

NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

THIS FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT IS NOT A REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS.

THIS ANNOUNCEMENT IS TO PROVIDE PUBLIC NOTICE OF RECLAMATION'S INTENTION TO FUND THE FOLLOWING PROJECT ACTIVITIES WITHOUT FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION.

ABSTRACT	
Funding Announcement	R10AS20R86
Project Title	Recovery Act - Lake Cachuma ARRA Improvements – Fire Suppression Water Supply
Recipient	Santa Barbara County of Parks Department
Principle Investigator (if applicable)	Sheryl Carter, Project Manager
Total Anticipated Award Amount	\$1,094,700.00
Cost Share	N/A
New Award or Continuation?	New
Anticipated Length of Agreement	18 months
Anticipated Period of Performance	Date of execution through December 31, 2011
Award Instrument	Cooperative Agreement
Statutory Authority	Public Law 74-46, Soil and Moisture Conservation Act of 1935; 16 USC 590(a)
CFDA Number	15.530
Single Source Justification Criteria Cited	(4) Unique Qualifications
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OVERVIEW

Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) has enjoyed a partnership with Santa Barbara County Parks Department (County Parks) for over 50 years. County Parks has, and continues today, to operate the Cachuma Reservoir Recreation Area as the managing partner of the Cachuma Reservoir serves as the major inland fishing area along California Highway 154. The Lake attracts visitors from all over the state, but the greatest influence is from Southern California. The reservoir served as the rowing and kayaking training facility for the 1984 Olympics, which served to bring even more recognition to the facility.

The increased awareness to this region, population growth, and increased publicity has allowed for a continual high visitor use of the Lake Cachuma facilities. The facility serves the visiting public by providing nature tours, camping, picnicking, fishing derbies, motor boating, hiking, biking, and horseback riding opportunities. This natural beauty and increased user activities have contributed to the increased deterioration of the campground facilities being experienced at the lake.

RECIPIENT INVOLVEMENT

Under this cooperative agreement Santa Barbara County Parks Department is responsible for the environmental documentation, engineering design and construction of the required facilities. The Recipient will subcontract as much of work as required to obtain the appropriate level of expertise and resources to accomplish the project in a timely and cost-effective manner.

The Recipient will coordinate with Reclamation in design reviews at Concept, 30% Design, 60% Design, 90% Design and Final Design stages to ensure compatibility with Reclamation facilities and the operations of Reclamation and Cachuma Operation and Management Board (COMB). The Recipient will submit a copy of the Final Design to Reclamation in AutoCad or other suitable electronic format for filing in the Regional and the South-Central California Area Offices of Reclamation.

The Recipient will oversee and inspect the construction of these facilities at each stage of construction. Recipient will also coordinate with Reclamation and COMB in inspections for Federal and water operations requirements.

RECLAMATION INVOLVEMENT

Reclamation will review designs at the above Design milestones to ensure that they are compatible with Federal operational requirements and those of COMB. Reclamation will approve the Final Design for consistency with water delivery operations. Reclamation will work with Recipient to resolve any design questions or potential conflicts that may arise.

Reclamation will provide technical information it is developing for the Resource Management Plan for use by Recipient in the preparation of environmental documentation for the project. Reclamation may also provide some environmental survey work to support the environmental process for the project.

Reclamation will conduct its reviews and inspections in a timely manner and meet with the Recipient to resolve problems and to recommend alternative approaches in the event of conflict with operations or other problems.

SINGLE-SOURCE JUSTIFICATION

<p>DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR SINGLE SOURCE POLICY REQUIREMENTS</p>
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<p>Department of the Interior Policy (505 DM 2) requires a written justification which explains why competition is not practicable for each single-source award. The justification must address one or more of the following criteria as well as discussion of the program legislative history, unique capabilities of the proposed recipient, and cost-sharing contribution offered by the proposed recipient, as applicable.</p>
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In order for an assistance award to be made without competition, the award must satisfy one or more of the following criteria:

- (1) Unsolicited Proposal – The proposed award is the result of an unsolicited assistance application which represents a unique or innovative idea, method, or approach which is not the subject of a current or planned contract or assistance award, but which is deemed advantageous to the program objectives;
- (2) Continuation – The activity to be funded is necessary to the satisfactory completion of, or is a continuation of an activity presently being funded, and for which competition would have a significant adverse effect on the continuity or completion of the activity;
- (3) Legislative intent – The language in the applicable authorizing legislation or legislative history clearly indicates Congress’ intent to restrict the award to a particular recipient of purpose;
- (4) **Unique Qualifications** – The applicant is uniquely qualified to perform the activity based upon a variety of demonstrable factors such as location, property ownership, voluntary support capacity, cost-sharing ability if applicable, technical expertise, or other such unique qualifications;
- (5) Emergencies – Program/award where there is insufficient time available (due to a compelling and unusual urgency, or substantial danger to health or safety) for adequate competitive procedures to be followed.

