

**Agenda Item #5\_ 8Mar13– Lower San Joaquin River Committee Recommendations: Committee Manager and Technical Consulting Services,**

Background: Members of the Lower San Joaquin River (LSJR) Vendor Selection Committee met on March 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss the proposals submitted by candidates in response to two Requests for Qualifications (RFQ): Committee Management Services dated June 12, 2012, and Technical Project Consulting Services dated December 19, 2012. The RFQs, posted on the CV-SALTS internet website and mailed directly to 20 consulting firms, sought services in support of the CV-SALTS LSJR Committee. The LSJR Selection Committee recommendations are presented below.

Committee Management Services: A single proposal was received was from Michael L. Johnson, LLC Ecosystems – Consulting (MLJ-LLC). The LSJR Committee recommends retaining this candidate’s services. Michael Johnson will take the lead managing role and will work with the interim committee manager, Dennis Westcot, over the next four months to insure a smooth transition of the management service responsibilities. Mr. Johnson is an experience and qualified candidate, and has solid working relationships with various stakeholders although the candidate himself is not a stakeholder. MLJ-LLC’s proposed amount is \$278,700.

*Recommendation:* Approve entering into contract with MLJ-LLC to provide LSJR Committee Manager services.

Technical Project Consulting Services: Two consulting firms submitted team based proposals: CDM Smith and Larry Walker Associates. The LSJR Selection Committee recommends an interview of the lead staff for each proposal prior to making a final selection. While both teams have strengths and weaknesses, questions remain on their understanding of the technical nature of the work and interaction with the LSJR Committee, committee manager and distinction from the overall CV-SALTS process. The selection committee felt that the interviews are necessary to insure an informed final decision. A tentative interview date has been set for Monday March 18<sup>th</sup>, with final selection by Friday March 22<sup>nd</sup>.