

Addendum 1 - RFP 18-003 Treasure Valley Managed Recharge Questions

1. **Question:** In Comparison to the 1999 ESPA Recharge Feasibility Study, what do you envision being done differently or improving upon for this project?

Response: *The 1999 ESPA Recharge Feasibility Study (ESPA Recharge Study) is a very good resource for managed recharge in the ESPA. The following provides some of the key differences that are envisioned between the ESPA Recharge Study and the Treasure Valley Managed Recharge Study (TV Recharge Study).*

- *The ESPA Recharge Study acknowledged that the primary purpose of a managed recharge program for the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer (ESPA) was to sustain or increase ground-water levels and the outflow from springs discharging to the Snake River. The intent of the TV Recharge Study is not to define or determine a solution for a specific problem but to evaluate the potential availability of water for managed recharge and whether there are favorable geologic and geographic conditions for managed recharge throughout the Treasure Valley.*
- *The ESPA Recharge Study was performed in part to identify candidate sites for pilot-scale testing whereas the purpose of the TV Recharge Study is to characterize general areas favorable for managed recharge rather than identification of specific sites.*
- *The ESPA Recharge Study also evaluated the role of Federal Regulatory Authority with regard to managed recharge. This is not required in the TV Recharge Study.*

2. **Question:** How important is a local team to the project and does having national experts bring value?

Response: *Given the complexity of the water budget, water administration, and the aquifer system in the Treasure Valley, the IWRB believes there is value in having local experience. However, the IWRB also realizes that national experts could provide unique and innovative approaches that could add value to the Study.*

3. **Question:** In terms of needed references and experience can you talk to what constitutes “similar projects” (e.g. does experience with stormwater infiltration facilities count?)

Response: *It will be up to the proposer to distinguish and communicate to the selection committee how the Proposal Team’s references and experience are applicable to this project.*

4. **Question:** To what degree do you feel groundwater/recharge water chemistry should be addressed?

Response: *One of the objectives of the TV Recharge Study is to determine the potential to conduct managed recharge within the study area. Any potential positive or negative impacts*

to groundwater resulting from recharged water should be noted. At this time a detailed analysis of the chemical interaction between groundwater and recharge water is not anticipated.

5. **Question:** To what degree should we include anticipated future climate change?

Response: The intent of the Study is to look at current conditions. However, when considering issues that may influence managed recharge, such as water availability, a discussion of climate change could be an appropriate component of the Study.

6. **Question:** Is there a way firms can receive confirmation on the number of teams/PM references questionnaires that are submitted in advance of the RFP deadline?

Response: The procurement team will make every effort to contact proposers by email when a reference has been submitted. If you want notification, please submit an email address you want to be notified.

7. **Question:** Can firms use past IWRB projects for team/PM references?

Response: One IDWR or IWRB reference will be allowed for both the Team and Project Manager references. Wesley Hipke and Emily Skoro may not provide any references.

8. **Question:** Will initial proposals become public? If so when?

Response: Proposal documents will be available for review after contract award and upon receipt of a Public Records Request. (Per Idaho Code 74-101 through 74-126)

9. **Question:** Regarding references, is all work done for board done through the dept. on behalf of the board?

Response: Yes

10. **Question:** Are you going to identify the members of the selection committee?

Response: We do not intend to identify the members of the selection team.