

# REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS for

# Geologic Hazard Abatement District Observation, GIS Mapping, and Recommendation Services

Date Released: April 11, 2025

City of Pleasanton P.O. Box 520, 200 Old Bernal Avenue Pleasanton, CA 94566

Proposals are due prior to 2 p.m., May 7, 2025

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# INTRODUCTION

The City of Pleasanton's Public Works Department is requesting qualifications/proposals (RFQ) for geologic/geotechnical engineering Consultants to provide observation, GIS mapping, and recommendation services for four existing Geologic Hazard Abatement Districts (GHADs) within the community. The term of contract will be (5) five years beginning on July 1, 2025, and extending until June 30, 2030.

This RFQ describes the scope of services, the necessary components of the Statement of Qualification proposal, the Consultant selection process, and a sample copy of the Standard Professional Services Agreement. This RFQ also describes the required format for the submitted Statement of Qualifications.

Addenda to this RFQ, if issued, will be sent to all prospective Consultants that the City of Pleasanton has specifically e-mailed a copy of the RFQ to and will be posted on the City of Pleasanton website at:

http://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/business/bids.asp

It shall be the Consultant's responsibility to check the City of Pleasanton website to obtain any addenda that may be issued.

The Consultant's attention is directed to Appendix A, "Proposal Requirements."

Submit 3 hard copies and 1 electronic copy in PDF format on a USB flash drive of the Consultant's proposal. The hard copies and USB flash drive shall be mailed or submitted to the City of Pleasanton prior to 2 p.m., May 7, 2025. Proposals shall be submitted in a sealed package clearly marked "*RFQ – GHAD Observation, GIS Mapping, and Recommendation Services*" and addressed as follows:

Tommy Nguyen, P.E., Associate Civil Engineer Public Works Department City of Pleasanton P.O. Box 520, 123 Main Street Pleasanton, CA 94566

Proposals received after the time and date specified above will be considered nonresponsive and will be returned to the Consultant.

Any proposals received prior to the time and date specified above may be withdrawn or modified by written request of the Consultant. To be considered, however, the modified Proposal must be received prior to the due date and time.

Unsigned proposals or proposals signed by an individual not authorized to contractually bind the prospective Consultant will be considered nonresponsive.

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This RFQ does not commit the City of Pleasanton to award a contract, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a proposal for this request, or to procure or contract for services. The City of Pleasanton reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals received as a result of this request, to negotiate with any qualified Consultant, or to modify or cancel in part or in its entirety the RFQ if it is in the best interests of the City of Pleasanton to do so. Furthermore, a contract award may not be made based solely on price.

The prospective Consultant is advised that should this RFQ result in recommendation for award of a contract, the contract will not be in force until it is approved and fully executed by the City of Pleasanton.

All products used or developed in the execution of any contract resulting from this RFQ will remain in the public domain at the completion of the contract.

The anticipated consultant selection schedule is as follows:

Advertise:	April 11, 2025
Last date of Questions to be submitted:	April 30, 2025
RFQ Due:	May 7, 2025
RFQ review and evaluation:	May 8 – 9, 2025
Cost Negotiation with first ranked consultant:	May 12, 2025
City Council Award:	June 17, 2025
Contract Award and Notice to Proceed:	July 1, 2025

Any questions related to this RFQ shall be submitted in writing to the attention of Tommy Nguyen, P.E., Associate Civil Engineer, via email at <u>tnguyen@cityofpleasantonca.gov</u>. Questions shall be submitted before 5 p.m., April 30, 2025. No oral question or inquiry about this RFQ will be accepted.

# **BACKGROUND AND CITY DESCRIPTION**

# Background:

A Geologic Hazard Abatement District (GHAD) is a property tax assessment district formed to fund monitoring, maintenance, and repair of open space hillsides and related storm drainage infrastructure within neighborhoods subject to landslides or other unexpected geologic movement. Each of the four GHADs in Pleasanton is defined by a geographic boundary. The four GHADs are located west of Foothill Road, listed from north to south, are Laurel Creek, Moller Ranch, Lemoine Ranch, and Oak Tree Farm as further described in the table below. The source of funding for the four GHADs is an annual tax assessment on properties within each geographic boundary. GHADs are authorized by California Public Resources Code §26500. Like any special tax assessment district, a GHAD assesses property owners for a benefit they receive that is special to them. In Pleasanton, property owners within the GHADs benefit from having the City monitor and repair landslides or similar geologic damage that may occur unexpectedly in their neighborhoods. The GHADs provide needed funding for the City to conduct annual inspections as well as annual maintenance of slope ditches and downstream drainage networks to lessen the likelihood of landslide occurrence. If a landslide should occur, reserve funds within the GHADs can offset the repair costs. In the absence of the GHADs, landslides could threaten homes and critical infrastructure within each neighborhood, with few viable funding options to mitigate the damage.

