

Additional information regarding RWA's Sacramento Regional Indoor Direct Install Project Request for Proposal (RFP)

January 6, 2023

**1) Are prevailing wage rates required for the work?**

Yes, prevailing wage rates are required for applicable work performed for the project as outlined by the RFP.

As part of this project, the selected Contractor agrees to be bound by all the provisions of the Labor Code regarding prevailing wages and shall monitor all contracts, expenses, and labor subject to reimbursement from this project to assure that the prevailing wage provisions of the Labor Code are being met. Current Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) requirements may be found at: <http://www.dir.ca.gov/lcp.asp>. For more information, please refer to DIR's Public Works Manual at: <http://www.dir.ca.gov/dlse/PWManualCombined.pdf>.

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**2) 3.5 gpf toilets are relatively rare. Would the Regional Water Authority consider replacing 1.6 gpf and higher toilets?**

While 3.5 gallon per flush (gpf) toilets are decreasing in use as time progresses, in previous similar projects, the majority of the toilets replaced in multifamily and commercial properties were 3.5 gpf models. Our goal is to replace as many 3.5 gpf models as possible as existing 3.5 toilets are the basis of the grant's water savings estimates (replaced with a 1.28 gpf toilet). That said, if RWA and its partnering contractor are unable to find a sufficient amount of 3.5 models in the allowable grant timeframe in the required DAC areas, we are open to replacing 1.6 gpf models at eligible properties. Additional strategies such as installing even lower flow toilet models (0.8 gpf) could help boost water savings. The details would be worked out between RWA and the selected contractor taking into account project water savings requirements, remaining contract/grant timeframe, and completed participating customer site characteristics among other factors.

**3) How does RWA define a non-performing toilet (e.g., leaky flapper, inadequate bowl evacuation, tank filling incorrectly and/or something else)?**

In the past, RWA has defined non-performing 1.6 gpf toilets as toilets that are functioning at water usage levels above their official rating (example: flushing at more than 1.6 gallons per flush). This could be caused by the need for multiple flushes to clear waste, fixture wear and tear, improper adjustments, etc. To help measure toilet flow volumes, RWA purchased a [T-5 flushmeter](#) that will be available to the selected consultant to assess potential non-performing 1.6 gpf models for replacement during this project.

**4) Should administrative fees be built into the per-unit cost or included separately?**

Administrative fees should be built into the per-unit cost for each fixture.