

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

Any remaining RFP questions must be submitted to RWA by January 24th 4:00 pm PST.

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.

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5) Would RWA accept General Liability Insurance limits of \$1,000,000 per occurrence & \$2,000,000 aggregate? The RFP states the requirements are \$2,000,000 per occurrence & \$4,000,000 aggregate.

RWA has accepted revised insurance limits of \$1,000,000 per occurrence & \$2,000,000 aggregate in the recent past for other water efficiency related projects. If there is a desire for these revised limits in response to this RFP, the proposing contractor must state such revision request in the RFP response. Additionally the proposing contractor may provide existing certificate with revised limits as backup documentation to support the request for revised limits.

6) On page 2 of 29 in the RFP, there is a link to an interactive map of DACs. Is there some type of tutorial on how to use the mapping tool or a way to overlay/define RWAs service areas onto the DAC mapping tool?

RWA is not aware of any available tutorial offered by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) for their interactive DAC map. However, a recorded tutorial webinar may be available. We recommend reaching out to DWR directly using the contact information provided on this website: <https://water.ca.gov/Work-With-Us/Grants-And-Loans/mapping-tools>.

The interactive mapping tool does allow for RWA member supplier service area boundary geographic information system (GIS) shapefiles to be uploaded to the tool and overlaid on the map's existing DAC location information. RWA will provide the relevant GIS shapefile of RWA member supplier service areas and basic instructions on how to upload the data to DWR's mapping tool to interested contractors on request direct to RWA's RFP Principal Contact via email.

Once a contractor is selected, RWA staff will be available to the selected contractor to assist with additional mapping requests with the purpose of developing a project customer outreach plan and to evaluate potential project participants' properties based on their location and designation as a DAC/SDAC.

7) On page 4 of 29 in the RFP, the footnote states that a GIS Shapefile of Member Service Areas is available on request. If there are any additional service area maps available, could we get those as well or get a link to a location where we may be able to access them?

The GIS shapefile of member supplier service areas is the best available information we have regarding member service area boundaries. However, we do also have a customer facing, "Who is Your Water Provider?" online map that shows the overall supplier service area boundaries

(that can be zoomed in and out) and can also match specific addresses to a RWA member water supplier: <https://bewatersmart.info/find-your-water-provider/>.

8) For this RFP, will services be offered to all qualifying customers served by RWA Members and Associates as listed on the RWA’s website in the “About Us” section?

Direct installation services will be offered to all qualifying customers’ properties served by RWA Member water suppliers (except Yuba City, Nevada Irrigation District and Georgetown Divide Public Utility District that are not a part of the water efficiency program) that are also located in the DAC and SDAC areas (Census Tract level) included on DWR’s DAC map (<https://gis.water.ca.gov/app/dacs/>) referenced above. All participating properties are required to be located in a RWA member water supplier service area (as defined above) and be designated a DAC/SDAC by DWR. Due to these two requirements, there may not be DAC/SDAC areas in all RWA member water suppliers’ service areas. Additionally, the project scope only includes RWA member water suppliers and does not include RWA Associate organizations.

9) The RFP states multiple times that the goal of the project is to install 2,140 “fixtures”. Are fixtures defined as a toilet and/or urinal or are fixtures defined by toilet, urinal, showerhead, bath aerator, and kitchen aerator?

The RFP states 2,140 total fixtures with the assumption of 1 toilet, 2 faucet aerators -bathroom and kitchen, and 1 showerhead per multifamily unit. However, the exact number of toilets, urinals, showerheads and aerators installed will be determined by the participating properties’ fixture replacement needs. For the purpose of the grant, meeting the water savings estimate (281 million gallons over a 25-year lifetime) is the primary goal with the number of fixtures installed as a secondary goal.

10) Permitting is highlighted quite often in the RFP. Is RWA able to provide a list of cities, counties or governing bodies that we could research to determine the various permitting requirements for each area?

The permitting requirements in the RFP are the same as all other previous RWA direct installation projects.

Below is a list of governing bodies that could be researched to better understand what local permitting requirements are relevant to this project. This may not be a complete list of governing bodies. RWA will work with the selected contractor to ensure local planning ordinances are properly followed. Some local governing bodies may not require permits for upgrading fixtures. Additionally, permitting requirements may differ between residential and commercial/institutional properties.

City of Sacramento
City of Roseville
City of Lincoln
City of Citrus Heights
City of Rancho Cordova
City of Auburn

City of Elk Grove
City of Placerville
City of West Sacramento
Sacramento County Planning and Development Department
El Dorado County Planning Services
County of Placer – Community Department - Planning Services Division

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