Reclamation did not solicit full and open competition for this award based on the following criteria:

- (4) Unique Qualifications – The applicant is uniquely qualified to perform the activity based upon a variety of demonstrable factors such as location, property ownership, voluntary support capacity, cost-sharing ability if applicable, technical expertise, or other such unique qualifications;

Single Source Justification Description:

The applicant is uniquely qualified to perform the activity based upon a variety of demonstrable factors such as location, property ownership, voluntary support capacity, cost-sharing ability if applicable, technical expertise, or other such unique qualifications.

Santa Barbara County is party to an agreement, Contract No. 14-06-200-600, dated 12 Jan 1953, (amended by letter dated December 4, 2008) to administer project land and water areas for recreation and fish and wildlife enhancement pursuant to Title 16 USC 460l -14 (b)(1) as amended. This agreement uniquely qualifies Santa Barbara County as the only entity eligible to participate in cost-sharing under Title 16 USC 460l – 14 (c) [PL 89-72 Sec 3(c),as amended by PL 102-575 Sec 2804(d)] to accomplish the proposed project.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

§ 590a. Prevention of soil erosion; surveys and investigations; preventive measures; cooperation with agencies and persons; acquisition of land

It is recognized that the wastage of soil and moisture resources on farm, grazing, and forest lands of the Nation, resulting from soil erosion, is a menace to the national welfare and that it is declared to be the policy of Congress to provide permanently for the control and prevention of soil erosion and thereby to preserve natural resources, control floods, prevent impairment of reservoirs, and maintain the navigability of rivers and harbors, protect public health, public lands and relieve unemployment, and the Secretary of Agriculture, from now on, shall coordinate and direct all activities with relation to soil erosion and in order to effectuate this policy is authorized, from time to time—

(1) To conduct surveys, investigations, and research relating to the character of soil erosion and the preventive measures needed, to publish the results of any such surveys, investigations, or research, to disseminate information concerning such methods, and to conduct demonstrational projects in areas subject to erosion by wind or water;

(2) To carry out preventive measures, including, but not limited to, engineering operations, methods of cultivation, the growing of vegetation, and changes in use of land;

(3) To cooperate or enter into agreements with, or to furnish financial or other aid to, any agency, governmental or otherwise, or any person, subject to such conditions as he may deem necessary, for the purposes of this chapter; and

(4) To acquire lands, or rights or interests therein, by purchase, gift, condemnation, or otherwise, whenever necessary for the purposes of this chapter.

Transfer of Functions

Enforcement functions of Secretary or other official in Department of Agriculture, insofar as they involve lands and programs under jurisdiction of that Department, related to compliance with this chapter with respect to pre-construction, construction, and initial operation of transportation system for Canadian and Alaskan natural gas transferred to Federal Inspector, Office of Federal Inspector for Alaska Natural Gas Transportation System, until first anniversary of date of initial operation of Alaska Natural Gas Transportation System, see Reorg. Plan No. 1 of 1979, §§ 102(f), [203 \(a\)](#), [44 F.R. 33663](#), 33666, [93 Stat. 1373](#), 1376, effective July 1, 1979, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees. Office of Federal Inspector for the Alaska Natural Gas Transportation System abolished and functions and authority vested in Inspector transferred to Secretary of Energy by section 3012(b) of [Pub. L. 102-486](#), set out as an Abolition of Office of Federal Inspector note under section [719e](#) of Title [15](#), Commerce and Trade.

Functions of Soil Conservation Service in Department of Agriculture with respect to soil and moisture conservation operations conducted on lands under jurisdiction of **Department of the Interior** transferred to Department of the Interior, to be administered under direction and supervision of Secretary of the Interior through such agency or agencies in Department of the Interior as Secretary shall designate, by Reorg. Plan No. IV of 1940, § 6, eff. June 30, 1940, [5](#)

F.R. [2421](#), [54 Stat. 1234](#), set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

Soil Conservation Service consolidated with other agencies into Agricultural Conservation and Adjustment Administration for duration of World War II, see Ex. Ord. No. 9069, Feb. 23, 1942.

The Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, is delegated so much of the authority of the Secretary under the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, 16 U.S.C. 661 et seq., as is necessary to provide assistance, through grants or cooperative agreements, to public or private organizations for the improvement of fish and wildlife habitat associated with water systems or water supplies affected by Reclamation projects.

and

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Public Law 111-5, Water and Related Resources.