GHADs are formed when a geotechnical investigation associated with the development of the neighborhood reveals hillside areas that are unsuitable for housing due to underlying geologic issues that are costly for a developer to address. These unsuitable areas are set aside as open spaces. The developer is then obligated to construct drainage infrastructure and similar features designed to lessen the likelihood of landslides and address the impact should a landslide occur. GHAD formation also requires a Plan of Control that identifies the drainage infrastructure to be monitored and maintained and assigns expected costs for this work. The Plan of Control also recommends a reserve account funded by the developer to be used in the event damage occurs.

The City Council has been designated as the Board of Directors for each GHAD and is responsible for oversight of GHAD funding to ensure assessments are only utilized as prescribed in the Plan of Control.

#	GHAD Name:	Tract #s:	Location:
1	Laurel Creek, known as "The Preserve"	Tracts 6400, 6590, 6951, and 7045	Foothill Drive/Laurel Creek Drive
2	Moller Ranch	Tract 6618	Foothill Road/Moller Ranch Drive and Foothill Road/Serenity Terrace
3	Lemoine Ranch	Tract 7176	Foothill Road/Oak Creek Drive
4	Oak Tree Farm	Tracts 6563 and 6748	Foothill Road/Oak Tree Farm Drive (opposite Verona Road)

All four of the GHADs were created prior to the passage of Proposition 218 in November of 1996 and have built-in escalation factors to compensate for inflation.

The adopted fiscal year budget for 2024-25 associated with each GHAD includes the following information, although the budget amounts are expected to increase by 2% on July 1, 2025:

#	GHAD Name:	Total Budget (including reserves & carry-overs):	Total Annual Assessment Revenue:	Annual Consultant Budget:
1	Laurel Creek	\$193,788	\$66,605	\$7,878
2	Moller Ranch	\$56,442	\$14,669	\$6,978
3	Lemoine Ranch	\$50,323	\$10,466	\$6,753
4	Oak Tree Farm	\$38,024	\$15,779	\$3,264

The Plan of Control for each GHAD is available for reference at the following webpage:

https://cityofpleasantonca-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/g/personal/mstella\_cityofpleasantonca\_gov/Er2a79BQvi1Cr3Svy10CdAkBz48P92U6lnKeif8y5Td7CA?e=jvSXfZ

# City Description:

Pleasanton is a dynamic Northern California community of 80,000 residents, situated in the San Francisco Bay Area along the I-680 corridor. With a strong business foundation and a thriving office and retail landscape, Pleasanton is a prime destination for growth and opportunity.

Businesses here benefit from a highly educated and skilled workforce, along with excellent connectivity throughout the Bay Area and beyond. Pleasanton is also known for its top-rated schools, a regional shopping mall, a charming historic downtown, abundant recreational opportunities, and a rich arts and cultural scene.

# SCOPE OF WORK

# <u>General:</u>

The Consultant contracted under this RFQ will provide specified tasks related to GHAD observation, GIS mapping, and recommendation services. The work shall comply with the requirements of the following underlying regulations:

- 1. Federal laws
- 2. State laws (California Public Resources Code §26500 et seq., California Building Code Appendix J)
- 3. Local laws (Pleasanton Municipal Code)

The Consultant shall comply with all insurance and business license requirements of the City of Pleasanton as indicated in the sample contract in Attachment 6.

# Services to be Provided:

The following is a general scope of work anticipated under the contract. The detailed scope of work may change throughout the course of the contract, so the Consultant should be available to provide additional services upon request. Additional services may include, soil sampling and analysis, professional report preparation, geotechnical design, PS&E (plans, specifications, and estimating), and/or construction support. Additional services will be authorized by written amendment subject to concurrence over cost, extent, and schedule. Additional services, if authorized, will be within the geographic boundary of the existing GHADs, or any future GHAD created during the course of the contract. Additional services are subject to funding availability, and are therefore not guaranteed.

The selected Consultant will provide core services including, but not limited to, the following:

- 1. Once yearly visits to each GHAD (post-rainy season) to document the condition and performance of all slope stabilization measures discussed in the Plan of Control documents.
- 2. Ad hoc visits to any impacted GHAD after significant damage-inducing storm events to document the condition of the slope stabilization measures and assess the need for intervention. Consultant shall assume in the cost proposal an allowance of four (4) billable hours per GHAD per fiscal year paid on a time-andmaterials basis according to Consultant's standard rate schedule for professional staff. This allowance will only be utilized if ad hoc visits are needed during the term of the contract. Any billable hours expended beyond the allowance will be subject to a negotiated contract amendment. There is no guarantee that the allowances will be utilized during the course of the contract.
- 3. Written and photographic documentation of any discovered deficiencies provided once per year in late summer to the City. This information will be suitable for inclusion in a City-issued maintenance contract for competitive bid by appropriately licensed and skilled contractors.
- 4. Document field reconnaissance mapping data in Geographic Information System (GIS) geodatabase (GDB) format. Data to be compatible with City's existing ESRI' ArcGIS platform leveraging ArcGIS Online and/or Enterprise Portal. Provide City staff with publicly accessible interactive maps for data viewing, querying and possibly exporting. While conducting field collection, equipment shall be suitable to capture precise location information utilizing commercial readily available RTK or similar for geographical locating. Deliver complete field collected dataset annually in GDB format and web map configuration file for City archive.

