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**REQUEST FOR
QUALIFICATIONS AND
PROPOSAL**

Contractor to provide
Arundo donax Treatment & Herbicide Application

Office Issued: June 18, 2026
Mandatory On-site Visit: July 1, 2026
Submission Deadline: July 10, 2026
at NOON (PST)

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SECTION ONE: ACTIVITIES AND TIMELINE

**Timeline subject to change, proper notifications will occur and posted at www.glenncountyrcd.org*

- Release of office issued Request for Qualifications and Proposal – **June 18, 2026**
- **Mandatory On-site Visit** @ 10:00 AM, Old Stony Creek Bridge-Winslow Bridge, Elk Creek CA; approx. 1 mile North of Elk Creek on Co Rd 306 / 39°36'44.73"N, 122°31'43.68"W – **July 1, 2026**
 - ☑ Gives potential contractor(s) opportunity to view Project Area; attendance is a **requirement** for contractor(s) to submit a proposal.
- Deadline for receiving all other questions in writing – **July 2, 2026**
- RCD to post responses to all questions received on website – **July 6, 2026**
- Submission deadline for RFQ proposals to be received by RCD – **July 10, 2026 at NOON (PST)**
- First-Level Review (Screening) – **July 13, 2026**
- Interviews of Top Three (3) Proposers (if needed) – **July 14, 2026**
- Final Panel Evaluation and Selection / Notice of Intent to Award – **July 14, 2026**
- Contract negotiation – **July 14-16, 2026**
- RCD Board of Directors consider approval of contract award and agreement at regular RCD Meeting, or special meeting as necessary – **July 20, 2026**
- Deadline for filing protests – **July 30, 2026**
- RCD Board of Directors review protests at special RCD Meeting – **July 31, 2026**
- Project Start Date (Tentative) – **August 10, 2026**
- Project End Date / 100% Completion Date – **June 15, 2028**

SECTION TWO: GENERAL RFQ SUMMARY

The Glenn County Resource Conservation District (Glenn County RCD) is seeking qualifications from contractors to provide invasive weed treatment and herbicide application services under the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) Noxious Weed Grant Program and Memorandum of Understanding between the Glenn County Department of Agriculture and Glenn County RCD for the Upper Stony Creek Arundo Project.

This Project will implement regional detection, treatment, and control of *Arundo donax* within Glenn, Colusa, and Tehama Counties, California. The primary focus of this solicitation is on treatment of *Arundo donax* infestations within riparian corridors, waterways, floodplains, and associated upland interfaces. Subject to available funding and program priorities, the scope of work may also include treatment of other priority noxious weed species, such as Tamarisk (saltcedar).

The purpose of this Project is to reduce the density and spread of *Arundo donax* and other invasive species that increase wildfire hazard, degrade riparian and aquatic habitat, reduce water availability, and impact agricultural and infrastructure resources. Work may include mechanical removal, pile burning (where permitted), and pre- and post-emergent herbicide application in accordance with UC IPM guidelines and all applicable state and federal regulations.

The Glenn County RCD will provide overall project coordination, landowner and agency coordination, and regulatory compliance. The selected qualified contractor(s) will be responsible for implementing field treatments, documenting treated areas, and providing geo-referenced mapping, photo documentation, and progress reporting necessary to meet CDFA and local grant and CEQA requirements.

Because a substantial portion of the work will occur in and adjacent to riparian and aquatic environments, contractors must demonstrate specific experience with *Arundo donax*, *Tamarix* spp., and other invasive species control in riparian systems and must possess all required State of California licenses and permits for herbicide application in and around waters of the State. Examples of acceptable credentials include a California Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) Qualified Applicator License (QAL) or Qualified Applicator Certificate (QAC) with Aquatic Pest Control certification (Category B or equivalent), and a current Pest Control Business License authorizing aquatic herbicide application.

SECTION THREE: PROGRAM BACKGROUND AND OVERVIEW

The Glenn County RCD, in coordination with the County Agricultural Commissioners, Resource Conservation Districts, and regional Weed Management Area (WMA) partners in Glenn, Colusa, and Tehama Counties, is implementing a regional invasive species control

program funded through the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) Noxious Weed Grant Program and other sources. This collaborative effort is intended to provide a coordinated, cross-jurisdictional approach to detection, treatment, and long-term control of invasive riparian species that threaten water resources, wildfire resilience, agricultural productivity, and native habitat.

The primary target species for this Project is *Arundo donax*, an aggressive, non-native perennial grass that forms dense monocultures along rivers, creeks, canals, and floodplains. *Arundo* significantly increases wildfire hazard due to high biomass and rapid regrowth, alters hydrology by increasing evapotranspiration and sedimentation, and displaces native riparian vegetation critical for fish and wildlife. Tamarisk/saltcedar (*Tamarix* spp.) and other priority noxious weeds may also be addressed if funding and program priorities allows.

Project areas are located within Glenn, Colusa, and Tehama Counties and include riparian corridors, waterways, flood control facilities, irrigation infrastructure, and adjacent upland interfaces on public lands and cooperating private properties. Many of these areas are environmentally sensitive and subject to state and federal regulatory requirements due to their proximity to waters of the State.

This Project builds upon prior invasive species control, watershed protection, and wildfire resilience efforts implemented by local RCDs, County Agricultural Commissioners, and WMA partners throughout the three-county region. The intent is to provide coordinated, multi-year treatment and follow-up to ensure long-term suppression of *Arundo* and associated riparian invaders. All work will be conducted in compliance with CEQA, UC IPM guidelines, and all applicable local, state, and federal regulations governing vegetation management, aquatic herbicide use, and protection of water quality, cultural resources, and sensitive species.

Project activities will occur within riparian corridors, waterways, floodplains, irrigation canals, and associated upland interfaces across Glenn, Colusa, and Tehama Counties, California. The initial and primary focus area for implementation will be Stony Creek and its associated tributaries and floodplain, where extensive infestations of *Arundo donax* and other riparian invasive species have been documented and where treatment will provide significant benefits for wildfire risk reduction, water conveyance, and habitat restoration.

Additional treatment areas may be identified throughout the three-county regional Weed Management Area (WMA) boundaries based on funding, existing inventories, GIS mapping, and field verification. Project sites will include a combination of public lands and cooperating private properties and will be prioritized in coordination with County Agricultural Commissioners, RCDs, and WMA partners.

SECTION FOUR: SCOPE OF SERVICES

The Glenn County RCD is implementing this Project under a Memorandum of Understanding between the Glenn County Department of Agriculture and Glenn County RCD. It is the intent of these specifications, terms, and conditions to describe the services Glenn County RCD is seeking as the Glenn County RCD intends to hire a qualified contractor(s) who best meet the Glenn County RCD requirements. Familiarity with this Project and Project Area is preferred.

PROJECT TIMELINE

- **Project Start Date (Tentative) – August 10, 2026**
- **Project End Date / 100% Completion Date – June 15, 2028**

A. SPECIFICATIONS

Upper Stony Creek Arundo Project and Colusa, Glenn & Tehama Counties – Weed Management Area Arundo Project

Treatments for this Project

Treatment Type	Cost Per Stand	# Stands
Arundo donax Treatment: (Hand Cut and Pile, or similar treatment)		Unknown
Arundo donax Treatment: (Herbicide Application)		Unknown

B. TREATMENTS PRESCRIPTION

The primary treatment objective is the effective control and long-term suppression of Arundo donax and, as funding and priorities allow, Tamarisk/saltcedar (*Tamarix* spp.) and other priority riparian noxious weeds within Stony Creek and other selected waterways in Glenn, Colusa, and Tehama Counties.

Treatments will consist of an integrated approach that may include:

1. Pre-Treatment Mapping and Site Verification

- Field verification and GPS/GIS mapping of all Arundo and other target weed stands prior to treatment.
- Delineation of stand boundaries, access routes, sensitive resources, and treatment constraints.

- Preparation of geo-referenced shapefiles for use in treatment planning, landowner coordination, and regulatory compliance.

2. Mechanical and Manual Removal

- Cutting, crushing, or hand removal of above-ground biomass, including cut-and-pile or cut-and-scatter methods, as appropriate to site conditions and access.
- Removal methods shall minimize soil disturbance, prevent downstream transport of vegetative fragments, and protect existing native riparian vegetation.

3. Biomass Disposal and Pile Burning

- On-site piling and burning of cut material, where allowed by air quality regulations and local fire authority permits, to reduce fuel loading and prevent re-sprouting or downstream transport of viable plant material.
- All burning activities shall comply with local Air District, CAL FIRE, and County fire safe regulations and be conducted under appropriate burn permits and weather conditions.

4. Herbicide Application

- Application of aquatic-approved herbicides using cut-stump, foliar, or basal treatment methods, consistent with UC IPM guidelines and label requirements.
- All chemical treatments in or near waters of the State shall be conducted by licensed applicators using formulations approved for aquatic environments and in compliance with Clean Water Act, NPDES, and County Agricultural Commissioner permit requirements.

