

# Memorandum

**To:** Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors  
**From:** G. Patrick O'Dowd, Executive Director /GM  
**Date:** November 14, 2024

**Re: Desert Shores Geotechnical, Geologic, and Hydrogeologic Services**

On September 11 the Authority issued an RFP for the subject services and had an initial expression of interest from six well qualified firms. After touring the site and outlining the assignment, the final list of groups being evaluated for this work included two firms, Nicklaus Engineering, Inc. and Tetra Tech. The Authority assembled a team to review and score the proposals and meet with the prospective firms comprised of the following individuals:

Tom Sephton	Community Representative
Jeff Lamoure	Imperial County
Melinda Dorin	Department of Water Resources
Paul Najjar	Gafcon, Inc
G. Patrick O'Dowd	Salton Sea Authority

Based on the proposals submitted and the interviews held, the review team was unanimous in its scoring and selection of Nicklaus Engineering, Inc. as the recommended bidder. As part of the due diligence, an additional scope of work was identified which could contribute to the project's success. Each bidder included the initial scope of work and the additional scope. Nicklaus's proposes to perform the base scope of work for \$306,479.00 and the optional scope for an additional \$102,897.00, resulting in a total scope of work if authorized of \$409,376.00

The Projects Committee has reviewed this recommendation and the Bureau of Reclamation has confirmed that this scope of work is fundable under the existing grant.

**Recommendation:**

Subject to review of executable documents by Authority legal, staff recommends authorization to proceed to contract with the Nicklaus, Inc. proposal for the implementation of the work.

November 4, 2024

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**Subject: Desert Shores Restoration Project; RFQ/P for Geotechnical, Geologic, and Hydrogeologic Services Best and Final Offer**

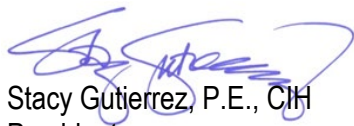
Mr. Paul Najar:

Please find attached Nicklaus Engineering, Inc.'s (Nicklaus) revised costs for the Desert Shores Restoration Project. Per your request, Nicklaus separated the costs for the optional tasks from those tasks requested in the Statement of Work to conduct a Feasibility Study comprising Geotechnical, Geologic, and Hydrogeologic Services for the Desert Shores Restoration Project in response to the Request for Qualifications/Proposals issued on September 11, 2024.

This revision to the estimated costs represents Nicklaus' best and final offer to complete the requested Statement of Work for a total of **\$306,479.00**. The estimated costs for the optional tasks would be \$102,897.00. Should you choose to include the optional tasks, the total estimated cost is \$409,376.00.

Should you require additional information or have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Antonio Alvarez at (928) 246-1616 or [aalvarez@neiaw.com](mailto:aalvarez@neiaw.com) or Mr. Mike Daniel at (928) 750-0351 or [mdaniel@neiaw.com](mailto:mdaniel@neiaw.com).

Sincerely,



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