**California Department of Fish and Wildlife**

**Western Joshua Tree Conservation Fund**

**Conservation and Mitigation Opportunity Specialist 2023 RFQ**

**Application Questionnaire**

Please answer the questions outlined below via a Word document and submit the Word document with your application:

1. Please provide your organization’s name and the primary contact’s information (name, title, address, phone number and e-mail address).
2. In which specific portions of the Geographic Focus Area identified in Section 2 of the RFQ does your organization propose to work?
3. Does your organization intend to assist CDFW WJT “Land Acquisition” or “Restoration and Enhancement” work, or both, as described in the Scope of Work described in Section 3 of the RFQ and the CDFW Scope of Work Process Description?
4. What best characterizes your organization’s approach to pursuing land acquisitions, establishing conservation easements, developing and implementing enhancement & restoration (E&R) projects, and/or monitoring of mitigation lands?
5. What is your organization’s experience with the geographic focus area and familiarity with issues surrounding the western Joshua tree?
6. The Western Joshua Tree Conservation Act (Act) calls for consultation and collaboration with California Native American tribes. What, if any, experience does your organization have working with tribal entities? What is your plan to engage tribal entities in WJT Conservation Fund project(s)? If any, provide examples of relevant experience and letters of support from engaged tribal entities.
7. The Act calls for collaboration with governmental agencies and the public. What is your organization’s experience working with governmental agencies, diverse landowners, and stakeholders? If any, provide examples of relevant experience and letters of support from engaged stakeholders and partners.
8. If applicable, what is your organization’s real estate experience with land acquisition for conservation purposes? If any, please provide examples of past acquisitions and contact information for references from both the seller and land recipient during those transactions.
9. If applicable, what resources does your organization have to perform range-wide analyses to identify and prioritize land acquisitions based on [Attachment 1-A](https://www.nfwf.org/sites/default/files/2023-09/wjt_rfq_attachment_1-a_cdfw_wjt_conservation_lands_assessment_0.docx)? Provide a brief step-by-step workflow and resumes of staff in your organization that will be involved in this process.
10. If applicable, what expertise does your organization have to identify and/or solicit potential high priority restoration and enhancement projects based on criteria outlined in [Attachment 2-A](https://www.nfwf.org/sites/default/files/2023-09/wjt_rfq_attachment_2-a_enhancement_and_restoration_project_assessment.docx)?
11. Please provide a relevant recent example of a project your organization developed and/or implemented, involving fee title and/or conservation easement acquisition, interim land management, long-term land management, and monitoring plans, long-term funding analysis, conservation easement stewardship and defense funding analysis, and/or restoration or enhancement project, as applicable. Please provide details about the timeline involved in developing and implementing such project, and the costs of such project, including those costs identified in the [Project Example Costs template](https://www.nfwf.org/sites/default/files/2023-09/wjt_rfq-project_example_costs_template.xlsx).
12. Please summarize your organization’s overall goals and how they fit into the Western Joshua Tree Conservation Act.
13. Please provide a proposed timeline for your scope of work.