5. Follow-up and Maintenance Treatments

- Monitoring and retreatment of resprouts and new growth over multiple seasons to ensure effective long-term control.

- Adaptive treatment methods may be employed based on site response and monitoring results.

6. Environmental Protection Measures

- Implementation of best management practices (BMPs) to protect water quality, fisheries, wildlife, cultural resources, and adjacent land uses.
- All equipment shall be clean and free of weed propagules prior to entering the project area to prevent the spread of invasive species.

Treatment prescriptions will be refined for each site based on access, vegetation density, hydrology, seasonal constraints, regulatory requirements, and landowner coordination. All work shall be performed in a manner that prioritizes worker safety, wildfire prevention, and protection of sensitive riparian and aquatic resources.

This Project consists of the contractor non-mechanically cutting, resulting in treating or removing, *Arundo donax* within the Project Area (Stony Creek); as well as has an herbicide application to the previously treated and treated *Arundo donax*.

Pest Control Business main (PCM) and Qualified Applicator License (QAL), or applicable licensing shall be used.

C. MAPPING & PROJECT COORDINATION

The Glenn County RCD, in coordination with the County Agricultural Commissioners, Resource Conservation Districts, and Weed Management Area (WMA) partners in Glenn, Colusa, and Tehama Counties, will provide overall project management and coordination. The selected qualified contractor(s) shall work closely with these agencies to plan, schedule, and implement treatments in a manner that ensures regulatory compliance, landowner coordination, and efficient use of grant funds.

Pre-treatment mapping and inventory data may be provided by Glenn County RCD and WMA partners for use in planning and prioritization. However, the contractor(s) shall be responsible for field verification of mapped infestations and for identifying any additional *Arundo* or other target weed stands encountered during project implementation.

The contractor(s) shall collect and submit geo-referenced data for all treatment activities, including stand boundaries, treatment methods, dates, and follow-up needs. Spatial data shall be provided in a GIS-compatible format (e.g., ESRI shapefile or geodatabase) using a

coordinate system specified by Glenn County RCD. Attribute information shall include, at a minimum: location, species, treatment type, acreage or linear extent, herbicide product and rate, application method, and treatment date.

The qualified contractor(s) shall provide photo documentation (pre-treatment, during treatment, and post-treatment) and participate in coordination meetings, site visits, and progress reporting as requested by Glenn County RCD and WMA partners. All mapping and reporting products will be used to support CDFG grant reporting, CEQA compliance documentation, and long-term invasive species management planning across the three-county region.

D. PREVAILING WAGE

Glenn County RCD believes this Project is subject to prevailing wages.

The applicable California prevailing wage rate can be found at www.dir.ca.gov and on file with the Glenn County RCD's principal office, which shall be available to any interested party upon request. The qualified contractor(s) is also required to have a copy of the applicable wage determination posted and/or available at each jobsite.

The public entity for which work is being performed or the California Department of Industrial Relations may impose penalties upon contractors and subcontractors for failure to comply with prevailing wage requirements. These penalties are up to \$200 per day per worker for each wage violations identified; \$100 per day per worker for failure to provide the required paperwork and documentation requested within a 10-day window; and \$25 per day per worker for any overtime violation.

No contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal for a public works project unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5 [with limited exceptions from this requirement for bid purposes only under Labor Code section 1771.1(a)].

No contractor or subcontractor may be awarded a contract for public work on a public works project, unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5. Contractors MUST be a registered "public works contractor" with the DIR AT THE TIME OF BID PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL. Where the prime contract is less than \$15,000 for maintenance work or less than \$25,000 for construction alternation, demolition or repair work, registration is not required.

This Project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations.

All certified payroll information, including all additional labor compliance documents, must be submitted through the use of LCPTracker. Hard copy payrolls and eCPRs are not acceptable.

Glenn County RCD has hired *Contractor Compliance and Monitoring, Inc. (CCMI)* to audit the certified payroll and ensure that all labor compliance requirements have been met. The contractor shall cooperate with CCMI's requests for payroll and related labor compliance documents.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. The contractor and their employees shall take all known methods to prevent the spread of Arundo donax.
2. The contractor and their employees shall take reasonable action to prevent and suppress wildfire. Further, the contractor, in all phases of operations, shall protect insofar as practicable: all land survey corners, telephone lines, ditches, fences, and other improvements. If the contractor's operations damage such improvements under the contract, the contractor shall restore these improvements immediately to the condition existing immediately prior to operations.
3. The contractor shall comply with the rules and regulations governing operation on premises that are occupied, and the contractor shall perform the contract in a manner that will not interrupt or interfere with other operations, including residence.
4. Contractor and their employees shall take immediate and independent action to prevent and suppress wildfires in the Project Area. Contractor shall follow all applicable state fire regulations. Listed below are specific fire precautionary measures which shall be applicable and are included or in addition to state fire regulations. Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Glenn County RCD or designee, contractor shall:
 - a) maintain effective muffler systems or approved spark arresters on exhausts of all internal combustion engines used in contractor's operations;
 - b) furnish and maintain in quantities and at locations to be determined by the Glenn County RCD or designee, tool boxes, fire extinguishers and fire tools to be used only for suppressing wildfires. Glenn County RCD or designee shall approve tools and fire extinguishers to be used;
 - c) on designated very high fire danger days, remain on the Project area for at least two (2) hours after cutting to be sure that a fire has not started.
5. Should Project activities reveal cultural, tribal, or archaeological resources, work shall cease within 100 feet of the discovery and appropriate entities will be contacted.

Management Requirements:

Control Areas:

Unless otherwise authorized by the Glenn County RCD, no operations shall occur within areas flagged by Glenn County RCD or identified with “Noxious Weeds” or other exclusion flagging. Flagged areas may include sensitive resources, access restrictions, or areas designated for protection.

Noxious Weeds Prevention:

All equipment, vehicles, and tools entering the Project Area must be free of soil, mud (wet or dried), seeds, vegetative matter, or other debris that could contain viable weed propagules in order to prevent the introduction or spread of noxious weeds. Dust or very light dirt that would not reasonably contain weed seed is not considered a concern.

Watershed Best Management Practices (BMPs):

Servicing, Refueling, and Cleaning Equipment and Parking/Staging Areas
Temporary refueling, servicing, and equipment staging shall occur only at locations approved by Glenn County RCD. Temporary staging, parking, and refueling/servicing areas shall be rehabilitated immediately following use. All spills shall be reported and appropriate cleanup actions initiated in accordance with applicable State and Federal laws, rules, and regulations. Contaminated soil and materials shall be removed from the Project site and disposed of in compliance with all regulatory requirements.

Equipment Specifications:

Equipment shall be furnished on a fully operational basis, of modern design, and in good working condition, and shall be operated by competent, fully qualified personnel. All equipment must be in good running condition with no excessive fluid leaks or overheating. The contractor shall be responsible for all fuel, lubrication, maintenance, repair, and replacement of equipment.

Road Use:

All roads providing access to the Project Area shall be kept open and free of debris resulting from project activities. Upon completion of work, all roads shall be left in their original condition unless otherwise authorized by Glenn County RCD.

SECTION FIVE: MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

The ideal contractor(s) will possess:

Relevant Experience:

Proposer and/or key personnel shall have a minimum of three (3) years of demonstrated experience conducting invasive plant control in riparian and aquatic environments. Experience must specifically include treatment of giant arundo (*Arundo donax*) and,

preferably, tamarisk/saltcedar (*Tamarix* spp.) using mechanical and herbicide-based control methods.

Aquatic Herbicide Application Credentials:

Proposer shall possess all required State of California licenses and permits to apply herbicides in and around waters of the State. Examples of acceptable credentials include:

- A valid California Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) Qualified Applicator License (QAL) or Qualified Applicator Certificate (QAC) with Aquatic Pest Control certification (Category B or equivalent); and
- A current California Pest Control Business License authorizing aquatic herbicide application.

Proposer must demonstrate experience using aquatic-approved herbicide formulations and compliance with all applicable County Agricultural Commissioner permit requirements, Clean Water Act provisions, and NPDES regulations, as applicable.

Regulatory Compliance and Environmental Protection:

Proposer shall demonstrate experience working in environmentally sensitive areas and complying with CEQA, water quality protection requirements, and best management practices for riparian and watershed projects.

Staffing and Equipment:

Proposer shall have sufficient qualified staff, supervision, and equipment to perform mechanical treatment, herbicide application, burning (where permitted), and follow-up monitoring in a safe, timely, and effective manner.

Licensing, Insurance, and Registration:

Proposer and all sub-contractors shall possess all permits, licenses, and professional credentials required to perform the services described in this RFP and shall maintain required insurance coverage and, where applicable, registration as a public works contractor with the California Department of Industrial Relations.

Familiarity with the Upper Stony Creek Project Area and surrounding project area is preferred.

