

San Mateo County Resource Conservation District

MEMORANDUM

Date: July 22, 2016
To: Board of Directors
From: Kellyx Nelson
Re: Recommendation to Contract with Hanford ARC for Butano Creek Floodplain Restoration Project

The RCD recommends **Hanford ARC** to construct the Butano Creek Floodplain Restoration Project in Pescadero, California.

The project will include restoration actions at 5 sites along Butano Creek where the channel has been disconnected from the floodplain due to channel simplification and incision. The proposed restoration actions – which include construction of engineered log jams, a rock ramp, floodplain connector channels, and recruitment of living bank side alder trees – will restore natural function to the creek, reduce further incision of the creek bed and erosion of its banks, raise the elevation of the creek bed to reconnect the creek with approximately 100 acres of its former floodplain, restore the floodplain's ability to store sediment, address water quality impairment for sediment, and improve habitat conditions for several rare and endangered species. Additionally, the project will address sediment buildup and resulting flooding along Pescadero Creek Road.

A request for bid proposals was distributed to 13 construction firms on May 19th, 2016. Four individuals from contracting companies participated in the mandatory pre-bid site visit on June 3rd, 2016. Two companies bid on the project.

On June 28th RCD staff met with Peninsula Open Space Trust (landowner) and came to the unanimous decision that the best suited contractor for the job was Hanford ARC.

Hanford ARC is being recommended as the contractor for this project because:

- When checking references, the firm was known for a long history of successfully completing similar projects and received excellent evaluations.
- The bid amount for Hanford ARC (\$584,980) was lower than the other bid received.