



May 26, 2026

SUBJECT: Questions and Answers for Request for Proposals (RFP) #2899 – CSA 18 Santa Venetia Landscape Maintenance Services

1. **QUESTION:** Is it possible to use herbicides?

Answer: Herbicide use is governed by the Marin County Integrated Pest Management Policy and Ordinance. There is an “approved products list” that is updated annually. Contractors are expected to follow the ordinance, policy, and products list, and become familiar with those details here: <https://parks.marincounty.gov/projectsplans/ipm>

2. **QUESTION:** Are contractors allowed to use electric blowers or gas-powered tools?

Answer: County of Marin properties do not currently have a gas-powered tool ban, though it is our preference for contractors to use electric powered tools whenever possible.

3. **QUESTION:** Are the ditches at Castro Park to be included in regular work?

Answer: They should be cleared out weed whipped and cleaned in the Fall prior to the first Rain and cleared of debris as needed for the six months between October and March

4. **QUESTION:** Who should be contacted in case of an emergency?

Answer: Account manager and emergency contact info will be named at the time of contract award.

5. **QUESTION:** Is maintenance of the dog stations at the parks excluded?

Answer: Yes, The County crew will do this

6. **QUESTION:** What is the expected Frequency of the changing out of the liners in the Garbage Cans and Recycling Containers at the various locations?

Answer: The parks should be cleared of litter when the contracted crew is on site. The County Team will regularly remove the Garbage Cans and Recycling Containers

7. **QUESTION:** Mulch Question- Will the county be delivering the mulch to the selected sites that currently have areas of mulch? Or is the contractor expected to pick it up at a designated location and transport it to selected sites? If so, where is the location?

Answer: Mulch will be delivered to project sites as needed, and it will be the contractors responsibility to spread the mulch at no additional charge under the contract.

8. **QUESTION:** Is the contractor expected to provide labor to spread playground?

Answer: Spreading or purchasing playground fiber is required under this contract, and will be coordinated by the County crew or via a separate work order.

9. **QUESTION:** Is torch weed control methods acceptable? During high humidity, winter months?
Answer: Torch weeding is acceptable during high-humidity winter months, but final approval must be obtained by County staff (tbd upon award) prior to flaming/torching.
10. **QUESTION:** Castro Park- Decomposed Granite- currently numerous areas are in disrepair, i.e. pot holes. Will the repairs be handled by a separate work order?
Answer: DG issues should be reported to County staff, and any necessary repairs will be conducted under a separate work order.