SECTION SIX: PROPOSAL PACKAGE REQUIREMENTS

A. PROPOSAL FORMAT

Proposals are to be straightforward, clear, concise and responsive to the information requested. In order for proposals to be considered complete, proposers must provide all requested information including signed by the proposer and proposer's principle.

Each proposer must submit one (1) original proposal and three (3) copies, as well as an electronic copy (e.g. PDF file) via email, if possible.

B. PROPOSAL ELEMENTS

1. Cover Letter (1-page)

2. Qualifications and Experience (up to 8-pages)

Provide an overview of qualifications, experience with any similar projects and comparable work on comparable sites. Be sure to describe items contained in Section Five: Minimum Qualifications as listed above. Please describe the ability to coordinate with both field personnel and project managers, and include items such as successfully completing projects and the corresponding final deliverables, having met project timelines, any challenges faced and resolutions reached or solutions implemented, etc.

Proposer shall provide all documentation of current permits, licenses, and professional credentials necessary to perform services as specified under this RFQ. Include copies in the proposal.

2. References

Include at least three (3) separate, unique references who can attest to the proposer's performance and capability on these types of projects. Include the following information: Date(s) of Project Work, Reference Name, Contact Information, Project Name, and Brief Description of Project.

3. Approach

Describe approach to providing services needed to accomplish Section Four: Scope of Services in a high quality, cost-effective, environmentally sound and timely manner. Demonstrate a thorough conceptual and technical understanding of the purpose and scope of the project. If planning to sub-contract out for any services, identify which items will be sub-contracted, the sub-contractor information (if known) and any previous working relationships on projects and/or the ability to educate and/or train the sub-contractor(s).

4. Staff to be Assigned

Provide a staff organization chart and identify the roles and responsibilities to be fulfilled by each staff or sub-contractor(s).

5. Cost

Provide a cost per stand for this Project as identified in this RFQ. Contractor(s) shall furnish all labor, materials, tools, equipment, services, and incidental and customary work necessary to fully implement this Project in a cost per mile or per acre format.

Treatment Type	Cost Per Stand	# Stands
Arundo donax Treatment: (Example Hand Cut and Pile, or similar treatment)		Unknown
Arundo donax Treatment: (Herbicide Application)		Unknown

SECTION SEVEN: RFQ PROCESS

A. SUBMITTAL OF PROPOSALS

Sealed proposals must be received at the Glenn County RCD’s Office, **NO LATER THAN JULY 10, 2026 at NOON (PST)**.

Each proposer must submit one (1) original proposal and three (3) copies, as well as an electronic copy (e.g. PDF file) via email, if possible.

Proposals are to be addressed as follows:

**Glenn County Resource Conservation District
RFQ – Upper Stony Creek Arundo Project
Attention: Kandi Manhart, Executive Officer
132 N. Enright Avenue, Suite C, Willows, CA 95988
Email: kandi@glenncountyrcd.org**

Proposer’s name and return address must also appear on the envelope.

Proposals will be received only at the address shown above, and must be received by the

time indicated. It is the sole responsibility of the proposer to send or deliver its proposal so that it is received by the time and date required, regardless of postmark. Any proposal received after said time and/or date or at a place other than the stated address, cannot be considered and **will not be accepted**. No facsimile (fax) proposals will be considered. The Glenn County RCD date and time stamp shall be considered the official timepiece for the purpose of establishing the actual receipt of proposals.

B. SUBMITTER'S QUESTIONS

- **Mandatory On-site Visit on July 1, 2026 @ 10:00 AM, Old Stony Creek Bridge-Winslow Bridge, Elk Creek CA**; approx. 1 mile North of Elk Creek on Co Rd 306 / 39°36'44.73"N, 122°31'43.68"W
 - Gives potential contractor(s) opportunity to view Project Area; attendance is a **requirement** for contractor(s) to submit a proposal.*

Questions regarding the RFQ must be submitted exclusively in writing to the Glenn County RCD by **July 2, 2026**. Except for questions that might render the award of this contract invalid, the Glenn County RCD will not respond to any questions submitted after this time. The Glenn County RCD will use an addendum to the RFQ to post any questions received, along with written responses, on the Glenn County RCD website, www.glenncountyrcd.org, (Click on "Projects > > RFPs/RFQs - Request For Proposals/Qualifications"). **It is the responsibility of the proposers to check the Glenn County RCD website to review the questions and responses.** Any oral responses to questions are not binding on the Glenn County RCD.

Questions should be addressed to:

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-OR-

Email: kandi@glenncountyrcd.org

C. COSTS OF DEVELOPING THE PROPOSAL

All costs incurred in the preparation of a proposal are the responsibility of each proposer and will not be reimbursed by the Glenn County RCD.

D. PROPOSAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

It is the responsibility of each proposer to be familiar with all of the specifications, terms and conditions of the RFQ. By the signature and submission of a proposal, the proposer certifies that if awarded a contract, proposer will make no claim against the Glenn County RCD based upon ignorance of or misunderstanding of the specifications.

Each proposer shall submit its proposal with the understanding that the proposal, and any other supplemental documents, files, pictures, bonds etc., will become a part of the official file on this matter and shall be subject to disclosure, if requested by a member of the public, following the completion of negotiations.

By submitting a proposal, each proposer certifies that all statements in this proposal are true. This constitutes a warranty, the falsity of which shall include the right, at the Glenn County RCD option, of declaring any contract made, as a result thereof, null and void. Proposals shall be completed, executed, and submitted in accordance with the instructions of this RFQ. If a proposal is not submitted in the format specified in this RFQ, it may be rejected, unless the Glenn County RCD determines that the nonconformity is either a minor irregularity or that the defect or variation in the proposal is immaterial or inconsequential. The Glenn County RCD may give the proposer an opportunity to cure any deficiency resulting from a minor irregularity or an immaterial or inconsequential defect, or may waive such deficiency, whichever is most advantageous to the Glenn County RCD.

E. SUCCESSFUL PROPOSAL AS PART OF CONTRACT SERVICES

Proposals received in response to this RFQ, at the Glenn County RCD discretion, may be incorporated into the awarded contract(s) and may serve as basic terms and conditions for the ultimate contract(s). Therefore, proposers are advised that, if successful, they will be held responsible for levels of services proposed at the funding levels quoted. The Glenn County RCD reserves the right to negotiate modifications or revisions to any awarded contract(s).

1. EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

The objective is to perform a thorough and fair evaluation of submitted proposals and facilitate the selection of a proposer that best satisfies the Glenn County RCD requirements. The following describes the evaluation process and associated components. Also, see attached Proposal Evaluation Form.

2. SELECTION PROCESS

- a. The Glenn County RCD shall create, for the purpose of evaluating the proposals for this RFQ, a Review Committee composed of representatives from the Glenn

County RCD Board, Staff and may also elect to include as part of the Review Committee qualified representatives from other agencies or entities.

- b. Proposal documentation requirements set forth in this RFQ are designed to provide guidance to proposers concerning the type of information that will be used by the Review Committee. Proposers shall be prepared to respond to requests by the Review Committee for additional items as deemed necessary to assist in the evaluation process.

3. EVALUATION CRITERIA & SCORING

The Review Committee shall be responsible for performing the evaluations of each proposal. Best approach and timelines determination shall be the evaluation method used when considering criteria other than cost. Each member of the Review Committee shall rate the proposers separately. The scores of each of the Review Committee members shall then be averaged to provide a total score for each of the proposers. The proposals shall be evaluated on the following categories; the maximum weight possible for each category is listed below:

A. Completeness of Proposal	Pass/Fail
B. Qualifications and Experience	40%
C. Approach and Timeline	30%
D. Cost	30%

See attached Proposal Evaluation Form for specific categories and criteria to be evaluated by the Review Committee.

4. AWARD

Award will be made to the qualified proposer(s) whose proposal will be most advantageous to the Glenn County RCD, with price and all other factors considered meaning the most reasonable, responsible bidder as determined by the authorized purchasing authority, which comparing price, qualifications, timeliness to meet needed deadlines, competitive fairness, and ensuring opportunities for inclusion must be reviewed, and ultimately, must align with Approved Funding Agreement goals and objectives. The Glenn County RCD will negotiate with the highest ranked proposer to develop a scope of work, rates and contract for mutual satisfaction. Glenn County RCD may modify scope of work, rates and contract through normal business operations should there be unforeseen changes.

If the Glenn County RCD cannot successfully negotiate a contract with the highest

ranked proposer, the Glenn County RCD will terminate negotiations and begin negotiations with the next highest ranked proposer.

Proposers are advised Glenn County RCD reserves the right to the following:

- To reject any or all proposals
- To consider historic information and fact, whether gained from the proposer's proposal or any other source, in the evaluation process; and
- The proposer is cautioned that it is the proposer's sole responsibility to submit information related to the evaluation categories and criteria and the Glenn County RCD is under no obligation to solicit such information if it is not included with the proposal. Failure of the individual or firm to submit such information may cause an adverse impact on the evaluation of the proposal.