- 5. Printed or online (\*.pdf format) reports to include maps, attribute tables, photographs or similar documentation that can guide non-technical field personnel in addressing routine maintenance issues.
- 6. Specialized advice and/or formal professional recommendations for any observed deficiency that requires an 'engineered solution'. The City will make available all archival information needed to diagnose the problem, and will collaborate with Consultant on the solution. The allowances discussed in Item 2 above shall be available for these services if required.

# Typical Deliverables:

The following are examples of typical deliverables:

- Maps. See attachments for examples:
  - Attachment 1: Laurel Creek
  - Attachment 2: Moller Ranch
  - Attachment 3: Lemoine Ranch
  - Attachment 4: Oak Tree Farm
- GIS Data. See Attachment 5 for example.

#### Project Management and Administration for All Tasks

#### Project Management

- Professional staff shall supervise and scrutinize for accuracy the work of subordinates.
- Invoices shall be submitted after delivery and acceptance of software files and printed documentation required by the Scope of Services. Costs shall be assigned to each of the four GHADs and not comingled. The budget shall be evaluated prior to invoice submittal to assure costs remain within the allocation for each GHAD. Cost overruns shall not occur without prior written City approval and execution of a contract amendment.
- Professional staff shall ensure conformance with City Standards and requirements across all departments (Public Works, GIS, Finance).
- Professional staff shall participate in meetings or discussions if requested by City staff subject to the allowances discussed above.

#### Project Meetings

 Meeting will generally be conducted on an ad-hoc basis, either to explain the findings of a field reconnaissance effort, or to answer questions about any discovered deficiencies. Meetings may be conducted either in person, or via video conferencing software. The City currently uses Microsoft Teams as its video conferencing platform, but is open to other platforms preferred by the Consultant. Thank you for your interest in this opportunity with the City of Pleasanton,

Sincerely,

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Tommy Nguyen, P.E. Phone: 925-931-5661 tnguyen@cityofpleasantonca.gov Associate Civil Engineer Public Works Department

# **APPENDIX A – PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS**

These guidelines are provided for standardizing the preparation and submission of Proposal/Proposals by all Consultants. The intent of these guidelines is to assist Consultants in preparation of their proposals, to simplify the review process, and to help assure consistency in format and content.

The Proposal shall be limited to ten (10) one-sided pages (8-1/2 inches X 11 inches), inclusive of resumes, graphics, forms, pictures, photographs, dividers, front and back covers, cover letter, etc. Type size and margins for text pages should be in accordance with accepted standard formats for desktop publishing and processing and should result in no more than five hundred (500) words per page.

Proposals shall contain the following information in the order listed:

#### 1. Introductory Letter:

The introductory (or transmittal) letter shall be addressed to:

Tommy Nguyen, P.E., Associate Civil Engineer Public Works Department City of Pleasanton P.O. Box 520, 123 Main Street Pleasanton, CA 94566

The letter shall be on Consultant letterhead and include the Consultant's contact name, mailing address, telephone number, and email address. The letter will address the Consultant's understanding of the services being requested and any other pertinent information the Consultant believes should be included. All addendums received must be acknowledged in the transmittal letter.

The letter shall be wet-signed in blue ink by the individual authorized to bind the Consultant to the contract.

# 2. <u>Executive Summary:</u>

Include a 1 - 2 page overview of the entire Statement of Qualifications describing its most important elements.

# 3. Consultant Information, Qualifications & Experience:

The City of Pleasanton will only consider submittals from Consultants that demonstrate they have successfully completed comparable projects. These projects must illustrate the quality, type, and past performance of the project team. Submittals shall include a detailed

description of a minimum of three (3) projects within the past ten (10) years which include the following information:

- 1. Contracting agency
- 2. Contracting agency Project Manager
- 3. Contracting agency contact information
- 4. Contract amount
- 5. Funding source
- 6. Date of contract
- 7. Date of completion
- 8. Consultant Project Manager and contact information
- 9. Project Objective
- 10. Project Description
- 11. Project Outcome

# 4. Organization and Approach:

- 1. Describe the roles and organization of your proposed team for this project. Indicate the composition of subcontractors (if any) and number of project staff, facilities available and experience of your team as it relates to this project.
- 2. Describe your project and management approach. Provide a detailed description of how the team and scope of work will be managed.
- 3. Describe the roles of key individuals on the team. Provide resumes and references for all key team members. Resumes shall show relevant experience for the Project's Scope of Work, as well as the length of employment with the proposing Consultant. Key members, especially the Project Manager, shall have significant demonstrated experience with this type of project, and should be committed to stay with the project for the duration of the contract.

# 5. Scope of Work:

- 1. Include a detailed Scope of Work Statement describing all services to be provided.
- 2. Describe project deliverables for each phase of your work.
- 3. Describe your cost control and budgeting methodology for this project.

# 6. Schedule of Work:

(Not applicable.)

# 7. Conflict of Interest Statement:

The proposing Consultant shall disclose any financial, business or other relationship with the City of Pleasanton that may have an impact upon the outcome of the contract. The Consultant shall also list current clients who may have a financial interest in the outcome of this contract

#### 8. Litigation:

Indicate if the proposing Consultant was involved with any litigation in connection with prior projects. If yes, briefly describe the nature of the litigation and the result.

