

**Addenda No. 1**  
**February 6, 2026**

**Clarifying Questions and Answers**

1. *What level of design (e.g., 30%, 60%) will be available to the consultant and has the preferred alternative been chosen?*

**Answer:** 10% concept design will be available. Selection of a preferred alternative is currently underway and expected to be finalized by April.

2. *Have archaeological surveys been completed?*

**Answer:** Archaeological surveys are in progress.

3. *What level/type of biological surveys have been completed and how recent were they?*

**Answer:** A habitat assessment was completed in 2025 and more detailed biological surveys will be made through March and April.

4. *Regarding consultant presentations to the Board and other publicly noticed meetings (described under Task 4, b):*
  - a. *Would these meetings be virtual or in-person?*
  - b. *How many “publicly-noticed” meetings do you anticipate needing consultant attendance at (in addition to the one Board of Directors meeting)?*

**Answer:** The contractor can join the meeting virtually. Assume up to one meeting.

5. *Who prepared the Cultural Resources Inventory?*

**Answer:** DUDEK (underway).

6. *Who prepared the Biological Resources Report?*

**Answer:** Stillwater Sciences (underway).

7. *Were these documents completed for this specific project or were they completed for the larger open space jurisdiction or at a programmatic level? Are they available for distribution before the proposal deadline?*

**Answer:** The documents will be completed for this specific project, but they will not be available for distribution before the proposal deadline.

8. *Under task 4 of the RFP's scope, you note that the consultant shall present at a Board meeting and other publicly-noticed meetings. For our cost estimation purposes, could you elaborate upon the nature and frequency of these other anticipated meetings?*

**Answer:** The contractor can join the meeting virtually. Assume up to one meeting.

9. *Based on the RFP and supporting documentation, we understand that multiple trail concept alternatives have been considered for the expansion. At this stage in the planning process, has the Authority identified a preferred trail concept that it intends to move forward with?*

**Answer:** Selection of a preferred trail alternative is currently underway and expected to be finalized by April.

10. *Can you confirm whether the Authority plans to move forward with only one preferred trail concept design plan for CEQA analysis?*

**Answer:** Selection of a preferred trail alternative is currently underway and expected to be finalized by April.

11. *What are the specific resource areas the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority (Authority) believes will need specific focus and/or the public has expressed concern about?*

**Answer:** There are some serpentine soils within the project area.

12. *The RFP requests an Initial Appendix G review. Is the intended product a simple Appendix G checklist to identify expected conclusions prior to preparation of the Initial Study?*

**Answer:** This could be completed as part of the preparation of the Initial Study, no separate document is expected.

13. *The RFP asked for attendance at "other publicly-noticed meetings." What would this include outside of a Board Meeting at which the project is considered for approval? Does the Authority intend to hold a public comment meeting prior to or after the IS/MND and NOI release?*

**Answer:** The contractor can join the meeting virtually. Assume up to one meeting of the Board of Directors.

14. *Who are the responsible/permitting agencies beyond the Authority and County? Santa Clara Habitat Agency? RWQB? CDFW? USFW? USACE?*

**Answer:** The Authority will be the lead agency under CEQA. Additional responsible agencies are to-be-determined. The Authority will provide a permit memo to the contractor. The project will be covered under the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Plan.

*15. Regarding the response format, does the proposal need to follow the outlined topics under the RFP's Scope of Work? Is expansion/rearranging acceptable?*

**Answer:** Yes, the proposal needs to follow the outlined topics. Optional tasks or rearrangement of workflow can be proposed.

*16. Regarding the review meetings under Tasks 1, 2, 3, and 4 in the RFP's Scope of Work section, what do the review meetings entail? Is this simply a review of deliverables with the Authority?*

**Answer:** Yes, these are intended to be typical project management/coordination meetings.

*17. Should we include an organization chart and a summary of our staff members' experience in the Description of Experience section? In addition, may we include full resumes in an appendix?*

**Answer:** Yes, please include an organizational chart and information about proposed staff.