

Formal Appeal for Reconsideration of RFP No. 24-32 Selection

Date: August 12th, 2024

Attn: County of Lake Administrative Office, Purchasing Agent
255 N. Forbes Street
Lakeport, CA 95453

Subject: Appeal for Reconsideration of Award Decision on RFP No. 24-32 - Analysis of Effects of Proposed Scott Dam Decommissioning

Dear County of Lake Administrative Office, Purchasing Agent,

As required pursuant to Section 2-46, et seq of the Lake County Code, I am writing to formally protest and request the reconsideration of the decision to award RFP No. 24-32, "Analysis of Effects of Proposed Scott Dam Decommissioning," to SLR Consulting. We believe that the proposal submitted by the University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) offers significant advantages that align more closely with the long-term interests of Lake County.

1. Expertise and Community Ties

UCCE brings a unique advantage with its deep ties to the Lake County community and extensive network within the University of California system. Our Principal Investigator, Dr. Laura Elisa Garza Díaz, has committed her career to researching water resources and climate change specifically within Lake County. This local expertise is paired with the broad capabilities of the UC system, providing access to world-class research and resources that are unparalleled. UCCE's proposal is designed not just as a one-time project but as a foundation for ongoing research and support for Lake County's environmental and agricultural future.

2. Comprehensive and Cost-Effective Approach

The UCCE proposal was not only competitively priced at \$241,317 under SLR's bid, but also offered a comprehensive approach to the project. We proposed the development of an Integrated Decision Support Interface that would remain available to Lake County for future use, ensuring that the outcomes of this project continue to benefit the community beyond the immediate analysis. The tools and strategies proposed are designed to integrate seamlessly with ongoing efforts in the county, maximizing the return on investment.

3. Commitment to Local Engagement and Long-Term Impact

UCCE's mission is to support the communities we serve. The relationships we build and the projects we undertake are intended to foster long-term growth and sustainability. Our proposal includes a significant component of community engagement, ensuring that the voices of Lake County residents and stakeholders are heard and integrated into the final outcomes.

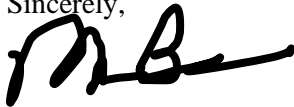
4. Proposal Quality and Integrity

It has come to our attention that the awarded proposal from SLR Consulting contains numerous grammatical errors and appears to have included content that may have been repurposed from other projects without sufficient customization to address the specific needs of Lake County. This raises concerns about the attention to detail and the level of commitment that may be expected from SLR Consulting. UCCE's proposal was meticulously crafted to address the specific challenges of the Scott Dam decommissioning, with a focus on clarity, precision, and relevance.

Given the significant advantages that the UCCE proposal offers in terms of community engagement, local expertise, cost-effectiveness, and quality, we respectfully request that the County of Lake reconsider the award decision. We believe that partnering with UCCE on this project would be in the best interest of Lake County, providing not only immediate benefits but also laying the groundwork for future collaborations and sustainable growth.

We appreciate your consideration of this appeal and are available to discuss any aspects of our proposal further. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



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