F. OTHER REQUIREMENTS

In order to contract with the Glenn County RCD, a proposer must meet the following requirements:

- Make available to the Glenn County RCD its Federal Tax Identification Number (TIN) or Social Security Number (SSN).
- Comply with all Federal, State and local rules, regulations and policies, including but not limited to: Standard contract language of the Glenn County RCD via the Professional Services Agreement.
- Meet the requirements for audit of its expenditures if required.
- Meet the project written and calculated reporting requirements as deemed necessary by the Glenn County RCD's funding agreement.

G. NON-DISCRIMINATION

The proposer selected through this RFQ shall provide services without discrimination based on race, creed, color, ethnic or linguistic identification, gender or sexual preference, disability or handicap or any other basis prohibited by law. This shall include opportunities of inclusion.

H. PROTEST PROCESS

Per Glenn County RCD, *Policy 2135.4.2.b Protest Procedure*, after the award of any contract/agreement, any parties who submitted a proposal and wishes to challenge the procurement procedure, other submissions or the contract award shall file a written protest within ten (10) days of the award to the Secretary of the Board, stating the reasons for the challenge. The Board of Directors shall review the protest, as an agenized item, at a regularly

scheduled Board Meeting, or by a special meeting of the Board pursuant to Government Code 54956, and provide the protestor with a written response to their issue(s).

- Written protest shall be submitted in writing to Glenn County Resource Conservation District, 132 N. Enright Avenue, Suite C, Willows, CA 95988, Attention: Kandi Manhart-Belding (Secretary of the Board) and, if available, emailed to kandi@glenncountyrcd.org.
- The protest must include the name, address, telephone number and e-mail address of the person representing the protesting party, as well as reasons for the challenge.

Proposer's failure to comply with these procedures shall constitute a waiver of any right to further pursue the protest, including filing a Government Code claim or legal proceedings.

I. PUBLIC RECORDS ACCESS

Proposers should be aware that submitted proposals are subject to the California Public Records Act and may be disclosed to members of the public upon request. It is the responsibility of the proposers to clearly identify information in their proposals that they consider to be confidential under the California Public Records Act. To the extent that the Glenn County RCD agrees with that designation, such information will be held in confidence whenever possible. All other information will be considered public.

All information regarding the proposals will be held as confidential until such time as the Review Committee has completed its evaluation and, or if, contract negotiations are complete and agreement approved.

SECTION EIGHT: CONTRACT INFORMATION

A. SAMPLE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

See attached Sample Professional Services Agreement. Any objections or exceptions to the terms thereof shall be set forth in the Proposal, and any objections or exceptions not set forth therein shall, in the discretion of the Glenn County RCD, be deemed waived.

SECTION NINE: FUNDING RECOGNITION

This Project is funded primarily through:

1. The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) Noxious Weed Grant Program. It may also be supported by additional funding from cooperating agencies

and partners within the Colusa, Glenn, and Tehama Counties Weed Management Area (WMA).

2. Memorandum of Understanding between the Glenn County Department of Agriculture and Glenn County RCD for the Upper Stony Creek Arundo Project.

The selected qualified contractor(s) shall acknowledge CDFA and other applicable funding sources in project deliverables, reports, and public information materials, as required by the grant agreement. All work performed under this agreement is subject to the terms, conditions, and reporting requirements of the CDFA grants and any applicable interagency agreements between Glenn County Resource Conservation District, Glenn County Department of Agriculture and WMA partner agencies.

ATTACHMENTS:

A. PROJECT MAP (Shapefiles upon request)

B. SAMPLE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

SAMPLE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

1. PARTIES AND DATE.

This Agreement is made and entered into this 20th day of July, 2026, by and between the Glenn County Resource Conservation District ("District") and _____ ("Contractor"). with its principal place of business at _____ ("Contractor"). District and Contractor are sometimes individually referred to herein as "Party" and collectively as "Parties".

2. RECITALS.

2.1 Contractor.

Contractor desires to perform and assume responsibility for the provision of certain professional Contractor services required by District on the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement. Contractor represents that it is experienced in providing **ARUNDO DONAX TREATMENT AND HERBICIDE APPLICATION SERVICES** to public clients, is licensed in the State of California, and is familiar with the plans of District.

2.2 Project.

District desires to engage Contractor to render such services for the **State of California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) Noxious Weed Grant Program and Memorandum of Understanding between the Glenn County Department of Agriculture** ("Project") as set forth in this Agreement, subject to any additional requirements, obligations, and timelines imposed by applicable grantor regulations and the Grant Agreement. Per Request for Qualifications and Proposal (RFQ/P) Section Three, Page 5, Glenn County RCD may assign Contractor similar projects, or future project implementation.

3. TERMS.

3.1 Scope of Services and Term.

3.1.1 General Scope of Services. Contractor promises and agrees to furnish to District all labor, materials, tools, equipment, services, and incidental and customary work necessary to fully and adequately supply the professional Contractor services and advice on various issues affecting the decisions of District regarding the Project and on other programs and matters affecting District ("Services"). The Services are more particularly described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. All Services shall be subject to, and performed in accordance with, this Agreement, the exhibits attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, and all applicable local, state and federal laws, rules and regulations.

3.1.2 Term. The term of this Agreement shall be from the date first specified above to June 15, 2028, unless earlier terminated as provided herein. Contractor shall complete the Services within the term of this Agreement, and shall meet any other established schedules and deadlines unless renewal is approved with written authorization from the District's Representative, Kandi Manhart, Executive Officer.

3.2 Responsibilities of Contractor.

3.2.1 Control and Payment of Subordinates; Independent Contractor. The Services shall be performed by Contractor or under its supervision. Contractor will determine the means, methods and details of performing the Services subject to the requirements of this Agreement. District retains Contractor on an independent contractor basis and not as an employee of District. Contractor retains the right to perform similar or different services for others during the term of this Agreement. Any additional personnel performing the Services under this Agreement on behalf of Contractor shall also not be employees of District and shall at all times be under Contractor's exclusive direction and control. Contractor shall pay all wages, salaries, and other amounts due such personnel in connection with their performance of Services under this Agreement and as required by law. Contractor shall be responsible for all reports and obligations respecting such additional personnel, including, but not limited to: social security taxes, income tax withholding, unemployment insurance, disability insurance, and workers' compensation insurance.

3.2.2 Schedule of Services. Contractor shall perform the Services expeditiously, within the term of this Agreement, and in accordance with the Schedule of Services set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Contractor represents that it has the professional and technical personnel required to perform the Services in conformance with such conditions. In order to facilitate Contractor's conformance with the Schedule, District shall respond to Contractor's submittals in a timely manner. Upon request of District, Contractor shall provide a more detailed schedule of anticipated performance to meet the Schedule of Services.

3.2.3 Conformance to Applicable Requirements. All work prepared by Contractor shall be subject to the approval of District.

3.2.4 Substitution of Key Personnel. Contractor has represented to District that certain key personnel will perform and coordinate the Services under this Agreement. Should one or more of such personnel become unavailable, Contractor may substitute other personnel of at least equal competence and experience upon written approval of District. In the event that District and Contractor cannot agree as to the substitution of key personnel, District shall be entitled to terminate this Agreement for cause. As discussed below, any personnel who fail or refuse to perform the Services in a manner acceptable to District, or who are determined by District to be uncooperative, incompetent, a threat to the adequate or timely completion of the Project or a threat to the safety of persons or property, shall be promptly removed from the Project by Contractor at the request of District.

The key personnel for performance of this Agreement are as follows:

A. Name, Title, Company

B. Name, Title, Company

3.2.5 District's Representative. District hereby designates **Kandi Manhart, Executive Officer**, or his or her designee, to act as its representative for the performance of this Agreement ("District's Representative"). District's Representative shall have the power to act on behalf of District for all purposes under this Agreement. Contractor shall not accept direction or orders from any person other than District's Representative or his or her designee.

3.2.6 Contractor's Representative. Contractor hereby designates **Name, Title**, or his or her designee, to act as its representative for the performance of this Agreement ("Contractor's Representative"). Contractor's Representative shall have full authority to represent and act on behalf of Contractor for all purposes under this Agreement. Contractor's

Representative shall supervise and direct the Services, using his or her best skill and attention, and shall be responsible for all means, methods, techniques, sequences and procedures and for the satisfactory coordination of all portions of the Services under this Agreement.

3.2.7 Coordination of Services. Contractor agrees to work closely with District staff in the performance of Services and shall be available to District's staff, Contractors and other staff at all reasonable times.

