

REQUEST FOR BID

Hidden Valley Ranch: Dairy Lagoon Decommissioning and Manure Removal

Project Name: Hidden Valley Ranch Restoration Project

Location: 8601 Dos Rios Lane, Modesto CA 95358

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Bid Walk: 8/27/2026 at 1pm

8601 Dos Rios Lane, Modesto, CA 95354

Bidders Submit Questions: COB 8/31/26

River Partners to Release Addendum response to questions: COB 9/2/26

Proposal Submission Requested By: COB 9/4/26

Requested Bid for Services

River Partners is seeking bids from qualified contractors to complete the Hidden Valley Dairy lagoons decommissioning project located at 8601 Dos Rios Lane, Modesto, CA. This includes two primary components, Dairy Lagoon Closure and Dairy Facility Manure Removal, with additional details provided below.

Job Summary: The Hidden Valley Ranch site contains two unlined dairy manure wastewater settling lagoons (~5.75 acres and ~1.5 acres), and ~1 acre of unlined secondary wastewater settling area with surficial manure, with use discontinued on July 5, 2026 (Appendix 1 – Maps and Figures). The site also contains ~8 acres of former dairy paddocks and paddock drainage areas with surficial manure, and ~4.3 acres of former dairy polebarns with residual manure among the stalls. River Partners is seeking bids from qualified contractors to:

1. Remove all manure from the identified work areas down to native soils
 - a. Windrow or stockpile for air-drying the material where necessary prior to hauling, including any periodic turning of the material to hasten drying
2. Offhaul the excavated lagoon material to a nearby property (~8937 Grayson Road the “Island Dairy Ranch” property, ~2.3 road miles from work site) owned by River Partners to stockpile at a designated location for future agricultural field application.
3. Decommission the lagoon storage/settling areas by
 - a. removing and disposing of all associated pipes, pumps, culverts or other structures
 - b. after satisfactory manure removal, push the earthen berms surrounding the lagoons into the lagoon bottoms, spreading and smoothing the dirt evenly

River Partners seeks bids from qualified contractors to complete these work components as part of decommissioning the dairy lagoons and facility under the applicable requirements of the General Dairy Order (GDO) and Water Board, to meet final decommissioning inspection requirements and remove the facility from coverage under the GDO. Permitting and coordination with GDO inspector are the responsibility of River Partners.

Bid Details

River Partners requests bid responses to provide, at minimum, a total bid for the work described below; a rate sheet providing daily billing rates for equipment and labor; a list of equipment, personnel, materials expected to be used to meet the project timeline; and an estimate for how many full-time workdays are expected to complete each work component. Where necessary, bidding parties may rely additionally on subcontracted labor, equipment or other support as needed.

Qualified bidders should be licensed, bonded and insured:

Licensing – Contractors are required to be licensed and regulated by the State Contractor’s License Board for suitable classification for this work.

Bonding – Prior to work beginning, the awarded contractor shall furnish a performance bond in favor of Reclamation District 2092 (the grantee of the state funding supporting this work) in the following amounts: faithful performance (100%) of contract value, and labor and materials (100%) of contract value. Bonds must be issued by a California-admitted surety.

Insurance – Subcontractor shall include River Partners, Reclamation District 2092 (grantee) and the State of California (grantor) as an additional insured on a primary and noncontributing basis on its policies and provide Contractor with Certificates of Insurance. Delivery of these Certificates to Contractor shall be a condition precedent to the first payment to Contractor.

1. Comprehensive General/Commercial Liability Insurance:
2. Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance
3. Workers Compensation Insurance
4. Professional Liability (Errors and Omissions) Insurance appropriate to Subcontractor’s profession

Prevailing Wage

Certain components of this project scope are expected to be subject to prevailing wage under the terms of the State’s public funding grant, including heavy equipment operation. River Partners can support the selected contractor in determining which work categories are subject to prevailing wage and what the billable rates will be, but it is the contractor’s responsibility to be registered and compliant with the Department of Industrial Relations, maintain certified payroll records, and otherwise comply with and compensate employees as required by Prevailing Wage law.