#### 9. <u>Contract Agreement:</u>

Indicate if the proposing Consultant has any issues or needed changes to the proposed contract agreement included as Attachment 6.

The Consultant shall provide a brief statement affirming that the proposal terms shall remain in effect for ninety (90) days following the date proposal submittals are due.

A contract will not be awarded to a consultant without an adequate financial management and accounting system as required by 48 CFR Part 31 and 2 CFR Part 200.

#### 10. Federal-Aid Provisions:

Not applicable.

#### 11. Cost Proposal:

In order to assure that the City of Pleasanton is able to acquire professional services based on the criteria set forth in the Brooks Act and Government Code 4526, the RFQ shall include a cost proposal for standard hourly rate for each anticipated staff member or classification required to provide services outlined in the RFQ. Proposing Consultants will be required to submit certified payroll records, as required. <u>Cost proposal shall be submitted in a separate sealed envelope from the proposal</u>. The cost proposal is confidential and will remain sealed until all proposals have been reviewed, and the most qualified consultant has been selected. The 2-3 highest ranked consultant's cost proposal is opened just prior to negotiations. All other cost proposals are returned unopened after contract execution. Consultant shall prepare a specific rate of compensation Fee estimate establishing rates for the overall contract.

# APPENDIX B – PROPOSAL EVALUATION

# Evaluation Process:

All proposals will be evaluated by a City of Pleasanton Selection Committee (Committee). The Committee may be composed of City of Pleasanton staff and other parties that may have expertise or experience in the services described herein. The Committee will review the submittals and will rank the proposers. The evaluation of the proposals shall be within the sole judgment and discretion of the Committee. All contacts during the evaluation phase shall be through the City of Pleasanton Contract Administrator/Project Manager only. Proposers shall neither contact nor lobby evaluators during the evaluation process. Attempts by Proposer to contact members of the Committee may jeopardize the integrity of the evaluation and selection process and risk possible disqualification of Proposer.

The Committee will evaluate each proposal meeting the qualification requirements set forth in this RFQ. Proposers should bear in mind that any proposal that is unrealistic in terms of the technical or schedule commitments may be deemed reflective of an inherent lack of technical competence or indicative of a failure to comprehend the complexity and risk of the City's requirements as set forth in this RFQ.

# Evaluation Criteria:

Proposals will be evaluated according to each Evaluation Criteria, and scored on a zero to five point rating. The scores for all the Evaluation Criteria will then be multiplied according to their assigned weight to arrive at a weighted score for each proposal. A proposal with a high weighted total will be deemed of higher quality than a proposal with a lesser-weighted total. The final maximum score is seventy-five (75) points.

		Rating Scale
0	Not Acceptable	Non-responsive, fails to meet RFQ specifications. The approach has no probability of success. For mandatory requirement this score will result in disqualification of proposal.
1	Poor	Below average, falls short of expectations, is substandard to that which is the average or expected norm, has a low probability of success in achieving project objectives per RFQ.
2	Fair	Has a reasonable probability of success, however, some objectives may not be met.
3	Average	Acceptable, achieves all objectives in a reasonable fashion per RFQ specification. This will be the baseline score for each item with adjustments based on interpretation of proposal by Evaluation Committee members.
4	Above Average/Good	Very good probability of success, better than that which is average or expected as the norm. Achieves all objectives per RFQ requirements and expectations.

		Rating Scale		
5	Excellent/ Exceptional	Exceeds expectations, very innovative, clearly superior to that which is average or expected as the norm. Excellent probability of success and in achieving all objectives and meeting RFQ specification.		

The Evaluation Criteria Summary and their respective weights are as follows:

No.	Written Evaluation Criteria	Weight
1	Completeness of Response	Pass/Fail
2	Qualifications & Experience	20
3	Organization & Approach	15
4	Scope of Services to be Provided	15
5	Schedule of Work	5
6	Conflict of Interest Statement	Pass/Fail
7	Local Presence	10
8	References	10
	Subtotal:	75

# 1. Completeness of Response (Pass/Fail):

a. Responses to this RFQ must be complete. Responses that do not include the proposal content requirements identified within this RFQ and subsequent addenda and do not address each of the items listed below will be considered incomplete, be rated a Fail in the Evaluation Criteria and will receive no further consideration. Responses that are rated a Fail and are not considered may be picked up at the delivery location within 14 calendar days of contract award and/or the completion of the competitive process.

# 2. Qualifications & Experience (20 points):

a. Relevant experience, specific qualifications, and technical expertise of the firm and sub-consultants to conduct geologic/geotechnical engineering services.

# 3. Organization & Approach (15 points):

- a. Describes familiarity of project and demonstrates understanding of work completed to date and project objectives moving forward
- b. Roles and Organization of Proposed Team
  - i. Proposes adequate and appropriate disciplines of project team.

