

**Courthouse Water Main Site Walk Clarifications (April 9, 2015, 10:00 AM)**

1. Will contractor be required to fence off construction areas?  
Yes, wherever there are excavations, equipment, or other trip hazards, contractor is to provide adequate barrier tape or other necessary temporary fencing and signage to ensure safety.
2. Is this a general engineering or standard plumbing contract?  
We utilize our general contract which is negotiated with the awarded vendor and all required public works/prevaling wage language.
3. Is the County able to shut off irrigation system during construction?  
Yes, county will shut off the irrigation system as necessary for the duration of this project. Contractor will be responsible to repair any irrigation lines that are damaged or destroyed during the project.
4. Confirm that there is an isolation valve at 8 inch main fire line to prevent water from entering courthouse fire system during construction.  
There is an isolation valve in the vault for this purpose.
5. Contractor has requested pictures inside the vault. Also requested another site visit (for inside the vault).  
County will not provide pictures of inside the vault. Vendors are free to inspect the vault if they wish. Another site visit for this purpose only will be held on Thursday, April 16 at 10:00am.
6. Are we requiring a bid bond?  
No
7. Are there drawings available for inspection pertaining to the two backflow installations?  
California Water will make plot maps available to contractors upon request. Please contact them directly at 530-742-6911.
8. Will county provide a sketch of desired configuration?  
County will not provide sketches or drawings of required installations. We are asking the contractors to provide us with your solution. You may submit sketches with your proposals if you wish. If contractors have an alternative method that would meet the County's needs, we ask that a detailed submission of that proposal is included in addition to what is required in this RFP and titled, "Contractor's Alternate".
9. How far away from the original meter at the 4 inch water main can the backflow device(s) be installed?  
Contractor is concerned about the large roots from the nearby redwood tree.  
California Water wants the backflow device installed as close to the meter as possible. Contractor will have to cut away roots as necessary to remove them.

10. Pat Thomas, Facilities Manager introduced another possible solution for emergency water supply. Hard water pipe solution rather than over land fire hose. Contractors were taken into the basement and shown a possible route for this solution. All vendors present.

“Valued Engineering” proposals or optional methods will be considered and must be clearly marked as such in your proposal.

12. Contractor would like an email notification when the answers are posted on the website, or if possible an email of the answers.