

**RFP Secondary 10088799
Addendum 1
Questions and Answers**

Question 1	What's an "advanced mitigation credit for salmonids"?
Answer	A credit created at a mitigation bank approved by the appropriate resource agency(ies) which can be used to mitigate for impacts to floodplain and riparian areas (i.e., applicable to salmonids) from the future evaluation, repair, reconstruction, or replacement of State Plan of Flood Control (SPFC) levees, weirs, bypasses, and facilities.
Question 2	Who does the credit accrue to?
Answer	The credits purchased by DWR would accrue to DWR and be assignable to other public entities holding the legal responsibility and jurisdiction for the evaluation, repair, reconstruction, or replacement of SPFC levees, weirs, bypasses, and facilities.
Question 3	Is this part of the "bulk acquisition of mitigation credits" project?
Answer	No. The "bulk acquisition of mitigation credits" was specific to a different program, the Delta Levees Program. While a similar concept, this RFP is for the SPFC.
Question 4	Will an agency approved, permitted, constructed and established salmonid conservation bank within the described area (Colusa to Verona) which has completed all the tasks outlined in the RFP with sufficient credits in good standing to meet the minimum credit request of 50 credits be considered eligible to bid?
Answer	No. In consideration of the banks currently present in the area, this RFP seeks to increase the capacity for mitigation banks along the Sacramento River.
Question 5	Since endowments are required with establishment of conservation banks and usually funded on a pro-rata basis as credits are sold, how would DWR treat established credits which are required to fund the endowment? Would funding the endowment be the responsibility of the banker or will DWR fund separately as credits are deducted?
Answer	The funding of the endowment would be the responsibility of the banker. The banker could sell additional credits (credits not purchased by or available to DWR) to create the endowment that would be used to manage both those credits and DWR's credits.

Question 6	The RFP mentions IRT approval, the IRT typically approves wetland mitigation banks, not salmon conservation banks, which agencies is DWR seeking coverage with?
Answer	Primarily NOAA Fisheries; possibly USFWS and CA Dept of Fish and Wildlife. DWR will utilize the IRT process, which is appropriate for a floodplain and riparian conservation bank (i.e., applicable to salmonids).
Question 7	Is DWR willing to consider a fixed cost proposal per credit which is inclusive of all tasks and deliverables enumerated in Exhibit A Scope of Work? Would DWR prefer a finished credit price as per the cost score sample on page 15 of the RFP?
Answer	Yes, as long as the credits are created at a new bank. There is no stated preference for a finished per-credit price; this per-credit price can be stated in the proposal or will be calculated by DWR based on the overall funding provided by DWR divided by the number of credits available to DWR.
Question 8	Will DWR consider approved salmon conservation banks outside the described area of Colusa to Verona, but with an agency approved service area which includes the area of Colusa to Verona
Answer	No. In consideration of the banks currently present in the area, this RFP seeks to increase the capacity for mitigation banks along the Sacramento River.
Question 9	Is it the responsibility of the banker to administer the credits on behalf of DWR? (i.e. keep a ledger and report to agencies as credits are utilized by DWR)
Answer	Yes.