Funding Details

This work will be completed under the terms and conditions of public funding from the California Department of Water Resources (Grantor) under a grant agreement (DWR #4600015256) to local Reclamation District 2092 (Grantee). River Partners is the primary implementing contractor to Reclamation District 2092 under this grant, which includes cleanout and decommissioning of the former Hidden Valley Dairy’s manure wastewater storage and settling lagoons. A copy of the DWR funding grant will be provided to all bidding parties following the bid walk, and includes certain requirements primarily on prevailing wage, drug-free workplace, insurance etc that are required to be represented in all subcontracts initiated under the grant funding.

Timeline

The following Tasks will be completed from approximately **September 9 through November 30, 2026**, in coordination with River Partners and in conjunction with certain elements of the facility demolition progress, such as removal of paddock fencing and metal stalls before completing the corresponding manure removal to

improve access and efficiency. The lagoon cleanout and offhauling work may proceed immediately upon bid award without scheduling conflicts with the facility demolition work.

All work must be complete by November 30, 2026 unless otherwise authorized, and all contractor invoicing must be received no later than December 15, 2026. Any invoicing or compensation requests received after this date may be ineligible for reimbursement under the public grant funding this work.

Work Progress

Contractor must track work completed through basic notation or records keeping of quantities, volumes, loads, or other metrics that verify progress of manure offhauling to support progress verification and invoicing.

Work Practices and Safety

Work will follow requirements for safe equipment, materials, fuel and chemical storage. During any offhauling or demobilization of equipment, track-out of dirt, manure or other materials shall be limited to the greatest extent practicable beyond the site boundary. Wash-water from a nearby groundwater well can be made available at the onsite parking area for contractor use as needed.

The work will be limited to Monday through Friday. The contractor will maintain the roads during the work phase to their current condition. Contractor must respect speed limits and shared roadway use of Dos Rios Lane (access to Shiloh Road) while entering and exiting the facility in all circumstances, and wherever possible yield to other roadway users including neighboring residents and farm operators. Equipment operators must use extreme caution through shared or joint tenant areas, be alert to the possibility of other vehicles or pedestrians, and use the safest possible driving practices at low speeds. Haul trucks will be expected to yield to any people or vehicles. Residences adjacent to the work area must be respected in terms of equipment setback, daylight working hours only, minimizing dust or other impacts where practicable, limiting speeds, and operating safely. The worksite can be fenced/signage installed to inform residents to not enter the work area and be cautious of heavy equipment.

During wastewater lagoon cleanout work, native soil removal should be minimized using techniques as recommended by the Contractor, with the project's goal of removing the manure down to native soils (no liner is known to be present) while disturbing and hauling as little soil as possible.

A pre-project kickoff meeting will be held prior to mobilization to review work requirements and responsibilities and coordinate workflow.

Work will include mobilizing to site the heavy equipment such as excavators, loaders, dump trucks, fuel wagon, and/or other equipment or hand tools and personnel as needed to complete the work. A staging/parking area at the dairy facility can provide overnight equipment and materials storage, with a lockable gate.

- Refueling using an approved spill prevention method.
- Spill prevention/cleanup materials kept on hand.
- Minimize the amount of soil removed from work areas. Minimize soil hauled. Hauling that includes significant native soils will not be compensated.
- Observe and avoid fencing or flagged work area boundaries, avoid entering sensitive areas as mapped or flagged for exclusion for equipment
- Maintain roads and equipment and use basic dust control work-practices when necessary to minimize fugitive dust emissions
- Maintain heavy equipment in proper tune and, where practicable, use equipment meeting current CARB certification standards and any applicable registration requirements.

- Basic ‘good housekeeping’ measures required such as all trash or food waste removed daily, fluids, fuels chemicals, materials left onsite in safe storage areas.
- Contractor will repair any damaged roads back to pre mobilization conditions.

Project Scope Detail

1. Manure Cleanout (See attached Maps and Figures for reference)

The site includes a wastewater settling lagoon and two small wastewater storage lagoons with accumulated manure materials along with residual manure in the former heifer paddocks and polebarns. Work includes cleaning out the dairy lagoons and removal of all other surficial manures around the facility to native soils, to meet final decommissioning requirements of the General Dairy Order (GDO)/Water Board.