- ii. Some or all of team members have previously worked together on similar project(s).
- iii. Overall organization of the team is relevant to City of Pleasanton needs.
- c. Project and Management Approach
  - i. Team is managed by an individual with appropriate experience in similar projects. This person's time is appropriately committed to the project.
  - ii. Team successfully addresses Site Planning and Programming efforts.
  - iii. Project team and management approach responds to project issues. Team structure provides adequate capability to perform both volume and quality of needed work within project schedule milestones.
- d. Roles of Key Individuals on the Team
  - i. Proposed team members, as demonstrated by enclosed resumes, have relevant experience for their role in the project.
  - ii. Key positions required to execute the project team's responsibilities are appropriately staffed.
- e. Working Relationship with City of Pleasanton
  - i. Team and its leaders have experience working in the public sector and knowledge of public sector procurement process.
  - ii. Team leadership understands the nature of public sector work and its decision-making process.
  - iii. Proposal responds to need to assist City of Pleasanton during the project.

# 4. <u>Scope of Services to be Provided (15 points):</u>

- a. Detailed Scope of Services to be Provided
  - i. Proposed scope of services is appropriate for all phases of the work.
  - ii. Scope addresses all known project needs and appears achievable in the timeframes set forth in the project schedule.
- b. Project Deliverables
  - i. Deliverables are appropriate to schedule and scope set forth in above requirements.
- c. Cost Control and Budgeting Methodology
  - i. Proposer has a system or process for managing cost and budget.
  - ii. Evidence of successful budget management for a similar project.

# 5. <u>Schedule of Work (5 points):</u>

[Not applicable. Consultants will be automatically given these points.]

# 6. <u>Conflict of Interest Statement (Pass/Fail):</u>

- a. Discloses any financial, business or other relationship with the City of Pleasanton that may have an impact upon the outcome of the contract.
- b. Lists current clients who may have a financial interest in the outcome of this contract.
- c. [Not applicable].

# 7. Local Presence (10 points):

a. A statement addressing firm's ability to establish an office within the County or surrounding area.

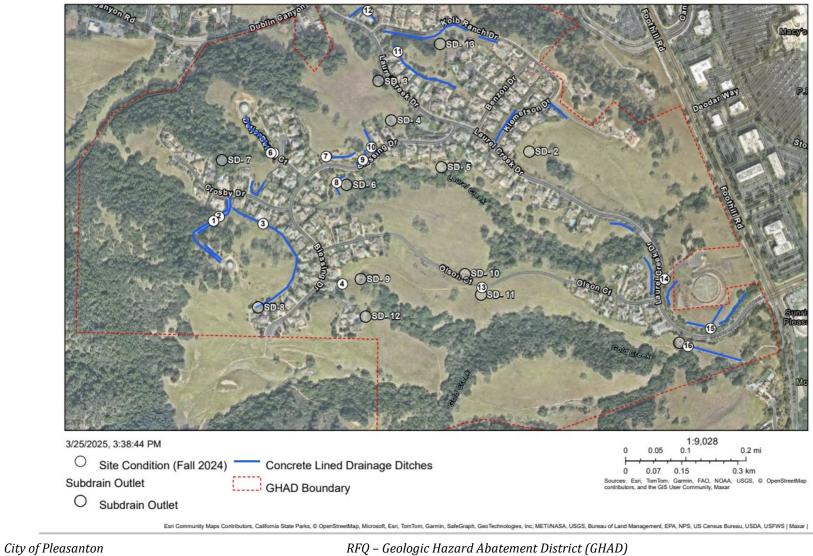
# 8. <u>References (10 points):</u>

a. Provide as reference the name of at least three (3) agencies you currently or have previously consulted for in the past three (3) years.

Weighted scores for each Proposal will be assigned utilizing the table below:

No.	Evaluation Criteria	Rating (0-5)	Weight	Score (Rating * Weight)
1	Completeness of Response	N/A	Pass/Fail	Pass/Fail
2	Qualifications & Experience		20	
3	Organization & Approach		15	
4	Scope of Services to be Provided		15	
5	Schedule of Work	5	5	
6	Conflict of Interest Statement	N/A	Pass/Fail	Pass/Fail
7	Local Presence		10	
8	References		10	
		Total:	75	

Laurel Creek GHAD



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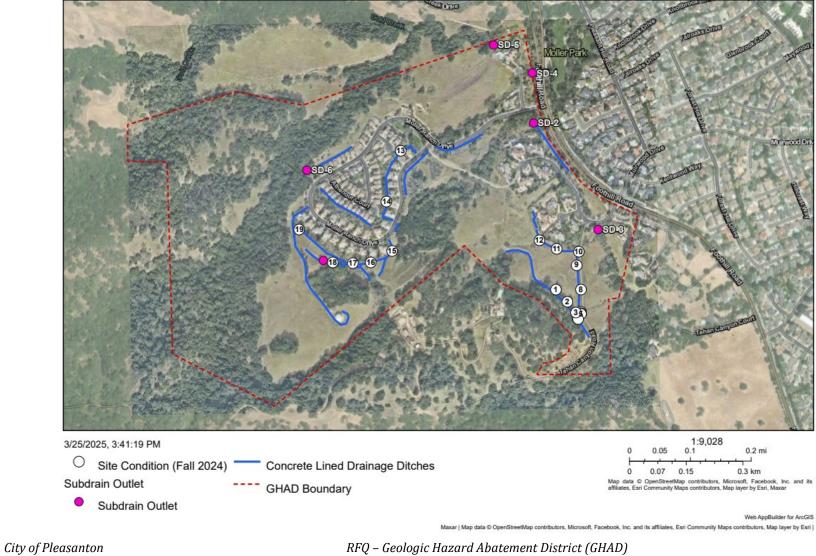
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Lemoine Ranch GHAD



