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Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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MSGSA RFP 2024-001 for Multibenefit Land Repurposing Project
Response to Questions

General Question

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Response

No portion of the scope of work outlined in the RFP has been completed. Tasks or portions of the scope of work may, and are expected, to be completed in coordination with MLRP Partners who have expertise in those tasks, but none have been set aside exclusively for a Partner, except for Task 2.3 "Cultivation/production of native plant species seed stocks" which will be completed by Great Valley Seed Company.

Executed contracts with Partners will be made available on the MSGSA website, under the RFP exhibits.

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Response

This is an all-inclusive RFP seeking proposals to complete both project management and the development and implementation of a Multibenefit Land Repurposing Plan. The Multibenefit Land Repurposing Plan is anticipated to be a deliverable of the respondent.

At this time, there are no planned additional RFP's for the Multibenefit Land Repurposing Project, unless required due to unforeseen circumstances.

Task 4: Outreach & Education Question

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Response

There are MLRP Partners who have expertise in elements of the Outreach and Education Task, who would be expected to take the lead of those specific elements, such as outreach in schools, outreach to growers and citizen science. There are other elements of the outreach task that are anticipated by the Grant Agreement, but may not be the expertise of those Partners, such as convening public workshops and/or mailings. The Respondent would be expected to coordinate with the Partners in the places where the Partners would lead those elements of the Outreach Task, and to identify and lead the elements of the task that are not within the expertise of the Partners, to ensure completion.

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