

SCCWRP Eutrophication Modeling RFQ Informational Webinar

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Questions (Question in Bold and Answer in Regular Font)

1. **Preference for different types of models or modeling platforms? Regional Boards require EPA-approved models.** Prior to initiating modeling, a new project will go through a model selection process; if there is a reason for a particular model, then the model selection process will define the needs and provide a rationale for that.
2. **Can you be more specific about the types of benthic primary producers?** Yes. Mediterranean ecosystems tend to be dominated by benthic primary producers. I would like the team to have the capability to model multiple groups of algae (e.g. diatoms versus soft-bodied algae) in wadeable streams and to be able to show competency to multiple primary producers in estuaries (phytoplankton, benthic diatoms/macroalgae or seagrass, though not necessarily all in the same model).
3. **Should the billing rates include support staff?** No—just show the modeling leads. Support staff will be negotiated later. Included the billing rates of the team that represents the qualifications and experience that you will like to have evaluated.
4. **What is the frequency of intended meetings? Will it be face-to-face, or remote participation is possible?** That will be determined by the project. I do not anticipate that it will be problematic to have a team that is outside of California.
5. **Can we include a project summary on top of the CVs?** No, do not include project summaries but you can provide hyperlinks to websites if you would like. I do not guarantee that SCCWRP will review that hyperlinked information.

6. **Include the resumes of other team members beyond the four principals.** Answer is no. I know that many consulting firms and universities will have depth of expertise represented beyond the four team members, but I would like you to identify the up to four team members that are the modeling leads for the service contract. We can negotiate the participation of other team members later.
7. **What will the deliverables look like?** Reports typically, journal manuscripts occasionally. Focus of the team should be to deliver what the client needs in terms of the final product, so SCCWRP is seeking a team that understands the needs to deliver on time and on budget with a client focus. Products may be developed alone (SCCWRP is the client) or developed in collaboration with SCCWRP.
8. **Is training and tech transfer a component of this?** No, SCCWRP doesn't not anticipate the need to train SCCWRP modeling staff in the modeling tools produced.
9. **Does the modeling team need to develop the TMDL alone, or is this done in concert with SCCWRP or some other lead scientist?** It is typically done working with a technical advisory group of stakeholders, with SCCWRP as the lead technical staff responsible for the product. We always start the project with a workplan, where we get agreement first on the goals, approach, and reconcile that with available resources. You may be asked to produce certain products for the Regional Board (with SCCWRP as a pass-through). This will all depend on the project.
10. **Is there a page limit on the cover letter?** Yes, 3 pages, single sided, including the certification table. It should be an executive summary of your experience; the CVs should have the detailed statement of qualifications. We will issue a correction.
11. **What does ECO-MAPPER have to do with modeling? Assume that this is an error (left over from the Clear Lake RFQ).** That is a mistake. We will remove that appendix in the correction that we issue.