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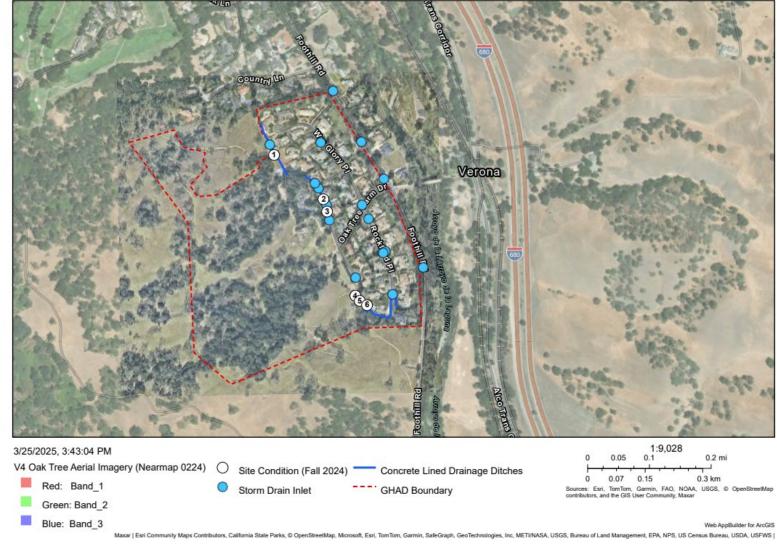
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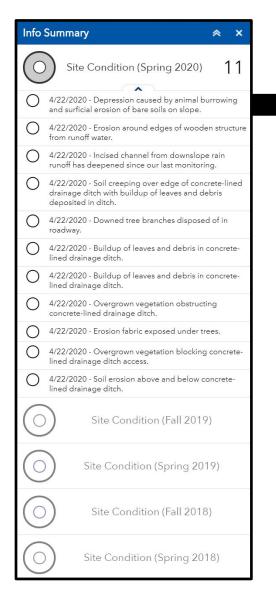
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Oak Tree Farm GHAD



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Site Condition (Spring 2020) Site Condition ID Condition Depression caused by animal burrowing and surficial erosion of bare soils on slope. Comment Continue to monitor condition. Field Rep MB 4/22/2020 Date Attachments: Photo 2.jpg Photo 1.jpg Zoom to

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amount expended and City reference number \_\_\_\_\_\_. Payment shall be made within thirty (30) days of receipt of Consultant's invoice.

b. Upon completion of work and acceptance by City, Consultant shall have sixty (60) days in which to submit final invoicing for payment. An extension may be granted by City upon receiving a written request thirty (30) days in advance of said time limitation. The City shall have no obligation or liability to pay any invoice for work performed which the Consultant fails or neglects to submit within sixty (60) days, or any extension thereof granted by the City, after the work is accepted by the City.

#### 6. Sufficiency of Consultant's Work.

a. Services shall be performed by Consultant in accordance with generally accepted high professional practices and principles and in a manner consistent with a high level of care and skill ordinarily exercised under similar conditions by members of Consultant's profession currently practicing in California. By delivery of completed work, Consultant certifies that the work conforms to the requirements of this Agreement and all applicable federal, state and local laws and a high professional standard of care in California.

b. Consultant is responsible for making an independent evaluation and judgment of all conditions affecting performance of the work, including without limitation site conditions, existing facilities, seismic, geologic, soils, hydrologic, geographic, climatic conditions, applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, and all other contingencies or design considerations. Data, calculations, opinions, reports, investigations, and other similar information provided by the City relating to site, local, or other conditions is not warranted or guaranteed, either expressly or implied, by the City.

c. Consultant's responsibilities under this section shall not be delegated. Consultant shall be responsible to the City for acts, errors, or omissions of Consultant's subconsultants.

d. Whenever the scope of work requires or permits review, approval, conditional approval or disapproval by the City, it is understood that such review, approval, conditional approval or disapproval is solely for the purposes of administering this Agreement and determining whether the Consultant is entitled to payment for such work, and not be construed as a waiver of any breach or acceptance by the City of any responsibility, professional or otherwise, for the work, and does not relieve the Consultant of responsibility for complying with the standard of performance or laws, regulations, industry standards, or from liability for damages caused by negligent acts, errors, omissions, noncompliance with high industry standards, or the willful misconduct of Consultant.

