



# City of Placerville

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**Hangtown Creek Water Reclamation Facility**  
2300 Cool Water Creek Road  
Placerville, CA 95667  
Phone: (530) 642-5244

## **Notice Inviting Informal Bids**

### **Water Reclamation Facility Digester No. 1 Servicing CIP # 42109**

The City of Placerville is requesting proposals for the above-mentioned project. Proposals must be Received by the Engineering Department by Friday, May 15, 2026, at 3:00 pm. Late proposals will not be accepted.

Proposals may be hand delivered, mailed or emailed.

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**Email: [mfritschi@cityofplacerville.org](mailto:mfritschi@cityofplacerville.org)– with the Project Name in the subject.**

**BIDS ARE REQUIRED FOR THE ENTIRE WORK DESCRIBED HEREIN:**

**Project Location:** 2300 Cool Water Creek Road Placerville, CA 95667

#### **General Work Description:**

- Contractor shall mobilize necessary equipment and personnel to remove remaining contents of digester #1.
- Drain and clean all inner walls, floors, sumps, and appurtenances.
- Contractor may dewater remaining digester sludge meeting 503 Class B pathogen reduction level on site and remove cake solids or remove sludge offsite as a liquid slurry.
- Contractor shall remove all remaining digester solids content not meeting 503 Class B and transfer to landfill for lawful impoundment and disposal or to a facility that can provide further treatment.
- The contractor shall be confined space certified. A proper Confined Space permit for proposed work shall be required to enter digester and perform work.
- Contractor shall provide inspection and photo/video documentation of post cleaning conditions of all inner mechanical appurtenances and any structural damage or wear observed.
- Contractor shall be prepared to repair damage to inner piping and appurtenances, and/or surfaces or coatings found post inspection on a time and materials basis.

- Contractor shall demobilize equipment and personnel at the conclusion of the project.

**Background:**

Digester #1 has been in service since 2009 and the city desires to have the contents removed and the tank cleaned and minimally inspected. The digester consists of a 40-ft diameter concrete tank with a 23-ft side depth, 1:5 sloped bottom, 4-ft sump, and a fixed concrete cover. Inside the digester are mixing pipes, a baffled inlet, and various other appurtenances. A 3-ft by 4-ft bolted manway provides access for cleaning. (see attached digester plans)

The working volume of sludge is expected to be approximately 80,000 gallons at the time of the project. Most of the sludge will meet class B pathogen reduction requirements and can be dewatered onsite by the contractor and removed by cake solids or removed by liquid slurry. There will likely be a significant amount of liquid, grit, and other debris that cannot be utilized for Class B sludge pathogen reduction and shall be removed from site as a liquid or slurry as needed.

Once the project has begun post mobilization, time will be of the essence and the digester will need to be cleaned, inspected, and returned to service within 7 days.

Contractors will utilize the best management practices to minimize the volume of dilution and wash water generated in the cleaning process. Operators will review any solids loss in the Contractor dewatering processing and Contractor shall operate any dewatering equipment such that solids loss is minimized in dewatering as inspected and advised by city operators.

Wash water and water from the dewatering process may possibly be run through the treatment facility. Should the recycled wash/dewatering carry the imminent or evident potential to cause a plant upset, the contractor shall provide means of removal of the water to the landfill. The treatment facility can provide non-potable water at a maximum of 60 psi and at a maximum rate of 150 gallons per minute.

Inspection shall consist of observing and recording the condition of all inner piping and appurtenances and the overall condition of concrete surface and/or coating, voids and/or cracks, including walls, floors and ceiling, and sump.

Any inner repair estimates for damaged inner piping and appurtenances, and/or surfaces or coatings found post inspection shall be provided to the city, and no repairs shall commence until approved by the city. Repairs are outside of and will extend the 7-day project completion requirement and shall compensated on a time and materials basis.

**General:** This contract is subject to nondiscrimination requirements pursuant to California Government Code Section 12990. The City of Placerville encourages Disadvantaged Business Enterprises to submit bids in response to this invitation.

Attention is directed to the following sections of the California Labor Code: Apprentices, Section 1777.5, "Working Hours", Sections 1810 to 1815; "Workers Compensation", Section 1860. The City of Placerville reserves the right to reject any or all bids or any parts thereof and waive any irregularities or informalities in any bid or in the bidding to the extent permitted by law and to make awards in all or part of the best interest of the City.

By submission of a bid, Contractor acknowledges and accepts Business and Professions Code Section 7028.15 and Public Contract Code Sections 7106, 10232, 10162 Questionnaire with the submitted answer of “no”, and 10285.1 with no conviction within the preceding three years of any offenses referenced in that section.

By submission of a bid, Contractor acknowledges and accepts the City standard contract language provided in Attachment 1, or contract shall request any contract deviations in their bid proposal. Bidder shall provide a Certificate of Insurance and proof of Confined Space Certification upon contract execution.

**Bonds:** The successful bidder will be required to furnish, prior to performance of any work herein, a payment bond in the amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the total contract price.

**Contractor License Classification:** In accordance with the provisions of California Public Contract Code, Section 3300, the Contractor shall possess a Class A license at the time bids are received for this contract. Failure to possess the specified license(s) shall render the bid as non-responsive and shall act as a bar to the awarding of the contract to any bidder not possessing said license(s). Contractors submitting bids shall clearly state the license number, classification, and expiration date.

**Wage Rate Requirements:** Attention is directed to the minimum wage rate requirements as required by Section 1770 of the California Labor Code. Pursuant to Section 1773 of the Labor Code: the general prevailing wage rates in El Dorado County have been determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations. These wage rates (and the federal minimum wage rates for this project as predetermined by the United States Secretary of Labor) are set forth in the special provisions. As required by Section 1773.8 of the California Labor Code, the Contractor shall pay travel and subsistence payments to each worker needed to execute the contract. Bidders will be required to submit proof of DIR registration for themselves and all listed subcontractors prior to the award of the contract.

**Submittals:** The Contractor must provide a construction schedule within 5 calendar days of receipt of the Notice to Proceed for review and approval. The work is expected to take one week and must be completed within the timeframe listed below.

**Project Schedule:**

- Bids Due: May 15, 2026, at 3:00 pm
- City Council Contract Award: May 26, 2026
- Project Start: est. July 20 – project shall be completed no more than 7 calendar days after work begins unless remedial work is completed.

**Bid Pricing Format:** Bid shall be a unit-pricing bid estimate to complete the work on a time and materials basis with specific components of mobilization, demobilization, dewatering, inspection, and a per gallon unit pricing for cleaning, removal, and transport of an estimated 80,000 gallons of liquid and/or a per gallon cost to dewater sludge onsite.

Bid items

1. Lump Sum - Mobilization/Demobilization

2. Cost per gallon - Contractor to clean digester and remove liquid/slurry sludge from site
3. Cost per gallon – Contractor to clean digester and dewater class B pathogen reduction sludge onsite and remove cake solids from site and discharge filtrate through the treatment facility.
4. Repair Time and Materials – Provided upon discovery

**Questions:** Questions regarding this Notice shall be directed to the Project Manager:

Michael Fritschi, P.E. – Plant Superintendent  
Email: mfritschi@cityofplacerville.org  
Phone: (541) 363-2920

**Attachments:** 1. Sample Contract 2. Digester #1 Plans

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Melissa Savage  
City Engineer

3-31-26  
Date