

Redwood Complex Recovery Hazardous Tree Removal Project – Phase 3

Questions asked at the mandatory pre-proposal site tour on 3/13/2023.  
or emailed to Joe Scriven by 5:00 PM on March 16, 2023.

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**Question #1: Is it possible that the completion date can be pushed back due to the amount of rain causing limited access to certain areas?**

Response: MCRCD's expects the project to be completed on or before May 26, 2023. However, in case of unusual amounts of precipitation, MCRCD will consider adding up to 15 "rain days" if needed, which will be up to the sole discretion of MCRCD.

**Question #2: Will you provide shapefiles of the parcels we have agreements with?**

Response: Yes.

**Question #3: Who do we call for clarification?**

Response: Call MCRCD's Project Manager (Joe Scriven) for clarification about this project.  
462-3664 ext. 104

**Question #4: Can you please clarify the notes field on the tree inventory? Some say cut, some say limb, and some don't have any notes.**

Response: Yes. MCRCD has updated the notes column on the tree inventory file. The tree inventory file is included in Proposal Addendum #1 posted on the MCRCD website ([mcrcd.org](http://mcrcd.org)).

**Question #5: The maps provided are not clear about which tree IDs correspond to which parcel. Can additional clarification be provided?**

Response: The tree identification numbers have been updated in the file. Please see Proposal Addendum #1 posted on the MCRCD website.

**Question #6: Point #87 on the tree inventory says "permission?" in the notes field. What does this mean?**

Response: That note was left in error, please disregard.

**Question #7: Please clarify the paint colors.**

Response: A blue slash mark is the color for this project. All other paint colors are unrelated to the scope of this project.

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**Question #8: Did property owners receive the exact Scope of Work that contractors did?**

Response: The property owners will receive a copy of the exact Scope of Work provided in the RFP and the Individual Property Map with Individual Tree Inventory included in Proposal Addendum #1 prior to the contractor beginning work.

**Question #9: Will the landowner list change in this phase?**

Response: No. This phase is finalized, and no additional landowners or parcels will be added.

**Question #10: Will the contractor have communication with the landowner?**

Response. Yes. MCRCD will provide the awarded contractor with the contact information for all landowners. Contractor is required to communicate with each landowner prior to conducting any work on their property.

**Question #11: Will a representative from the MCRCD be made available for assistance with communicating to the landowners?**

Response: Yes.

**Question #12: Can we have explicit permission to use heavier equipment on a property-by-property basis, such as a 309 Excavator?**

Response: The landowners have not been provided with a list of equipment. The RFP outlines equipment requirements but does not specify size. For example, “excavator or equivalent with operator to place heavier logs in chipper.” However, MCRCD contacted individual landowners and asked the following question:

*“Can the contractor use “heavier” heavy equipment, such as a 309 Excavator, when it would be more efficient and easier than using smaller machinery? This question came up because some of the contractors expressed concern from past experience that oftentimes landowners don’t realize the size of the machinery used and are unhappy to see equipment of that size with bigger tracks operating on their property.”*

Please see Proposal Addendum #1 for specific permissions from individual landowners.

If using tracked equipment, contractor is required to minimize ground disturbance as much as possible and return site to existing conditions once work is complete.

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**Question #13: Can other equipment be used in addition to what is listed in RFP?**

Response: Yes. Heavy tracked equipment must have landowner permission. Please see Proposal Addendum #1 posted on the MCRCD website for landowner permissions.

**Question #14: Please clarify tree debris placement. Can chips be taken to a dump site if more efficient? Do we pile right next to the tree or pile where the landowner wants it? Private side or in the right of way? Should we think about people taking “free chips” if it’s right next to the road? Must we leave debris if it is inconvenient?**

Response: Please see Proposal Addendum #1 for any specific instructions from individual landowners. No wood chips, rounds, or any other tree debris is to be left in the County right-of-way.

**Question #15: Most of these trees are along fence lines, and most likely have fencing or nails inside the tree. I just want to clarify that it's OK to leave these trees above the fence line that would make them above the 24-inch height.**

Response: Contractor may “high-stump” trees along fence lines, but only when reasonably necessary.

**Question: There are a number of trees along vineyards, roads or fences, and it is not practical and some places not even possible to broadcast or pile wood chips out of the county right away what is recommended we do with the materiel.**

Response: In this situation, please contact the landowner and MCRCD unless the landowner has already given MCRCD approval to haul offsite. Please see Proposal Addendum #1 posted on the MCRCD website.

**Question #16: Can we high-stump above fence lines?**

Response: Yes, when appropriate.