3.2.8 Standard of Care; Performance of Employees. Contractor shall perform all Services under this Agreement in a skillful and competent manner, consistent with the standards generally recognized as being employed by professionals in the same discipline in the State of California. Contractor represents and maintains that it is skilled in the professional calling necessary to perform the Services. Contractor warrants that all employees and sub-Contractors shall have sufficient skill and experience to perform the Services assigned to them. Finally, Contractor represents that it, its employees and sub-Contractors have all licenses, permits, qualifications and approvals of whatever nature that are legally required to perform the Services, including a business license, and that such licenses and approvals shall be maintained throughout the term of this Agreement. As provided for in the indemnification provisions of this Agreement, Contractor shall perform, at its own cost and expense and without reimbursement from District, any services necessary to correct errors or omissions which are caused by Contractor's failure to comply with the standard of care provided for herein, and shall be fully responsible to District for all damages and other liabilities provided for in the indemnification provisions of this Agreement arising from the Contractor's errors and omissions. Any employee of Contractor or its sub-Contractors who is determined by District to be uncooperative, incompetent, a threat to the adequate or timely completion of the Project, a threat to the safety of persons or property, or any employee who fails or refuses to perform the Services in a manner acceptable to District, shall be promptly removed from the Project by Contractor and shall not be re-employed to perform any of the Services or to work on the Project.

3.2.9 Laws and Regulations. Contractor shall keep itself fully informed of and in compliance with all local, state and federal laws, rules and regulations in any manner affecting the performance of the Project or the Services, including all Cal/OSHA requirements, and shall give all notices required by law. Contractor shall be liable for all violations of such laws and regulations in connection with Services. If Contractor performs any work knowing it to be contrary to such laws, rules and regulations and without giving written notice to District, Contractor shall be solely responsible for all costs arising therefrom. Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold District, its officials, directors, officers, employees and agents free and harmless, pursuant to the indemnification provisions of this Agreement, from any claim or liability arising out of any failure or alleged failure to comply with such laws, rules or regulations.

3.2.10 Insurance.

(a) Time for Compliance. Contractor shall, at its expense, procure and maintain for the duration of the Agreement insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the Agreement by the Contractor, its agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors. Contractor shall not commence work under this Agreement until it has provided evidence satisfactory to District that it has secured all insurance required under this section. In addition, Contractor shall not allow any sub-Contractor to commence work on any subcontract until it has provided evidence satisfactory to District that the sub-Contractor has secured all insurance required under this section.

(b) Types of Required Coverages. As a condition precedent to the effectiveness of this Agreement for work to be performed hereunder and without limiting the indemnity provisions of the Agreement, Contractor in partial performance of its obligations under such Agreement, shall procure and maintain in full force and effect during the term of the Agreement, the following policies of insurance.

(i) **Commercial General Liability:** Commercial General Liability Insurance which affords coverage at least as broad as the latest version of the Insurance Services Office "occurrence" form CG 0001, including products and completed operations, property damage, bodily injury and personal and advertising injury **with minimum limits of at least \$2,000,000 per occurrence.** Defense costs shall be paid in addition to the limits. The policy shall contain no endorsements or provisions limiting coverage for (1) products and completed operations; (2) contractual liability; (3) third party action over claims; or (4) cross liability exclusion for claims or suits by one insured against another. If a general aggregate limit applies, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to this project/location (ISO CG 25 03 or 25 04) or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit.

(ii) **Automobile Liability Insurance:** Automobile Liability Insurance with coverage at least as broad as the latest version of Insurance Services Office Form CA 0001 covering "Any Auto" (Symbol 1) **with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury and property damage.**

(iii) **Contractors Pollution Liability and Professional Liability (Errors & Omissions):** Applicable to the work being performed, **with a limit no less than \$2,000,000 per claim or occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate per policy period of one year.**

(iv) **Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability:** Workers' Compensation Insurance, as required by the State of California and Employer's Liability Insurance **with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury and disease.**

(v) **Performance Guarantee (Performance and Payment Bonds):** A performance bond for 100 percent of each Phase / Task Order. This bond is one that is executed in connection with a Contract to secure fulfillment of all the Contractor's obligations under such Contract.

A payment bond for 100 percent of each Phase / Task Order. This bond is one that is executed in connection with a Contract to assure payment as required by law of all persons supplying labor and material in the execution of the work provided for in the Contract.

Contractor will provide signed copies of the following before commencement of the work:

- Payment Bond (Materials and Labor) for each Phase / Task Order
- Performance Bond for each Phase/ Task Order

If the contractor maintains broader coverage and/or higher limits than the minimums shown above, the District requires and shall be entitled to the broader coverage and/or the higher limits maintained by the contractor. Any available insurance proceeds in excess of the specified minimum limits of insurance and coverage shall be available to the District.

Umbrella or Excess Policies

The Contractor may use Umbrella or Excess Policies to provide the liability limits as required in this agreement. This form of insurance will be acceptable provided that all of the Primary and Umbrella or Excess Policies shall provide all of the insurance coverages herein required, including, but not limited to, primary and non-contributory, additional insured, Self-Insured Retentions (SIRs), indemnity, and defense requirements. The Umbrella or Excess policies shall be provided on a true "following form" or broader coverage basis, with coverage at least as broad as provided on the underlying Commercial General Liability insurance. No insurance policies maintained by the Additional Insureds, whether primary or excess, and which also apply to a loss covered hereunder, shall be called upon to contribute to a loss until the Contractor's primary and excess liability policies are exhausted.

(c) Endorsements.

(i) The policy or policies of insurance required by Section 3.2.10(b) (i) Commercial General Liability and (ii) Automobile Liability Insurance shall be endorsed to provide the following:

- (1) Additional Insured: District, its officials, officers, employees and agents shall be additional insureds with regard to liability and defense of suits or claims arising out of the performance of the Agreement. Endorsements shall be issued on a combination of ISO CG 20 10 and CG 20 37 or exact equivalents. Additional Insured Endorsements shall not (1) be restricted to "ongoing operations"; (2) exclude "contractual liability"; (3) restrict coverage to "sole" liability of Contractor; or (4) contain any other exclusions contrary to the Agreement.
- (2) Primary Insurance and Non-Contributing Insurance: Contractor's insurance shall be primary and any other insurance, deductible, or self-insurance maintained by the District, its officials, officers, employees, volunteers and agents shall not contribute with this primary insurance.
- (3) Umbrella or Excess Policy: The Contractor may use Umbrella or Excess Policies to provide the liability limits as required in this agreement. The Umbrella or Excess policies shall be provided on a true "following form" or broader coverage basis, with coverage at least as broad as provided on the underlying Commercial General Liability insurance
- (4) Severability: In the event of one insured, whether named or additional, incurs liability to any other of the insureds, whether named or additional, the policy shall cover the insured against whom claim is or may be made in the same manner as if separate policies had been issued to each insured, except that the limits of insurance shall not be increased thereby.
- (5) Cancellation: The policy shall not be canceled or the coverage suspended, voided, reduced or allowed to expire until a thirty (30)

day prior written notice of cancellation has been served upon District except ten (10) days prior written notice shall be allowed for non-payment of premium.

- (6) **Waiver of Subrogation:** A waiver of subrogation stating that the insurer waives all rights of subrogation against the District, its officials, officers, employees and agents. Contractor agrees to obtain any endorsement that may be necessary to affect this waiver of subrogation and provide a copy to the District, but this provision applies regardless of whether or not an endorsement has been issued.
- (7) **Duties:** Any failure by the named insured to comply with reporting provisions of the policy or breaches or violations of warranties shall not affect coverage provided to the District, its officials, officers, employees and agents.
- (8) **Claims Made Policies:** If any of the required policies provide claims-made coverage: 1. The Retroactive Date must be shown and must be before the date of the contract or the beginning of contract work. 2. Insurance must be maintained, and evidence of insurance must be provided for at least five (5) years after completion of the contract of work. 3. If coverage is canceled or non-renewed, and not replaced with another claims-made policy form with a Retroactive Date prior to the contract effective date, the Contractor must purchase "extend
- (9) **Applicability:** That the coverage provided therein shall apply to the obligations assumed by Contractor under the indemnity provisions of the Agreement, unless the policy or policies contain a blanket form of contractual liability coverage.

(ii) The policy or policies of insurance required by Section 3.2.10(b) (iii) Workers' Compensation shall be endorsed, as follows:

- (1) **Waiver of Subrogation:** A waiver of subrogation stating that the insurer waives all rights of subrogation against the District, its officials, officers, employees and agents.
- (2) **Cancellation:** The policy shall not be canceled or the coverage suspended, voided, reduced or allowed to expire until a thirty (30) day prior written notice of cancellation has been served upon District except ten (10) days prior written notice shall be allowed for non-payment of premium.

(d) **Deductible.** Any deductible or self-insured retention must be approved in writing by District and shall protect the District, its officials, officers, employees and agents in the same manner and to the same extent as they would have been protected had the policy or policies not contained a deductible or self-insured retention.

(e) Evidence of Insurance. Contractor, concurrently with the execution of the Agreement, and as a condition precedent to the effectiveness thereof, shall deliver either certified copies of the required policies, or original certificates and endorsements on forms approved by District. The certificates and endorsements for each insurance policy shall be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. At least fifteen (15 days) prior to the expiration of any such policy, evidence of insurance showing that such insurance coverage has been renewed or extended shall be filed with District. If such coverage is cancelled or reduced, Contractor shall, within ten (10) days after receipt of written notice of such cancellation or reduction of coverage, file with District evidence of insurance showing that the required insurance has been reinstated or has been provided through another insurance company or companies.