- a. Remove all manure from all work areas including: the three identified lagoons, dairy paddock areas, and dairy polebarns and stalls. Native soil disturbance and removal shall be limited to the greatest extent practicable, with the project’s goal of disturbing and hauling as little soil as possible.
 - i. The settling lagoon is ~5.75 acres and the manure/wastewater storage lagoons are ~1.5 acres and ~1 acre, all unlined.
 1. All manure shall be removed from the lagoons down to native soils as indicated by visual, color, texture, moisture content or other indications that the native soil horizon has been reached, to the satisfaction of the GDO inspector, supported by pre-inspection by River Partners.
 2. All plant/vegetation material removed from the lagoons shall be separated from the manure and separately stockpiled at a location identified by River Partners. Disposal by others.
 - ii. ~ 8 acres of paddocks with surficial manure removal (estimated 2-6” depth throughout) and the manure stockpiled for offhauling.
 1. Paddock manure removal will proceed once perimeter fencing removal is completed (by others) to improve access.
 - iii. ~ 4.3 acres of former polebarn/stall areas with surficial manure, typically on paved surfaces, to be scraped and the manure stockpiled for offhauling.
 1. Stall manure removal will proceed once the stalls and fencing removal and magnetic sweeping are completed (by others) for good access.
- b. Work includes attendance at GDO inspection(s).

2. Manure Stockpiling, Drying and Offhauling

- a. Work includes loading and offhauling of all accumulated manure onsite, including from the three lagoons, the paddocks, polebarns, drainage areas, and the large concrete pad at center of site which may be used as a manure stockpiling/drying location (Figure 1 labels this pad as “Manure Management Area”).
- b. All manure materials removed will be stockpiled in accessible locations for offhauling.
- c. Any manure with residual moisture will be stockpiled or windrowed and turned periodically. Drying stockpile location should be close to lagoons for ease of removal and close to good access for future hauling. The windrows shall be turned at least once to encourage faster drying of the material until dry enough for efficient loading and offhauling.
- d. Offhauling accumulated manure material and stockpiling offsite at nearby Island Dairy Ranch (8937 W. Grayson Road) approx 2.3 miles away at location confirmed in field by River Partners.
 - i. Scope DOES NOT INCLUDE field-spreading of manure.

- e. All equipment, labor, materials associated with loading, offhauling, and dumping at new offsite stockpile location inclusive.

3. Lagoon Decommissioning

- a. Work includes removal and disposal or scrapping of all pumps, pipes, drain structures and other infrastructure or facility associated with the wastewater lagoons.
- b. After completion of manure removal and stockpiling, and final inspection/approval by the GDO inspector that manure removal is satisfactorily complete, the perimeter berms of the lagoons are to be pushed into the bottom of the lagoon and spread evenly. Compaction should be light to resist erosion but need not meet specific compaction requirements.

Responding to this Proposal

Qualifications: Bidding parties will be assessed based on the depth of experience in similar work activities and locations, overall experience and track record, proposed cost and time to complete, and familiarity with working on sites with wildlife or other permitting requirements.

Please email your project bid, any statements on experience or qualifications, rate sheet, contractor license and DIR license numbers, if available, and any other pertinent details to Amanda Brunk, ABrunk@RiverPartners.org by 9/4/26. Responses are preferred by email but may also be provided in hardcopy by registered mail to Attn: Amanda Brunk, River Partners, 1720 G Street, Modesto, CA 95354 postmarked no later than 9/4/26.

Please bring your questions on the project's scope to the public bid walk scheduled for Thursday August 27, 2026 at the project site. For questions about this bid request itself, required qualifications, or bid process contact Neil Wilson at NWilson@riverpartners.org or 209-262-7944 or Amanda Brunk at (209) 402-0721 or ABrunk@riverpartners.org. No questions on scope and cost details will be answered until the bid walk date and during the open Q&A period to follow, and an addendum compiling all bid walk attendees' questions and answers will be sent to all bidding parties prior to final bid submittals to ensure all parties have access to the same details.

A Work Area Scope map, a clean aerial overview map, and a local roads/location map of the project site and the wastewater lagoons, facilities and any other notable features or work components are in Appendix 1: Maps and Figures, attached.

