

February 25, 2026

RFB 25-4844 – CAPE HAZE ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION PROJECT

ADDENDUM #5
(Acknowledgment is Required)

The Respondent shall acknowledge its review and receipt of this Addendum by signing below and including a signed copy of this Addendum with its bid submittal. Failure to do so could result in disqualification of the bid.

Please note that double underlined information (example) is added wording and stricken information (~~example~~) is deleted wording.

I. CLARIFICATIONS:

NONE

II. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

1. **Question:** Does the mechanically cleared, ground, & mulched organic debris need to be left onsite, or does the mulched organic material need to be hauled offsite?

Answer: Cleared vegetative debris should be either burned or removed off-site.

2. **Question:** For the land clearing on the project, is it expected to only complete land clearing/clearing and grubbing inside the "Limited Construction Access" lines on the Plans?

Answer: The intent of the Limited Construction Access (LCA) areas is to keep construction traffic within the LCA and minimize disturbance outside the LCA. Clearing outside of the LCA is limited to approved access trails created to support construction.

3. **Question:** Are there any restrictions on removing native vegetation if it is within our limits of construction or access?

Answer: Removal of native vegetation within the LCA or approved access areas must comply with all permit requirements, including protected wildlife species. Please review Figure 3 - Army Corps of Eng Permit in the solicitation, as well as Figure 2 Cape Haze Technical Specification, Section 02436 Environmental Protection, for wildlife-related permit conditions.

4. **Question:** And where "Limited Construction Access" is identified in the plans, the contractor must design and get "access roads" to each area approved prior to construction?

Answer: Figure 1 Cape Haze Design Drawings include a set of potential access paths to different areas of the project, labeled "Proposed Construction Road." The contractor may follow these routes or may propose alternatives for approval by the District.

5. **Question:** **Details call for all structures or wells to be marked by a licensed surveyor. Is the District aware of any structures within the construction footprint?**
- Answer: The District is not aware of any structures or wells not depicted in Figure 1 Cape Haze Design Drawings. Please refer to Design Drawings Page 2, General Notes, #18 and #19 for contractor's responsibilities regarding existing structures and utilities.
6. **Question:** **Bid details state that the contractor must "dispose of excess or unsuitable material". If the contractor encountered unsuitable material what should be done? Due to no imported material on this project, would the contractor be required to screen or process unsuitable material to match contract quantities needed to complete the work?**
- Answer: The Contractor should notify the District if unsuitable materials are identified. Figure 2 Cape Haze Technical Specifications, Section 02200 Earthwork, provides information on how unsuitable materials may be used or disposed of. The contractor is not required to screen or process unsuitable material.
7. **Question:** **When land prepping or clearing, can mulch be left or spread on site as natural ground cover?**
- Answer: Please refer to the response to Question #1 above.
8. **Question:** **Does the district know of any undergrounds within the construction footprint?**
- Answer: The District is not aware of any underground utilities not depicted in Figure 1 Cape Haze Design Drawings. Please refer to Design Drawings Page 2, General Notes, #18 and #19 for contractor's responsibilities regarding existing structures and utilities.
9. **Question:** **If a contractor burns the vegetation on site, can the ash be spread within the working areas?**
- Answer: Per Figure 2 Cape Haze Technical Specifications, Section 02110 Clearing and Land Preparation, the Contractor shall haul all organic materials and residues left from burning operations to an approved landfill or disposal site.
10. **Question:** **Details call for exotic tree/plant removal. What are the limits that the contractor could be asked to remove exotics?**
- Answer: Please refer to Addendum #4, Answer #3 regarding Non-Native Vegetation Removal and Control during construction. The contractor is also expected to control invasive species in planted areas during the 365-day plant warranty period, as described in Figure 2 Cape Haze Technical Specifications, Section 02900 Wetland/Upland Plantings.

11. **Question:** **Are the two live oaks at the construction entrance expected to be put back after the project is completed? Or is the contractor only removing if needed for access?**
- Answer: The two live oaks at the construction entrance are to be removed if needed for access. If removed, they are to be replaced at the conclusion of construction with mature live oaks. Refer to Figure 2 Cape Haze Technical Specifications, Section 02110 Clearing and Land Preparation for further details about this activity.
12. **Question:** **Is there an expected starting date?**
- Answer: The project is expected to begin promptly following contract execution and District-led gopher tortoise relocation.
13. **Question:** **What is the construction schedule? days to substantial/final?**
- Answer: Please refer to the Solicitation, Paragraph 2.2 – Term.
14. **Question:** **What material testing will be required?**
- Answer: Please refer to Figure 2 Cape Haze Technical Specifications for material testing requirements.
15. **Question:** **Bid details mention the District might utilize a borrow area if needed for additional fill? Where would this be located? would this be through a change order?**
- Answer: Please refer to Addendum #3, Answer #2.
16. **Question:** **Bid details state that the contractor must remove all topsoil in the areas of excavation, where would this material be placed if it's not suitable for backfilling?**
- Answer: Stockpiled topsoil can be spread over finished upland grading areas.
17. **Question:** **Bid details mention "compaction requirements" in 6-inch lifts in canal backfilling? What is the target compaction rating the district is looking for?**
- Answer: Figure 2 Cape Haze Technical Specifications, Section 02200 Earthwork, provides the compaction requirements.
18. **Question:** **Backfilling details reference the installation of a 6-inch flatwood topsoil for the backfilling final layer. What is flatwood topsoil? I was under the impression to importing of material would take place under this contract.**
- Answer: In Figure 2 Cape Haze Technical Specifications, Section 02200 Earthwork, Paragraph 3.03 Backfilling, A.1., "flatwoods top soil" shall refer to topsoil which has been removed and stockpiled in accordance with Figure 2 Cape Haze Technical Specifications, Section 02200 Earthwork, Paragraph 3.01 Site Preparation, B, Stripping.

19. **Question:** Does the district have details on the proposed construction road/access trails?

Answer: Please refer to the first question and answer in Addendum 1.

20. **Question:** What is the duration of the project or days to substantial completion?

Answer: Please refer to the Solicitation, Paragraph 2.2 – Term.

21. **Question:** Can you provide the expected project timeline, including the anticipated start date for the work?

Answer: The project timeline and the anticipated start date will be coordinated with the successful bidder.

22. **Question:** Does the 670-day substantial schedule that is highlighted in the sample contract include the warranty/maintenance period for the planting?

Answer: The 365-day plant warranty is not included in the 670-day substantial completion term

III. ATTACHMENTS:

NONE

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDUM #5

BY: _____ DATE

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