7. Ownership of Work. All reports, work data, plans, drawings, specifications, designs, photographs, images, works of authorship and all other documents completed or partially completed by Consultant in the performance of this Agreement ("materials") shall become the property of City. Consultant agrees that all copyrights which arise from creation of the work pursuant to this Agreement shall be vested in the City, and Consultant waives and relinquishes all claims to copyright or other intellectual property rights in favor of the City. All materials shall be delivered to the City upon completion or termination of the work under this Agreement. If any materials are lost, damaged or destroyed before final delivery to the City, the Consultant shall replace them at its own expense. Any and all copyrightable subject matter in all materials is hereby assigned to the City and the Consultant agrees to execute any additional documents that

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may be necessary to evidence such assignment. Consultant shall keep materials confidential and the materials shall not be used for purposes other than performance of services under this Agreement and shall not be disclosed to anyone not connected with these services, unless the City provides prior written consent.

 <u>Changes</u>. City may request changes in the scope of services to be provided by Consultant. Any changes and related fees shall be mutually agreed upon between the parties and subject to a written amendment to this Agreement.

9. <u>Consultant's Status</u>. In performing the obligations set forth in this Agreement, Consultant shall have the status of an independent contractor and Consultant shall not be considered to be an employee of the City for any purpose. All persons working for or under the direction of Consultant are its agents and employees and are not agents or employees of City.

10. Labor Code/Prevailing Wages. To the extent applicable, Consultant shall comply with the requirements of the California Labor Code including but not limited to hours of labor, nondiscrimination, payroll records, apprentices, workers' compensation and payment of prevailing wages as determined by Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations. Consultant shall post, at each job site, a copy of the prevailing rate of per diem wages. Consultant shall forfeit fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each calendar day or portion thereof for each worker paid less than the stipulated prevailing rates for any public work done under the Agreement by it or by any subconsultant.

11. <u>Termination of Convenience of City</u>. The City may terminate this Agreement at any time by mailing a notice in writing to Consultant. The Agreement shall then be deemed terminated, and no further work shall be performed by Consultant. If the Agreement is so terminated, the Consultant shall be paid for that percentage of the work actually completed at the time the notice of termination is received.

12. Non-Assignability. The Consultant shall not assign, sublet, or transfer this Agreement or any interest or obligation in the Agreement without the prior written consent of the City, and then only upon such terms and conditions as City may set forth in writing. Consultant shall be solely responsible for reimbursing subconsultants.

13. Indemnity and Hold Harmless. To the fullest extent permitted by law (including, without limitation, California Civil Code §§ 2782, 2782.6 and 2782.8), Consultant shall defend (with legal counsel reasonably acceptable to the City), indemnify, and hold harmless, the City and its officers, agents and employees (collectively "Indemnitees") from and against any and all claims, loss, cost, damage, injury (including, without limitation, injury to or death of an employee of Consultant or its Subconsultants), expense, and liability of every kind, nature and description (including, without limitation, incidental and consequential damages, court costs, attorneys' fees, litigation expenses and fees of expert consultants or expert witnesses incurred in connection therewith and costs of investigation) arising from, or alleged to have arisen from, pertain to, or relate to, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, the negligence, reckless, or willful misconduct of the Consultant, any Subconsultant, anyone directly or indirectly employed by them, or anyone that they control (collectively "Liabilities") in the performance of its services under this Agreement, regardless of whether the City has reviewed or approved the work or services which has given rise to the claim, loss, cost, damage, injury or liability for damages. This indemnification shall extend for a reasonable period of time after completion of the project as well as during the period of actual performance of services under this Agreement. The City's acceptance of the insurance certificates required under this Agreement does not relieve the

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Consultant from its obligation under this paragraph. To the extent that there is an obligation to indemnify under this Section 13, Consultant shall be responsible for incidental and consequential damages resulting directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, from Consultant's negligence, reckless or willful misconduct.

Such obligations to defend, hold harmless and indemnify any Indemnitee shall not apply to the extent such Liabilities are caused by the sole negligence, active negligence or willful misconduct of such Indemnitee. Obligation to defend shall be proportionate as to Consultant's percentage of fault as provided in California Civil Code § 2782.8.

14. <u>Insurance</u>. During the term of this Agreement, Consultant shall maintain in full force and effect, at its own cost and expense, insurance coverages with insurers with an A.M. Best's rating of no less than A:VII. Contractor shall have the obligation to furnish City, as additional insured, the minimum coverages identified below, or such greater or broader coverage for City, if available in the Contractor's policies:

a. <u>General Liability and Bodily Injury Insurance</u>. Commercial general liability insurance with limits of at least \$2,000,000 combined limit for bodily injury and property damage that provides that the City, its officers, employees and agents are named additional insureds under the policy. The policy shall state in writing either on the Certificate of Insurance or attached rider that this insurance will operate as primary insurance for work performed by Consultant and its subconsultants, and that no other insurance effected by City or other named insured will be called on to cover a loss.

