

Responses to Jersey Island RFQ questions

Personnel

1. What is the disposition of the current employees on site? Will they be assigned elsewhere?

The current employees managing and implementing the levees, cattle and farming operations are ISD employees. ISD is receptive to negotiating with the selected partner responsibility for all elements of the cattle and farming operations. If an alternate use is financially advantageous, ISD is also willing to consider the phased discontinuance of the cattle operation.

2. How are the employees currently split for the various tasks?

ISD employees on Jersey Island comprise of management and operational staff. A superintendent and supervisor manage all operations. Three staff members are primarily responsible for ranch operations (cattle and agriculture). One staff member is primarily responsible for levee and drainage maintenance. Two staff members are mechanics.

3. Are some of the employees only cattle help and the rest tasked with the physical plant operations, or treated as one large group assigned as needed?

While staff on Jersey Island have primary responsibilities, all staff will assist with various tasks to fulfill the mission of the island. For example, if additional help were needed to perform agricultural tasks all staff members would contribute. The same would apply for other activities on the island.

Infrastructure Responsibilities

4. Who does the ISD intend to be responsible for drainage pump operations and repair?

Responsibility for drainage pump operations and repair will remain with ISD unless the selected partner negotiates to assume responsibility for these activities. ISD is receptive to considering either staff or contractor responsibility for these functions.

5. What are the pump costs: Historic yearly costs for electricity, repair and maintenance of the equipment?

Three year average of \$56,000 per year

6. Who does the ISD intend to be responsible for levee maintenance?

Responsibility for drainage pump operations and repair will remain with Reclamation District 830 unless the selected partner negotiates to assume responsibility for these activities. ISD is receptive to considering either staff or contractor responsibility for these functions.

7. Who does the ISD intend to be responsible for security?

The one Jersey Island residential tenant currently provides limited security on Jersey Island pursuant to an independent contractor agreement. Any additional security would be negotiated with the selected partner and included in the partner agreement.

8. Who does the ISD intend to be responsible for reporting to the agencies: DWR, Army Corps, EPA, etc.?

Responsibility for current reporting to regulatory agencies would remain with ISD staff. Responsibility for regulatory reporting for new activities on the island would be negotiated with the selected partner and included in the partner agreement.

Disposition of existing cow herd

9. Would ISD sell the existing cow herd?

ISD is receptive to negotiating with the selected partner responsibility for all elements of the cattle operation. If an alternate use is financially advantageous, ISD is also willing to consider the disposition of the cattle herd.

10. Is it necessary to continue the use of treated water to produce hay?

It is not necessary to use treated water to produce hay. ISD has discontinued the usage of treated water for agriculture on Jersey Island. ISD currently exercises their water rights to irrigate the farm fields with river water. ISD is receptive to negotiating with the selected partner responsibility for all elements of the farming operation, including the type of products grown.

11. Is it necessary to have cattle on Jersey Island on a year-round basis?

ISD is receptive to negotiating with the selected partner responsibility for all elements of the cattle operation, including movement of cattle on and off the island.

12. Would selected managers be allowed to take in outside cattle as needed?

ISD is receptive to negotiating with the selected partner responsibility for all elements of the cattle operation, including the appropriate herd size and development of the herd.