed incomplete.

Phase 2 – Ranking: complete responses were forwarded to selection committee members and ranked based on 6 criteria as described in the RFQ (and below). Results were collected and summed. The total score was divided by the total possible score to present a percentage. One response had a considerably higher score than the others.

1	local experience
2	technical capacity
3	familiarity with flood management conditions in the Mid-San Joaquin Region as well as the San Joaquin River Watershed
4	demonstrated experience leading similar planning efforts
5	demonstrated experience in stakeholder processes
6	demonstrated experience in financial planning for infrastructure projects

Phase 3 – Interview: Based upon the results of the ranking, the selection committee agreed to forgo an interview process and recommended the highest ranking team.

Selection: As a result of this three-phase process, the Regional Partners chose the ESA PWA Team to prepare the RFMP. The consultant team consists of ESA PWA, (an environmental science and planning firm with more than 35 years' experience addressing water-related issues, including hydrology and flooding), Peterson Brustad, Inc. (a water engineering firm with significant experience in flood damage reduction planning and design as well as emergency services planning), and Kearns & West (an outreach and collaboration firm that has been engaging stakeholders in water issues for over 25 years.)