 <u>Automobile Liability Insurance</u>. Automobile liability insurance with limits not less than \$2,000,000 per person/per occurrence.

c. <u>Workers' Compensation Insurance</u>. Workers' Compensation Insurance for all of Consultant's employees, in strict compliance with State laws, including a waiver of subrogation and Employer's Liability Insurance with limits of at least \$1,000,000.

d. <u>Professional Liability Insurance</u>. Professional liability insurance in the amount of \$2,000,000.

e. <u>Certificate of Insurance</u>. Consultant shall file a certificate of insurance with the City prior to the City's execution of this Agreement, and prior to engaging in any operation or activity set forth in this Agreement. The Certificate of Insurance shall provide in writing that the insurance afforded by this Certificate shall not be suspended, voided, canceled, reduced in coverage or in limits without providing notice to the City in accordance with California Insurance Code section 677.2 which requires the notice of cancellation to: 1) include the effective date of the cancellation; 2) include the reasons for the cancellation; and 3) be given at least 30 days prior to the effective date of the cancellation. Notice shall be given no less than 10 days prior to the effective date of the cancellation. Notice shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested. In addition, the insured shall provide thirty (30) days prior written notice to the City of any cancellation, suspension, reduction of coverage or in limits, or voiding of the insurance coverage required by this agreement. The City reserves the right to require complete certified copies of policies.

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f. <u>Waiver of Subrogation</u>. The insurer agrees to waive all rights of subrogation against the City, its officers, employees and agents.

g. <u>Defense Costs</u>. Coverage shall be provided on a "pay on behalf" of basis, with defense costs payable in addition to policy limits. There shall be no cross liability exclusions. These requirements do not apply to Professional Liability.

h. <u>Subconsultants</u>. Consultant shall include all subconsultants as insured under its polices or shall furnish separate certificates and endorsements for each subconsultant. All coverages for subconsultants shall be subject to all of the requirements stated in this Agreement, including but not limited naming additional insureds.

15. <u>Notices</u>. All notices herein required shall be in writing and shall be sent by certified or registered mail, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

To Consultant:	 To City:	City Manager
_		City of Pleasanton
		123 Main Street, P.O. Box 520
_		Pleasanton, CA 94566

16. <u>Conformance to Applicable Laws</u>. Consultant shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, and Municipal laws, rules, and ordinances. Consultant shall not discriminate in the employment of persons or in the provision of services under this Agreement on the basis of any legally protected classification, including race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex or religion of such person.

17. <u>Licenses, Certifications, Copyrights and Permits</u>. Prior to the City's execution of this Agreement and prior to the Consultant's engaging in any operation or activity set forth in this Agreement, Consultant shall obtain a City of Pleasanton business license, which must be kept in effect during the term of this Agreement. Consultant represents that its work will not unlawfully infringe any other copyrighted work. Consultant covenants that it has obtained all certificates, licenses, permits and the like required to perform the services under this Agreement.

18. <u>Records and Audits</u>. Consultant shall maintain all records regarding this Agreement and the services performed for a period of three years from the date that final payment is made. At any time during normal business hours, the records shall be made available to the City to inspect and audit.

19. <u>Confidentiality</u>. Consultant shall exercise reasonable precautions to prevent the unauthorized disclosure and use of City reports, information or conclusions.

20. <u>Conflicts of Interest</u>. Consultant covenants that other than this Agreement, Consultant has no financial interest with any official, employee or other representative of the City. Consultant and its principals do not have any financial interest in real property, sources of income or investment that would be affected in any manner by the performance of Consultant's services under this Agreement. If such an interest occurs, Consultant will immediately notify the City.

21. <u>Waiver</u>. In the event either City or Consultant at any time waive any breach of this Agreement by the other, such waiver shall not constitute a waiver of any other or succeeding breach of this Agreement, whether of the same or of any other covenant, condition or obligation.

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22. <u>Governing Law</u>. California law shall govern any legal action pursuant to this Agreement with venue in the applicable court or forum for Alameda County.

23. <u>Attorney's Fees</u>. The prevailing party in any action brought to enforce or construe the terms of this Agreement may recover from the other party its reasonable costs and attorney's fees expended in connection with such an action.

24. <u>No Personal Liability</u>. No official or employee of City shall be personally liable to Consultant in the event of any default or breach by the City or for any amount due Consultant.

25. <u>Counterparts and Electronic Signatures</u>. This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which together shall constitute one agreement. Counterparts may be delivered via facsimile, electronic mail (including pdf or any electronic signature complying with U.S. federal E-Sign Act of 2000 (15 U.S. Code §7001 et seq.), California Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (Cal. Civil Code §1633.1 et seq.), or other applicable law) or other transmission method, and any counterpart so delivered shall be deemed to have been duly and validly delivered and be valid and effective for all purposes.

26. <u>Scope of Agreement</u>. This writing constitutes the entire Agreement between the parties. Any modification to the Agreement shall be in writing and signed by both parties.

THIS AGREEMENT is executed the date first above written.

CITY OF PLEASANTON		CONSULTANT	
Gerry Beaudin, City Manager	By:	Signature	
ATTEST:		Print name	
Jocelyn Kwong, City Clerk	Title:		
Approved as to form:			
Daniel G. Sodergren, City Attorney	By:	Signature	
		Print name	
	Title:		
[If Consultant is a corporation, signature	es must co	mply with California Corporation.	s Code §313]
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