



November 23, 2021

## FINAL NOTICE OF SHORTLISTING DETERMINATION

Thank you for submitting a Statement of Qualifications in response to RFQ No. C0674 (“RFQ”) for a Public-Private-Partnership for the Design, Construction, Financing, Operation and Maintenance of the Purified Water Project (the “Project”). The Selection Committee reviewed the Statements of Qualifications based upon the responsiveness requirements and evaluation criteria set forth in the RFQ. The Selection Committee ranked the SOQ’s as follows:

Ranking	Respondent	Score
1	Clean Water Group	88.375
2	EPCOR Pure Water Partners	84.250
3	One Water Partners	82.250
4	Valley Water Purification Solutions	81.125
5	South Bay Water Partners	76.875
6	PBS Valley Water Partners	67.750
7	Santa Clara Pacific Partners	62.500
8	Seven Seas Water	51.250

In accordance with Section 5.7 of the RFQ, a report detailing the rating and ranking of each Respondent, as well as the basis for such rating and ranking, was provided to Respondents upon request.

In accordance with Section 5.9 of the RFQ, on November 9, 2021, an appeal of the Proposed Notice of Determination was presented by a Respondent, requesting that Valley Water expand the number of shortlisted Respondents invited to submit proposals from three (3) to four (4) qualified Respondents. The appeal was substantiated in the provisions of Section 5.6 of the RFQ, which state that “... Valley Water reserves – at its sole discretion – the right to modify the number of shortlisted Respondents”. The appeal also presented the Respondent’s reasoning as to why such a change would be a benefit to Valley Water and increase the likelihood of a successful procurement.

After an initial review of the appeal revealed that it was not protesting the proposed scoring or ranking of SOQs, it was determined that the appeal did not meet the conditions set forth in Section 5.9.2 of the RFQ to merit an administrative hearing. Instead, as a policy matter, the appeal was forwarded on November 19, 2021, for consideration by the Purified Project Steering Committee, composed of executive-level staff. After extensive deliberation, and taking into account the public benefits derived from maximized competitive pressure and the miniscule scoring differential between the third- and fourth-place Respondents, the Steering Committee resolved to accept the appeal and expand the number of shortlisted Respondents from three (3) to four (4).

Therefore, in accordance with the provisions of Section 5.6 (“*Shortlisting*”) of the RFQ, based on the scoring and ranking, the following teams are being invited to submit proposals for the Project Agreement, in accordance with a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) for the Project:

1. **CLEAN WATER GROUP** [*Equity Members: Fengate & California Water Services Group; Design-Build Members: Lyles, AECOM & ARB; and Operator Member: SUEZ*].
2. **EPCOR PURE WATER PARTNERS** [*Equity Members: EPCOR & EPCOR Utilities; Design-Build Members: Aecon, Filanc & Carollo; Operator Member: EPCOR*].
3. **ONE WATER PARTNERS** [*Equity Members: Kiewit Development Company & DIF; Design-Build Member: Kiewit Infrastructure West; Operator Member: Inframark*].
4. **VALLEY PURIFICATION SOLUTIONS** [*Equity Members: ACS Infrastructure Development; Design-Build Members: Dragados, Obayashi & Webcor; Operator Members: ACS & Acciona*]