(f) Failure to Maintain Coverage. Contractor agrees to suspend and cease all operations hereunder during such period of time as the required insurance coverage is not in effect and evidence of insurance has not been furnished to District. District shall have the right to withhold any payment due Contractor until Contractor has fully complied with the insurance provisions of this Agreement.

In the event that Contractor's operations are suspended for failure to maintain required insurance coverage, Contractor shall not be entitled to an extension of time for completion of the work because of production lost during suspension.

(g) Acceptability of Insurers. Each such policy shall be from a company or companies with a current A.M. Best's rating of no less than A:VII and authorized to do business in the State of California, or otherwise allowed to place insurance through surplus line brokers under applicable provisions of the California Insurance Code or any federal law.

(h) Insurance for Sub-Contractors. Contractor shall be responsible for causing sub-Contractors to purchase the appropriate insurance in compliance with the terms of this Agreement, including adding District as an Additional Insured to the sub-Contractor's policies.

SPECIAL RISKS OR CIRCUMSTANCES DISTRICT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MODIFY THESE REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING LIMITS, BASED ON THE NATURE OF THE RISK, PRIOR EXPERIENCE, INSURER, COVERAGE, OR OTHER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

3.2.11 Safety. Contractor shall execute and maintain its work so as to avoid injury or damage to any person or property. In carrying out its Services, Contractor shall at all times be in compliance with all applicable local, state and federal laws, rules and regulations, and shall exercise all necessary precautions for the safety of its employees appropriate to the nature of the work and the conditions under which the work is to be performed. Safety precautions as applicable shall include, but shall not be limited to: (A) adequate life protection and life saving equipment and procedures; (B) instructions in accident prevention for all employees and sub-Contractors, such as safe walkways, scaffolds, fall protection ladders, bridges, gang planks, confined space procedures, trenching and shoring, equipment and other safety devices, equipment and wearing apparel as are necessary or lawfully required to prevent accidents or injuries; and (C) adequate facilities for the proper inspection and maintenance of all safety measures.

3.3 Fees and Payments.

3.3.1 Compensation. Contractor shall receive compensation, including authorized reimbursements, for all Services rendered under this Agreement at the rates set forth in Exhibit "C" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. The total compensation shall not exceed _____ **Dollars (\$ ____)** without written approval of District's Executive Officer, Kandi Manhart. Extra Work may be authorized, as described below, and if authorized, will be compensated at the rates and manner set forth in this Agreement.

3.3.2 Payment of Compensation. Contractor shall submit to District a monthly itemized statement which indicates work completed and Services rendered by Contractor. The statement shall describe the amount of Services provided since the initial commencement date, or since the start of the subsequent billing periods, as appropriate, through the date of the statement. District shall, within 45 days of receiving such statement and any applicable federal or state grant funds (if Project is funded wholly or partially through grant or similar funds), review the statement and pay all approved charges thereon.

3.3.3 Reimbursement for Expenses. Contractor shall not be reimbursed for any expenses unless authorized in writing by District.

3.3.4 Extra Work. At any time during the term of this Agreement, District may request that Contractor perform Extra Work. As used herein, "Extra Work" means any work which is determined by District to be necessary for the proper completion of the Project, but which the parties did not reasonably anticipate would be necessary at the execution of this Agreement. Contractor shall not perform, nor be compensated for, Extra Work without written authorization from District's Representative, Kandi Manhart, Executive Officer.

3.3.5 Rate Increases. In the event that the rates set forth in Exhibit "C" may be adjusted no rates shall be adjusted without written authorization from the District's Representative, Kandi Manhart, Executive Officer.

3.3.6 Funding Requirements. It is mutually understood between the parties hereto that this Agreement may have been entered into prior to the appropriation of funds in order to avoid delays. This Agreement is valid and enforceable only if sufficient funds are made available to the District and may be terminated in the sole discretion of the District in the event funding is unavailable or reduced. This Agreement is subject to any additional restrictions, limitations, conditions or statutes enacted by the Federal government, the State or any public agency with jurisdiction that may affect the provisions, terms or funding of this Agreement in any manner. It is mutually agreed that if sufficient funds are not appropriated, this Agreement may be amended to reflect any reduction in funds or terminated at the District's discretion.

3.3.7 Prevailing Wages. Contractor is aware of the requirements of California Labor Code Section 1720 et seq., and 1770 et seq., as well as California Code of Regulations, Title 8, Section 16000 et seq., ("Prevailing Wage Laws"), which require the payment of prevailing wage rates and the performance of other requirements on "public works" and "maintenance" projects. Since the Services are being performed as part of an applicable "public works" or "maintenance" project, as defined by the Prevailing Wage Laws, and since the total compensation is \$1,000 or more, Contractor agrees to fully comply with such Prevailing Wage Laws. District shall provide Contractor with a copy of the prevailing rates of per diem wages in effect at the commencement of this Contract upon request. Contractor shall make copies of the prevailing rates of per diem wages for each craft, classification or type of worker needed to execute the Services available to interested parties upon request, and shall post copies at

Contractor's principal place of business and at the project site. Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold the District, its officials, officers, employees and agents free and harmless from any claim or liability arising out of any failure or alleged failure to comply with the Prevailing Wage Laws. Contractor and any subcontractor shall forfeit a penalty of up to \$200 per calendar day or portion thereof for each worker paid less than the prevailing wage rates.

3.3.8 Apprenticeable Crafts. When Contractor employs workmen in an apprenticeable craft or trade, Contractor shall comply with the provisions of Section 1777.5 of the California Labor Code with respect to the employment of properly registered apprentices upon public works. The primary responsibility for compliance with said section for all apprenticeable occupations shall be with Contractor. The Contractor or any subcontractor that is determined by the Labor Commissioner to have knowingly violated Section 1777.5 shall forfeit as a civil penalty an amount not exceeding \$100 for each full calendar day of noncompliance, or such greater amount as provided by law.

3.3.9 Hours of Work. Contractor is advised that eight (8) hours labor constitutes a legal day's work. Pursuant to Section 1813 of the California Labor Code, Contractor shall forfeit a penalty of \$25.00 per worker for each day that each worker is permitted to work more than eight (8) hours in any one calendar day and forty (40) hours in any one calendar week, except when payment for overtime is made at not less than one and one-half (1-1/2) times the basic rate for that worker.

3.3.10 Payroll Records. Contractor and each subcontractor shall keep an accurate payroll record, showing the name, address, social security number, work classification, straight time and overtime hours worked each day and week, and the actual per diem wages paid to each journeyman, apprentice, worker, or other employee employed by him or her in connection with the public work. The payroll records shall be certified and shall be available for inspection at all reasonable hours at the principal office of Contractor in the manner provided in Labor Code section 1776. In the event of noncompliance with the requirements of this section, Contractor shall have 10 days in which to comply subsequent to receipt of written notice specifying in what respects such Contractor must comply with this section. Should noncompliance still be evident after such 10-day period, Contractor shall, as a penalty to District, forfeit not more than \$100.00 for each calendar day or portion thereof, for each worker, until strict compliance is effectuated. The amount of the forfeiture is to be determined by the Labor Commissioner. A contractor who is found to have violated the provisions of law regarding wages on Public Works with the intent to defraud shall be ineligible to bid on Public Works contracts for a period of one to three years as determined by the Labor Commissioner. Upon the request of the Division of Apprenticeship Standards or the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement, such penalties shall be withheld from progress payments then due. The responsibility for compliance with this section is on Contractor. The requirement to submit certified payroll records directly to the Labor Commissioner under Labor Code section 1771.4 shall not apply to work performed on a public works project that is exempt pursuant to the small project exemption specified in Labor Code Section 1771.4.

3.3.11 Contractor and Subcontractor Registration. Pursuant to Labor Code sections 1725.5 and 1771.1, all contractors and subcontractors that wish to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, or enter into a contract to perform public work must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations. No bid will be accepted nor any contract entered into without proof of the contractor's and subcontractors' current registration with the Department of Industrial Relations to perform public work. Contractor is directed to review, fill out and execute the Public Works Contractor Registration Certification attached hereto as Exhibit "E" prior to

contract execution. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the contractor registration requirements mandated by Labor Code Sections 1725.5 and 1771.1 shall not apply to work performed on a public works project that is exempt pursuant to the small project exemption specified in Labor Code Sections 1725.5 and 1771.1.

