

**Request for Information “RFI” Summary
Las Virgenes Municipal Water District
Request for Bids
Landscape Maintenance Services 2023**

Q1: Is it possible to get the contract price for the previous contract for reference for this bid? 7/28/2023

A1: \$161,868.00 annually. However, the scope of services has changed to consolidate brush clearance and weed abatement currently performed by multiple contractors into one contract agreement.

Q2: 102 EXISTING CONDITIONS – Will the additional maintenance needed at the beginning of the contract to bring the facilities to an acceptable standard be billed as “Extra Work”? 7/28/2023

A2: We do not anticipate that additional work will be needed since the existing contractor has maintained facilities to an acceptable standard. However, if the District agrees that maintenance exceeds the standard scope of services, such services may qualify as “Extra Work.”

Q3: 102 EXISTING CONDITIONS – How much time will be given to bring the facilities up to an acceptable standard? 7/28/2023

A3: Please note the answer to Question 2.

Q4: 102 EXISTING CONDITIONS – Is the current level of maintenance up to the contract standards? 7/28/2023

A4: Yes. Please note the answer to Question 2.

Q5: 104-1.9 WEED CONTROL – Is there any specific chemicals that are not allowed to be used on any of the sites? 7/28/2023

A5: We prohibit the use of any chemical which is restricted at the state or county level. The application of chemicals should be limited and the employee utilizing them is required to have a proper applicators license.

Q6: 104-2.1 MOWING – For bidding purposes, how many times shall mowing take place a year? 7/28/2023

A6: Mowing frequency will vary seasonally. Mowing should occur frequently enough so that only one-third of the leaf is removed at any one time. Up to, but no more than once weekly mowing is expected.

Q7: 104-2.6 LAWN FERTILIZATION – For bidding purposes, how much fertilization shall take place per year? 7/28/2023

A7: Lawns should be fertilized twice per year (spring and fall). Fertilization should be limited during periods of drought.

Q8: 104-2.7 LAWN AERATION – For bidding purposes, how many aeration sessions shall take place per year? 7/28/2023

A8: Lawns should be aerated once a year in the spring.

Q9: 104-2.8 LAWN DETHATCHING AND OVERSEEDING - For bidding purposes, how many lawn dethatching and overseeding shall take place per year? 7/28/2023

A9: Lawns should be dethatched up to once annually in the mid-to-late spring or early fall as needed. Dethatching may not be necessary more than every few years. Similarly, overseeding may not be necessary more than every few years.

Q10: 104-4.3 TREE GUYING, STAKING AND TYING – Who is responsible for the purchasing of tree ties? 7/28/2023

A10: The contractor would be responsible for purchasing any tree ties but should include the cost on invoices to be reimbursed by the District.

Q11: 104-5 IRRIGATION SYSTEMS – Will the initial irrigation repairs within the first 4 weeks of the contract be counted as “Extra Work”? 7/28/2023

A11: We do not anticipate that additional work will be needed since the existing contractor has maintained the irrigation system to an acceptable standard. However, if the District agrees that repairs exceed the standard scope of services, such services may qualify as “Extra Work.”