

CONSOLIDATED CENTRAL VALLEY TABLE GRAPE PEST AND DISEASE CONTROL DISTRICT

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Request for Proposals

Management Consultant

The Consolidated Central Valley Table Grape Pest and Disease Control District (District) was formed in 2005 by the table grape growers of Kern and Tulare counties with the specific mission to protect the industry from serious invasive pests such as the Glassy-winged Sharpshooter, Pierce's Disease, Vine Mealybug, and any other invasive pests or diseases that may threaten its health and viability. The Board of Directors is now accepting proposals from an entity or candidate willing to provide consultation services to assist in the management of the District. The Board seeks a consultant to provide leadership and management in support of the Board's policies and vision. Some of the important responsibilities and duties may include but are not limited to the following:

- Notify and advise the Board of Directors as to new and emerging invasive pest species relevant to the table grape industry.
- Report and advise the District Board as to the status of control programs, funding, regulatory changes, and research concerning current invasive pest initiatives such as the Glassy-winged Sharpshooter, European Grapevine Moth, etc.
- Represent the District and collaborate with other industry-related organizations, research entities, and public agencies.
- Conduct grower outreach through meetings, newsletters, and other appropriate vehicles to disseminate important and timely information.
- Oversee the District's research program, project reporting, contracts, and the implementation of programs' research priorities.
- Advise the District on the status of state and federal reviews of potential new tools and participate in the defense of existing crop protection material registrations necessary for the control of table grape pests.
- Assist in the preparation of annual budgets, assessments roles, and other financial documents and reports.
- Meet as necessary with Ad Hoc committees of the Board of Directors.

Desired qualifications include but are not limited to the following:

- Familiarity with commercial agricultural conditions, practices, pest and disease management.
- Ability to diplomatically advocate for the District's interests in political, scientific and technical arenas by various means.
- An established network of contacts and relationships within the agricultural industry.
- Sufficient time and/or staff to ensure the demands of the District are met in a timely fashion and the flexibility to provide requested services when needed.
- A willingness to travel.

The Board of Directors desires that any contract for consulting services be on a month-to-month basis; however, any such arrangement is open to negotiation. The desired rate/fee range is \$7,500 - \$12,500 per month (also open to negotiation) depending on qualifications and experience. All proposals should include the monthly rate/fee charged and **must be received by the District no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 10, 2018**. Inquiries regarding this solicitation and proposals should be submitted to:

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