**Question #17: What should contractor do about clearly dead/dying unmarked trees leaning into marked trees that are likely to fall soon after their “buddy” tree is removed?**

Response: If this situation arises, contractor should contact landowner and MCRCD to obtain approval to remove the unmarked tree. Contractor will be expected to perform the work within the budget proposed in the accepted proposal and no additional payments will be made for additional trees removed that are not identified within the scope of work.

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**Question #18: Should contractor remove unmarked trees that are clearly dead?**

Response: Contractor should contact landowner and MCRCD to obtain approval to remove. Contractor will be expected to perform the work within the budget proposed in the accepted proposal and no additional payments will be made for additional trees removed that are not identified within the scope of work.

**Question #19: Can contractor cut tree and drag to an open spot to buck/chip or do trees have to be bucked/chipped where they are?**

Response: Please see Proposal Addendum #1 for specific instructions for individual landowners.

**Question #20: Can the cut woody material be completely removed/hailed off site or is it required to be processed and left on site?**

Response: Please see Proposal Addendum #1 posted on the MCRCD website.

**Question #21: Do we have to play by DOT rules?**

Response: This is not a DOT project; however, contractors will be required to conduct traffic control and secure an encroachment permit and comply with all associated rules and regulations as required by Mendocino County DOT.

**Question #22: Is the contractor required to complete the traffic control plan?**

Response: Yes.

**Question #23: Are bird surveys required?**

Response: No.

**Question #24: Is a stormwater prevention plan required?**

Response: No.

**Question #25: The RFP mentions that it is the contractor's responsibility to obtain county encroachment permits for this project. How many encroachment permits are required and is there a fee for this permit?**

Response: County DOT determines encroachment permit fees and the number of permits required. Questions regarding encroachment permit requirements and fees should be directed to Mendocino County DOT.

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**Question 26: Are individual property owners aware of the damage that will be done to the property when they grant access?**

Response: MCRCD does not have a way to determine potential damage to property. However, MCRCD contacted individual landowners and asked the following question:

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**Question 27: I am requesting clarification for Narrative A and Narrative B.**

**Narrative A. Section 7.4 -provide 3 examples of similar projects within the last five years, and then at least 1 but no more than 3 references of similar projects.”**

**Is it acceptable to combine the two? We have 3 relevant projects with 3 references.**

Response for Narrative A: Yes. If your 3 example projects in the past 5-years are the same as your 3 references of similar projects, it is acceptable to combine.

**Narrative B. Section 1.5- Submission of proposals e. states narrative up to 2 pages, but section 7.5 Social and Environmental Benefits state one type-written page.**

Response: Thank you for pointing out this discrepancy. MCRCD prefers this narrative to be no more than one page.

**Question #28: The RFP says *Line-Clearance Qualified Contractor and Certified Line-Clearance Arborist* will be required to perform tree removal work within 10-feet of energized power lines. Can you please clarify what this means?**

Response: Contractor must have at least one employee on the crew with line clearance certification, and this employee(s) must perform all tree removal work within 10-feet of energized power lines.

Proposers shall provide proof of any line clearance certification/qualification to allow MCRCD to verify their ability to perform any work near power lines.

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**Question #29: How do the distance tiers get scored? What’s the matrix? Is the distance from the equipment yard to the job or is the company office?**

Scoring Matrix	
Budget	50%
Prior experience and past performance	30%
Social, environmental, and community benefit*	20%
Total	100%
<p>*This score will be determined by a combination of distance to job site from company’s main yard (Mendocino County or Out of County), residence of employees (Mendocino County or Out of County), and community engagement and support within Mendocino County (or specifically Redwood Valley).</p> <p>Contractors based in Mendocino County, with active employees residing in Mendocino County, and can demonstrate community benefit (for example, sponsorship of a local sports team, fundraiser, other community benefit event; owner or key staff serving on a local Board or Commission; or other community service-related activity) should expect to receive <u>15-20 POINTS</u> for this category.</p> <p>Contractors based outside Mendocino County, with active employees residing in Mendocino County, and can demonstrate community benefit to Mendocino County (for example, sponsorship of local sports team, fundraiser, other community benefit event; owner or employee(s) serving on a local Board or Commission, or other community service-related activity) should expect to receive <u>5-15 POINTS</u> for this category.</p> <p>Contractors based outside Mendocino County, with no active employees residing in Mendocino County, and cannot demonstrate community benefit to Mendocino County (for example, sponsorship of local sports team, fundraiser, other community benefit event; owner or employee(s) serving on a local Board or Commission, or other community service-related activity) should expect to receive <u>0 POINTS</u> for this category.</p>	