Appendix 1: Maps and Figures



Figure 1: Dairy Facility and Lagoon Manure Cleanout – Work Areas



Figure 2: Aerial close up of Hidden Valley Dairy site

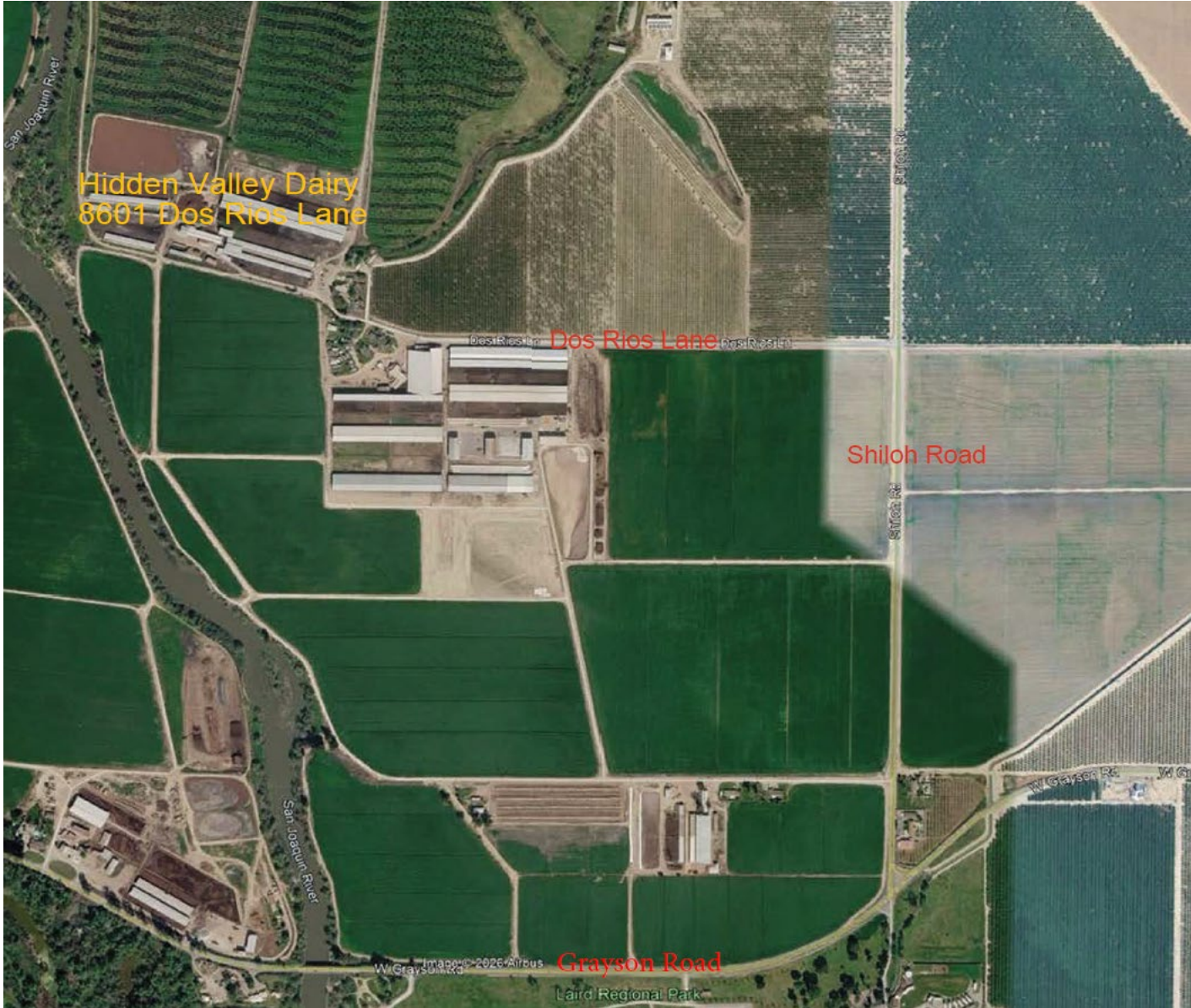


Figure 3: Overview Map. Hidden Valley Dairy site 8601 Dos Rios Lane, Modesto; roads labeled (the manure offhaul destination, Island Dairy Ranch, visible in lower left corner on Grayson Road just west of San Joaquin River)