PUBLIC NOTICE

Chelan County Natural Resources Department
Request for Proposals
Malaga-Area Wastewater Treatment Alternatives Analysis and Groundwater Scoping Project

Deadline: Friday, December 16, 2026, 5:00pm

The Chelan County Natural Resources Department (CCNRD) is seeking proposals from qualified firms to conduct a wastewater treatment alternatives analysis for planned growth in the Malaga Urban Growth Area (UGA) in Chelan County, WA. An additional task includes scoping a future detailed hydrogeology and groundwater assessment in the same area.

Description of Proposed Project

Chelan County and agency partners will engage a qualified consultant team to evaluate wastewater treatment alternatives and groundwater aquifer characterization for Malaga, WA, located in Chelan County and south of the City of Wenatchee. Malaga is a growing community, currently identified by the County as a Type 1 LAMIRD (Limited Area of More Intense Rural Development) and slated for designation as an Urban Growth Area (UGA) in the current Chelan County Comprehensive Plan update, which will conclude December 2026. The Malaga Water District service area includes the proposed Malaga UGA boundary. Malaga Water District has identified increasing nitrate loading and potential contamination of their water supply from increased residential growth and septic systems in the service area. District wells are in hydraulic continuity with the Columbia River. The Chelan-Douglas Regional Port Authority (CDRPA) has recently proposed Tax Increment Financing (TIF) in the Malaga area, largely overlapping the proposed Malaga UGA, which will direct future gains in property taxes starting in 2028 to pay for priority infrastructure and redevelopment in the Malaga Area. The Malaga TIF will further encourage growth and development in the Malaga UGA.

Required Services

The scope of this contract is to assist the County and partner agencies in completing a Malaga-area Wastewater Treatment Alternatives Analysis. The selected consultant will perform the following general tasks:

- Identify information needed to adequately understand wastewater treatment needs in the Malaga area. Identify studies necessary to gain the needed information if unavailable. The consultant may subcontract for technical studies as necessary.
- Develop a scope of work for a future detailed hydrogeology and groundwater assessment in the area to understand potential permitting implications for groundwater impacts from wastewater treatment options as well as a broader understanding of groundwater and the aquifer in the Malaga area.
- Evaluate local agency capacity to provide wastewater treatment services and recommend alternative models for providing these services
- Develop funding and rate structure scenarios for various alternatives and levels of service
- Prepare a draft Malaga Wastewater Treatment Alternatives Analysis
- Plan, coordinate and participate in two (2) community meetings in Chelan County.

- Prepare a final Malaga Wastewater Treatment Alternatives Analysis
- Prepare a final scope of work for a hydrogeology and groundwater study in the Malaga area

For additional information, please contact Mike Kaputa, Director, at (509) 670-6935 or by e-mail at mike.kaputa@co.chelan.wa.us.

Proposal Submittals and Selection

1. Submit ten (10) hard copies and one electronic PDF copy of your SOQ by 5:00 PM, December 16, 2026. The submitter has full responsibility to ensure the response arrives at the County within the deadline to the following address and email:

   Mike Kaputa, Director
   Chelan County Natural Resources Department
   411 Washington Street, Suite 201
   Wenatchee, WA 98801
   Mike.kaputa@co.chelan.wa.us

2. All proposals must be in a sealed envelope and clearly marked "Proposal for Malaga-Area Wastewater Treatment Alternatives Analysis and Groundwater Scoping Project"
3. Cost of preparation of proposals will be borne by the proposing firm.
4. Submittals are limited to twenty (20) pages. Curriculum Vitaes (CVs) will not count toward the twenty (20) pages.
5. Chelan County shall award the contract to the firm whose proposal will best serve the interest of the County, taking into account price as well as considerations including, but not limited to, experience, expertise and product functionality.

Minimum Requirements

The proposal shall include the following information:

- A narrative stating why your team is qualified to perform the above-described work. Include time allocation for each participating staff or subconsultant (included by project task).
- Provide information on project experience of similar projects completed.
- The consultant's approach and work plan for providing the required services described in this RFP.
- The consultant's approximate cost for providing the required services described in this RFP, by task.
- A CV of each consultant who will work on the project.