3.3.12 Labor Compliance; Stop Orders. This Project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. It shall be the Contractor's sole responsibility to evaluate and pay the cost of complying with all labor compliance requirements under this Contract and applicable law. Any stop orders issued by the Department of Industrial Relations against Contractor or any subcontractor that affect Contractor's performance of Work, including any delay, shall be Contractor's sole responsibility. Any delay arising out of or resulting from such stop orders shall be considered Contractor caused delay subject to any applicable liquidated damages and shall not be compensable by the District. Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold the District, its officials, officers, employees and agents free and harmless from any claim or liability arising out of stop orders issued by the Department of Industrial Relations against Contractor or any subcontractor.

3.4 Accounting Records.

3.4.1 Maintenance and Inspection. Contractor shall maintain complete and accurate records with respect to all costs and expenses incurred and fees charged under this Agreement. All such records shall be clearly identifiable. Contractor shall allow a representative of District during normal business hours to examine, audit, and make transcripts or copies of such records and any other documents created pursuant to this Agreement. Contractor shall allow inspection of all work, data, documents, proceedings, and activities related to the Agreement for a period of three (3) years from the date of final payment under this Agreement.

3.5 General Provisions.

3.5.1 Termination of Agreement.

(a) Grounds for Termination. District may, by written notice to Contractor, terminate the whole or any part of this Agreement at any time and without cause by giving written notice to Contractor of such termination, and specifying the effective date thereof, at least seven (7) days before the effective date of such termination. Upon termination, Contractor shall be compensated only for those services which have been fully and adequately rendered to District through the effective date of the termination, and Contractor shall be entitled to no further compensation. Contractor may not terminate this Agreement except for cause.

(b) Effect of Termination. If this Agreement is terminated as provided herein, District may require Contractor to provide all finished or unfinished Documents and Data, as defined below, and other information of any kind prepared by Contractor in connection with the performance of Services under this Agreement. Contractor shall be required to provide such document and other information within fifteen (15) days of the request.

(c) Additional Services. In the event this Agreement is terminated in whole or in part as provided herein, District may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as it may determine appropriate, services similar to those terminated.

3.5.2 Delivery of Notices. All notices permitted or required under this Agreement shall be given to the respective parties at the following address, or at such other address as the respective parties may provide in writing for this purpose:

Contractor: **Company**
ATTN:
Mailing address
Phone
Email

District: **GLENN COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT**
132 N ENRIGHT AVENUE, SUITE C
WILLOWS, CA 95988
ATTN: KANDI MANHART, EXECUTIVE OFFICER
530-934-4601 x5
KANDI@GLENNCOUNTYRCD.ORG

Such notice shall be deemed made when personally delivered or when mailed, forty-eight (48) hours after deposit in the U.S. Mail, first class postage prepaid and addressed to the party at its applicable address. Actual notice shall be deemed adequate notice on the date actual notice occurred, regardless of the method of service.

3.5.3 Ownership of Materials and Confidentiality.

(a) Documents & Data; Licensing of Intellectual Property. This Agreement creates an exclusive and perpetual license for District to copy, use, modify, reuse, or sublicense any and all copyrights, designs, and other intellectual property embodied in plans, specifications, studies, drawings, estimates, materials, data and other documents or works of authorship fixed in any tangible medium of expression, including but not limited to, physical drawings or data magnetically or otherwise recorded on computer diskettes, which are prepared or caused to be prepared by Contractor under this Agreement ("Documents & Data"). Contractor shall require all sub-Contractors to agree in writing that District is granted an exclusive and perpetual license for any Documents & Data the sub-Contractor prepares under this Agreement. Contractor represents and warrants that Contractor has the legal right to grant the exclusive and perpetual license for all such Documents & Data. Contractor makes no such representation and warranty in regard to Documents & Data which were prepared by design professionals other than Contractor or provided to Contractor by District. District shall not be limited in any way in its use of the Documents and Data at any time, provided that any such use not within the purposes intended by this Agreement shall be at District's sole risk.

(b) Intellectual Property. In addition, District shall have and retain all right, title and interest (including copyright, patent, trade secret and other proprietary rights) in all plans, specifications, studies, drawings, estimates, materials, data, computer programs or software and source code, enhancements, documents, and any and all works of authorship fixed in any tangible medium or expression, including but not limited to, physical drawings or other data magnetically or otherwise recorded on computer media ("Intellectual Property") prepared or developed by or on behalf of Contractor under this Agreement as well as any other such Intellectual Property prepared or developed by or on behalf of Contractor under this Agreement. District shall have and retain all right, title and interest in Intellectual Property developed or modified under this Agreement whether or not paid for wholly or in part by District,

whether or not developed in conjunction with Contractor, and whether or not developed by Contractor. Contractor will execute separate written assignments of any and all rights to the above referenced Intellectual Property upon request of District. Contractor shall also be responsible to obtain in writing separate written assignments from any subcontractors or agents of Contractor of any and all right to the above referenced Intellectual Property. Should Contractor, either during or following termination of this Agreement, desire to use any of the above-referenced Intellectual Property, it shall first obtain the written approval of District. All materials and documents which were developed or prepared by the Contractor for general use prior to the execution of this Agreement and which are not the copyright of any other party or publicly available and any other computer applications, shall continue to be the property of the Contractor. However, unless otherwise identified and stated prior to execution of this Agreement, Contractor represents and warrants that it has the right to grant the exclusive and perpetual license for all such Intellectual Property as provided herein. District further is granted by Contractor a non-exclusive and perpetual license to copy, use, modify or sub-license any and all Intellectual Property otherwise owned by Contractor which is the basis or foundation for any derivative, collective, insurrectional, or supplemental work created under this Agreement.

(c) Confidentiality. Except as otherwise required by law all ideas, memoranda, specifications, plans, procedures, drawings, descriptions, computer program data, input record data, written information, and other Documents & Data either created by or provided to Contractor in connection with the performance of this Agreement shall be held confidential by Contractor. Such materials shall not, without the prior written consent of District, be used by Contractor for any purposes other than the performance of the Services. Nor shall such materials be disclosed to any person or entity not connected with the performance of the Services or the Project. Nothing furnished to Contractor which is otherwise known to Contractor or is generally known, or has become known, to the related industry shall be deemed confidential. Contractor shall not use District's name or insignia, photographs of the Project, or any publicity pertaining to the Services or the Project in any magazine, trade paper, newspaper, television or radio production or other similar medium without the prior written consent of District. Should Contractor receive a subpoena or court order related to this Agreement, the Services or the Project, Contractor shall immediately provide written notice of the subpoena or court order to District in order to allow District to pursue legal remedies designed to limit any confidential information required to be disclosed or to assure the confidential treatment of the information following disclosure. Contractor shall not respond to any such subpoena or court order until notice to the District is provided as required herein, and shall cooperate with the District in responding to the subpoena or court order.

(d) Infringement Indemnification. Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold District, its directors, officials, officers, employees, volunteers and agents free and harmless, pursuant to the indemnification provisions of this Agreement, for any alleged infringement of any patent, copyright, trade secret, trade name, trademark, or any other proprietary right of any person or entity in consequence of the use on the Project by District of the Documents & Data, including any method, process, product, or concept specified or depicted.

3.5.4 Cooperation; Further Acts. The Parties shall fully cooperate with one another, and shall take any additional acts or sign any additional documents as may be necessary, appropriate or convenient to attain the purposes of this Agreement.

3.5.5 Attorneys' Fees. If either party commences an action against the other party, either legal, administrative or otherwise, arising out of or in connection with this

Agreement, the prevailing party in such litigation shall be entitled to have and recover from the losing party reasonable attorneys' fees and all costs of such action.

3.5.6 Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold District, its officials, officers, employees, volunteers and agents free and harmless from any and all claims, demands, causes of action, costs, expenses, liability, loss, damage or injury, in law or equity, to property or persons, including wrongful death, in any manner arising out of or incident to any alleged negligent acts, omissions or willful misconduct of Contractor, its officials, officers, employees, agents, subcontractors and sub-Contractors arising out of or in connection with the performance of the Services, the Project or this Agreement, including without limitation the payment of all consequential damages, attorneys' fees and other related costs and expenses. Contractor shall defend, at Contractor's own cost, expense and risk, any and all such aforesaid suits, actions or other legal proceedings of every kind that may be brought or instituted against District, its directors, officials, officers, employees, agents or volunteers. Contractor shall pay and satisfy any judgment, award or decree that may be rendered against District or its directors, officials, officers, employees, agents or volunteers, in any such suit, action or other legal proceeding. Contractor shall reimburse District and its directors, officials, officers, employees, agents and/or volunteers, for any and all legal expenses and costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred by each of them in connection therewith or in enforcing the indemnity herein provided. Contractor's obligation to indemnify shall not be restricted to insurance proceeds, if any, received by District or its directors, officials, officers, employees, agents or volunteers. Notwithstanding the foregoing, to the extent Contractor's Services are subject to Civil Code Section 2782.8, the above indemnity shall be limited, to the extent required by Civil Code Section 2782.8, to claims that arise out of, pertain to, or relate to the negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct of the Contractor. This Section 3.5.6 shall survive any expiration or termination of this Agreement.

