

**CV-SALTS Technical Advisory Committee Meeting  
12 September 2013**

**Agenda Item #7. Selection of Contractor to Conduct Environmental and Economic Review for MUN Evaluation in Ag Dominated Water Bodies Project**

**Action Item: A recommendation from the TAC on contractor selection**

**Background**

A Request for Proposal (RFP) to provide CEQA and Economic Analysis support for the project to evaluate the Municipal and Domestic Supply (MUN) Beneficial Use in Agriculturally (Ag) Dominated Surface Water Bodies was sent to potential CV-SALTS salinity services vendors (EKI, LWA and CDM-Smith) on July 23, 2013. Proposals were due by August 16, 2013.

The following two consulting firms responded to the RFP:

- Larry Walker Associates, Inc. (LWA)
- CDM Smith

Proposals were reviewed by the following:

- Roger Reynolds – Summers Engineering, Co-Chair CV-SALTS TAC
- Nigel Quinn – Bureau of Reclamation, Co-Chair CV-SALTS TAC
- Jeanne Chilcott – Central Valley Water Board
- Anne Littlejohn - Central Valley Water Board

A standardized scoring sheet was used to review both proposals and the areas of evaluation included:

- Technical Qualifications
  - Responsiveness to RFP, organization and clarity
  - Experience and qualification in project-related areas
  - Project approach and understanding
  - Project Management qualifications
- Cost
  - Clarity and completeness
  - Appropriateness of proposed cost structure and anticipated value and quality of services received
  - Total cost compared to the value of projects and services

Score Summary:

CDM-Smith's proposal received a higher total score from all four reviewers. Email discussions indicated preference to award the contract to CDM-Smith based on experience and approach.

**Recommendation to TAC:**

**Based on overall results and comments from reviewers, recommend that contract to conduct economic and environmental review for the MUN evaluation in ag dominated water bodies be awarded to CDM-Smith and that staff initiate development of final scope of work and subcontract.**