

# **IHS & COCOPAH INDIAN TRIBE**

PH24-W49 WA08-25

PRE-BID MEETING

September 22, 2025

## **Purpose of the Meeting:**

Pre-submittal meeting to address questions from all potential Engineering Firms planning to submit proposal for the East Cocopah Iron and Manganese Water Treatment Plant Pilot Study and Design Project.

## **Attendees:**

- **Cocopah Public Works**
  - Rudy Alcala- Public Works Director (*In-Person Attendance*)
  - Fernanda Garcia- Assistant Tribal Administrator (*In-Person Attendance*)
- **Indian Health Services**
  - Darren Ausdemore- District Engineer (*In-Person Attendance*)
  - Joel Garcia- Field Engineer (*In-Person Attendance*)
  - Osvaldo Parra Huergo- Field Engineer (*In-Person Attendance*)
  - Kristin Boyle- Field Engineer (*In-Person Attendance*)
- **A/E Firms**
  - Ryan O'Malia, Emili Palmisana- Valentine Engineering (*In-Person Attendance*)
  - Brian Hamrick, Greg Bahe- NCS Engineers (*In-Person Attendance*)
  - Gary Whetten- Stanley Consultants (*In-Person Attendance*)
  - Erin Lansey- Kimley Horn (*In-Person Attendance*)
  - Adrian Navarro, R. Burns- Michael Baker International (*In-Person Attendance*)
  - Bryan Brunson, Vineet Awasthi, Andrew Nishiharae- Stantec (*In-Person Attendance*)
  - Fiona Jordan, Paul Wright- WestLand Resources (*In-Person Attendance*)

## **Questions:**

1. **So, with this project including a study phase, the pilot study is condensed to a month, how firm is the schedule?**

The current schedule is tentative, this can be discussed and reviewed, currently we would like it to be in the time frame of one month.

2. **Where is the \$5M budget based from?**

The budget is based on the funding that comes from EPA, this includes Design and Construction. See Addendum 1 for the breakdown that is included in the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER).

3. **Can we get a copy of the PER?**

Yes, this will be released. Please see Addendum 1.

**4. What is driving the replacement?**

Age of system and filter issues, the filters were installed in 1987.

**5. Do you have drawings?**

Yes, we have as-builts and will share with the group. Please see Addendum 1 for the PER that contains the as-builts.

**6. Is the plan to demo the existing components, are there components that are salvable?**

The non-salvable existing components can be demolished. The building will be used as storage, but everything inside may be demolished. Please see Addendum 1 for the PER.

**7. What about the enclosed structure?**

It is dependent on design/budget, utilizing the existing or creating a new structure. The design will not require the treatment vessels to be housed inside a building. The vessels must be protected from the sun, however.

**8. Is the existing MIOX system working?**

We have a lot of issues with the current system, and are spending a high amount on salt. MIOX system is a challenge, we would rather stick with a hypochlorite system.

**9. Is there a page limit to the RFP?**

No page limits.

**10. Are there any floodplain concerns?**

See Addendum 1 for the PER.

**11. Is there any information as to the water quality of the wells?**

See Addendum 1 for the PER and Well No.4 Installation Report.