3.5.7 Entire Agreement. This Agreement contains the entire Agreement of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and supersedes all prior negotiations, understandings or agreements. This Agreement may only be supplemented, amended or modified by a writing signed by both Parties.

3.5.8 Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California. Venue shall be in Glenn County.

3.5.9 Time of Essence. Time is of the essence for each and every provision of this Agreement. Contractor will not be responsible for damages or be in default by reason of delays caused by factors beyond Contractor's reasonable control."

3.5.10 District's Right to Employ Other Contractors. District reserves the right to employ other Contractors in connection with this Project.

3.5.11 Successors and Assigns. This Agreement shall be binding on the successors and assigns of the parties.

3.5.12 Assignment or Transfer. Contractor shall not assign, hypothecate, or transfer, either directly or by operation of law, this Agreement or any interest herein without the prior written consent of District. Any attempt to do so shall be null and void, and any assignees, hypothecates or transferees shall acquire no right or interest by reason of such attempted assignment, hypothecation or transfer.

3.5.13 Construction; References; Captions. Since the Parties or their agents have participated fully in the preparation of this Agreement, the language of this Agreement shall be construed simply, according to its fair meaning, and not strictly for or against any Party. Any term referencing time, days or period for performance shall be deemed calendar days and not work days. All references to Contractor include all personnel, employees, agents, and sub-Contractors of Contractor, except as otherwise specified in this Agreement. All references to District include its officials, officers, employees, agents, and volunteers except as otherwise specified in this Agreement. The captions of the various articles and paragraphs are for convenience and ease of reference only, and do not define, limit, augment, or describe the scope, content, or intent of this Agreement.

3.5.14 Amendment; Modification. No supplement, modification, or amendment of this Agreement shall be binding unless executed in writing and signed by both Parties.

3.5.15 Waiver. No waiver of any default shall constitute a waiver of any other default or breach, whether of the same or other covenant or condition. No waiver, benefit, privilege, or service voluntarily given or performed by a Party shall give the other Party any contractual rights by custom, estoppel, or otherwise.

3.5.16 No Third Party Beneficiaries. There are no intended third party beneficiaries of any right or obligation assumed by the Parties.

3.5.17 Invalidity; Severability. If any portion of this Agreement is declared invalid, illegal, or otherwise unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

3.5.18 Prohibited Interests. Contractor maintains and warrants that it has not employed nor retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for Contractor, to solicit or secure this Agreement. Further, Contractor warrants that it has not paid nor has it agreed to pay any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for Contractor, any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift or other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement. For breach or violation of this warranty, District shall have the right to rescind this Agreement without liability. For the term of this Agreement, no member, officer or employee of District, during the term of his or her service with District, shall have any direct interest in this Agreement, or obtain any present or anticipated material benefit arising therefrom.

3.5.19 Equal Opportunity Employment. Contractor represents that it is an equal opportunity employer and it shall not discriminate against any sub-Contractor, employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, national origin, handicap, ancestry, sex or age. Such non-discrimination shall include, but not be limited to, all activities related to initial employment, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination. Contractor shall also comply with all relevant provisions of any minority business enterprise program, affirmative action plan or other related programs or guidelines currently in effect or hereinafter enacted.

3.5.20 Labor Certification. By its signature hereunder, Contractor certifies that it is aware of the provisions of Section 3700 of the California Labor Code which require every employer to be insured against liability for Workers' Compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions of that Code, and agrees to comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of the Services.

3.5.21 Authority to Enter Agreement. Contractor has all requisite power and authority to conduct its business and to execute, deliver, and perform the Agreement. Each Party warrants that the individuals who have signed this Agreement have the legal power, right, and authority to make this Agreement and bind each respective Party.

3.5.22 Counterparts. This Agreement may be signed in counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original.

3.5.23 Employment Adverse to District. Contractor shall notify District, and shall obtain District's written consent, prior to accepting work to assist with or participate in a third-party lawsuit or other legal or administrative proceeding against District during the term of this Agreement.

3.5.24 Conflict of Employment. Employment by Contractor of personnel currently on the payroll of District shall not be permitted in the performance of this Agreement, even though such employment may occur outside of the employee's regular working hours or on weekends, holidays or vacation time. Further, the employment by Contractor of personnel who have been on District's payroll within one year prior to the date of execution of this Agreement, where this employment is caused by and or dependent upon Contractor securing this or related Agreements with District, is prohibited.

3.5.25 Survival. All rights and obligations hereunder that by their nature are to continue after any expiration or termination of this Agreement, including, but not limited to, the indemnification and confidentiality obligations, and the obligations related to receipt of subpoenas or court orders, shall survive any such expiration or termination.

3.5.26 Subcontracting. Contractor shall not subcontract any portion of the work required by this Agreement, except as expressly stated herein, without prior written approval of District. Subcontracts, if any, shall contain a provision making them subject to all provisions stipulated in this Agreement.

SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE

EXHIBIT "A"
SCOPE OF SERVICES

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS AND PROPOSAL

See Contractor to provide Arundo donax Treatment & Herbicide Application, **Dated June 18, 2026.**

EXHIBIT "B"
SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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The term of this Agreement shall be from the date first specified above to **June 15, 2028**, unless earlier terminated as provided herein.

EXHIBIT "C"
COMPENSATION

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The total compensation shall not exceed _____ **Dollars (\$_____)**
without written approval of District's Executive Officer, Kandi Manhart.

Payment of Compensation. Contractor shall submit to District a monthly itemized statement.

Statement to include the following, or attached Progress Report if easier to describe Project achievements.

- ✓ Contractor Contact Information
- ✓ Invoice Number
- ✓ Billing Period (E.g. July 1 – 30)
- ✓ Project Name and Number
- ✓ Describe progress made toward achieving the Project's Scope of Work and any other significant accomplishments (quantify the progress where possible).
- ✓ Describe any setbacks or challenges to the progress of the Project's Scope of Work.
- ✓ Describe plans and/or goals for the upcoming billing / progress reporting period.
- ✓ Include photographs, etc. when possible to document Project's successes.

EXHIBIT "D"
PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to Labor Code sections 1725.5 and 1771.1, all contractors and subcontractors that wish to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, or enter into a contract to perform public work must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations. See <http://www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/PublicWorks.html> for additional information.

No bid will be accepted nor any contract entered into without proof of the contractor's and subcontractors' current registration with the Department of Industrial Relations to perform public work.

Contractor hereby certifies that it is aware of the registration requirements set forth in Labor Code sections 1725.5 and 1771.1 and is currently registered as a contractor with the Department of Industrial Relations.¹

Name of Contractor: _____

DIR Registration Number: _____

DIR Registration Expiration: _____

Small Project Exemption: _____ Yes or _____ No

Unless Contractor is exempt pursuant to the small project exemption, Contractor further acknowledges:

- Contractor shall maintain a current DIR registration for the duration of the project.
- Contractor shall include the requirements of Labor Code sections 1725.5 and 1771.1 in its contract with subcontractors and ensure that all subcontractors are registered at the time of bid opening and maintain registration status for the duration of the project.
- Failure to submit this form or comply with any of the above requirements may result in a finding that the bid is non-responsive.

Signature _____

Name _____

Signature _____

Date: _____

¹ If the Project is exempt from the contractor registration requirements pursuant to the small project exemption under Labor Code Sections 1725.5 and 1771.1, please mark "Yes" in response to "Small Project Exemption."

EXHIBIT "E"
FLEET COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION

Contractor hereby acknowledges that they have reviewed the California Air Resources Board's policies, rules and regulations and are familiar with the requirements of Title 13, California Code of Regulations, Division 3, Chapter 9, effective on January 1, 2024 (the "Regulation"). Contractor hereby certifies, subject to penalty for perjury, that the option checked below relating to the Contractor's fleet, and/or that of their subcontractor(s) ("Fleet") is true and correct:

- The Fleet is subject to the requirements of the Regulation, and the appropriate Certificate(s) of Reported Compliance have been attached hereto.
- The Fleet is exempt from the Regulation under section 2449.1(f)(2), and a signed description of the subject vehicles, and reasoning for exemption has been attached hereto.
- Contractor and/or their subcontractor is unable to procure R99 or R100 renewable diesel fuel as defined in the Regulation pursuant to section 2449.1(f)(3). Contractor shall keep detailed records describing the normal refueling methods, their attempts to procure renewable diesel fuel and proof that shows they were not able to procure renewable diesel (i.e. third party correspondence or vendor bids).
- The Fleet is exempt from the requirements of the Regulation pursuant to section 2449(i)(4) because this Project has been deemed an Emergency, as defined under section 2449(c)(18). Contractor shall only operate the exempted vehicles in the emergency situation and records of the exempted vehicles must be maintained, pursuant to section 2449(i)(4).
- The Fleet does not fall under the Regulation or are otherwise exempted and a detailed reasoning is attached hereto.

Name of Contractor:

Signature:

Name:

Title:

Date: