

47. Approve an extension for the on-call environmental consulting services list, and take related actions ()



## **County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors**

### **Agenda Item Submittal**

**From:** Community Development and Infrastructure

**Subject:** Extension of term for the on-call list of environmental consultants

**Meeting Date:** May 20, 2025

**Formal Title:** Approve an extension for the on-call environmental consulting services list, and take related actions

### **Recommended Actions**

1. Approve a one-year extension to the term for the on-call environmental consulting services list through June 30, 2026;
2. Authorize the use of the current Standard Services Contract, and
3. Authorize staff to issue purchase orders and contractors under \$200,000, as needed, with the on-call consultants.

### **Executive Summary**

Staff recommend an extension to the term of an approved list of on-call consultants for environmental consulting services through June 30, 2026.

### **Discussion**

On July 2, 2022, the Pajaro Storm Drain Maintenance District (PSDMD) issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to develop an on-call list of consultants capable of providing environmental planning and support services. The top five qualified firms were approved by the PSDMD Board of Directors on September 20, 2022. The approved firms include Environmental Science Associates, GEI Consultants, Horizon Water and Environment, Kittleson Environmental Consulting, and SWCA Environmental Consultants. The scope of services include:

- Environmental Planning
- Environmental Review
- Federal, State and Local Compliance
- Permit Application, Coordination, and Review
- Resource Investigations
- Conceptual Design and Engineering Review
- Project Management

On February 27, 2024, the Board of Supervisors approved the adoption of PSDMD's on-call environmental consultants list for use by the Flood Control Division of Community Development and Infrastructure, and authorized staff to issue purchase orders or award contracts, as needed, through June 30, 2025.

When these firms are selected for specific projects, independent contractor agreements are brought to the Board for approval for any contract exceeding \$200,000. Purchase orders or independent contractor agreements are issued for services performed for under \$200,000.

Per the RFQ, the on-call service terms may be extended for up to two one-year periods, based upon satisfactory performance. Staff anticipate the need for environmental consulting services in the coming year.

It is therefore recommended that the Board approve an extension to the term of the on-call list with the five consultants listed above for environmental consulting services through June 30, 2026. Staff also recommend that the Board authorize the use of the current County Standard Services Contract.

**Financial Impact**

Each purchase order or contract resulting from this on-call list will be based on the specific needs for each project or task. Funds for each project or task will be drawn from the appropriate Flood Control Division source (GL) for the requested need.

**Strategic Initiatives**

Operational Plan - Comprehensive Health & Safety, Sustainable Environment, Operational Excellence

**Submitted By:**

Matt Machado, Deputy CEO / Director of Community Development and Infrastructure

**Recommended By:**

Carlos J. Palacios, County Executive Officer

**Artificial Intelligence Acknowledgment:**

Artificial Intelligence (AI) did not significantly contribute to the development of this agenda item.

Contract No. \_\_\_\_\_

**STANDARD SERVICES CONTRACT**

This Contract, which is effective on the date it is fully executed, is between the COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, hereinafter called COUNTY, and [enter CONTRACTOR's legal name], hereinafter called CONTRACTOR. COUNTY and CONTRACTOR are each a "Party" to this Contract and are collectively the "Parties" to this Contract. The Parties agree as follows:

1. **DUTIES.** CONTRACTOR shall perform the following duties: [generally describe duties]. These duties are described in further detail in Attachment A, "Scope of Services", which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

2. **COMPENSATION.** COUNTY agrees to pay, and CONTRACTOR agrees to receive, compensation for the performance of its services under this Contract as follows: payment not to exceed \$ (enter amount of contract), as set forth in further detail in Attachment B, "Terms of Payment".

3. **TERM.** The term of this Contract shall be: (first date of Contract) through (last date of Contract). If this Contract is placed on the COUNTY's Continuing Agreement List before the Contract term expires, the Parties agree to extend the terms and conditions of the Contract as set forth herein, and as reflected in any executed amendment hereto, until the Contract is thereafter terminated.

4. **TERMINATION.**

A. **Termination for Cause.** COUNTY may, in its sole discretion, immediately terminate this Contract if CONTRACTOR fails to adequately perform the services required hereunder, fails to comply with the terms or conditions set forth herein, or violates any local, state or federal law, regulation or standard applicable to its performance hereunder.

B. **Termination Without Cause.** COUNTY may terminate this Contract without cause upon at least thirty (30) calendar days advance written notice which states the effective date of the termination. Such termination is without penalty to or further obligation of COUNTY.

C. **Termination Due to Insufficient Funding.** COUNTY's obligations under this Contract are contingent upon the availability of local, state and/or federal funds. In the event such funding is reduced or eliminated, COUNTY shall, at its sole discretion, determine whether this Contract shall be terminated. COUNTY shall provide CONTRACTOR at least seven (7) calendar days advance written notice of its intent to terminate this Contract due to insufficient funding.

D. **Compensation Upon Termination.** In the event this Contract is terminated, CONTRACTOR shall be entitled to compensation for uncompensated services provided pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth herein through and including the effective date of such termination. However, this provision shall not limit or reduce any damages owed to COUNTY due to a breach of this Contract by CONTRACTOR.

**5. INDEMNIFICATION FOR DAMAGES, TAXES AND CONTRIBUTIONS.**

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, CONTRACTOR shall exonerate, indemnify, defend, and hold harmless COUNTY (which for the purpose of Paragraphs 5 and 6 shall include, without limitation, its officers, officials, agents, employees and volunteers) from and against:

A. Any and all claims, demands, losses, damages, defense costs, expenses (including attorneys' fees and costs), fines, penalties, and liabilities of any kind or nature which COUNTY, CONTRACTOR, or any third party may sustain as a result of, arising out of, or in any manner connected with CONTRACTOR's performance or failure to comply with or perform under the terms of this Contract, excepting any liability arising out of the sole negligence of COUNTY. Such indemnification includes any damage to the person(s), or property(ies) of CONTRACTOR and third persons.

B. Any and all federal, state, and local taxes, charges, fees, or contributions required to be paid with respect to CONTRACTOR and CONTRACTOR's officers, employees, and agents engaged in the performance of this Contract (including, without limitation, unemployment insurance, social security and payroll tax withholding).

COUNTY may conduct or participate in its own defense without affecting CONTRACTOR's obligation to indemnify and hold harmless or defend COUNTY.

Acceptance of the insurance required by this Contract shall not relieve CONTRACTOR from liability under this provision. This provision shall apply to all claims for damages related to CONTRACTOR's performance hereunder, regardless of whether any insurance is applicable or not. The insurance policy limits set forth herein shall not act as a limitation upon the amount of indemnification or defense to be provided hereunder.

This Paragraph 5 shall survive the termination or expiration of this Contract.

**6. INSURANCE.** CONTRACTOR, at its sole cost and expense, for the full term of this Contract (and any extensions thereof), shall obtain and maintain, at minimum, compliance with all of the following insurance coverage(s) and requirements. Such insurance coverage shall be primary coverage and non-contributory as respects COUNTY and any insurance or self-insurance maintained by COUNTY shall be considered in excess of CONTRACTOR's insurance coverage and shall not contribute to it. If CONTRACTOR normally carries insurance in an amount greater than the minimum amount required by COUNTY for this Contract, that greater amount shall become the minimum required amount of insurance for purposes of this Contract. Therefore, CONTRACTOR hereby acknowledges and agrees that any and all insurances carried by it shall be deemed liability coverage for any and all actions it performs in connection with this Contract. Insurance is to be obtained from insurers reasonably acceptable to COUNTY.

If CONTRACTOR utilizes one or more subcontractors in the performance of this Contract, CONTRACTOR shall obtain and maintain Contractor's Protective Liability insurance as to each subcontractor or otherwise provide evidence of insurance coverage from each subcontractor equivalent to that required of CONTRACTOR in this Contract.

A. Types of Insurance and Minimum Limits

i. Workers' Compensation Insurance in the minimum statutorily required coverage amounts.

ii. Automobile Liability Insurance for each of CONTRACTOR's vehicles used in the performance of this Contract, including owned, non-owned (e.g. owned by CONTRACTOR's employees), leased or hired vehicles, in the minimum amount of \$500,000 combined single limit per

occurrence for bodily injury and property damage.

iii. Comprehensive or Commercial General Liability Insurance coverage at least as broad as the most recent ISO Form CG 00 01 with a minimum limit of \$2,000,000 per occurrence, and \$2,000,000 in the aggregate, including coverage for: (a) products and completed operations, (b) bodily and personal injury, (c) broad form property damage, (d) contractual liability, and (e) cross-liability.

iv. Professional Liability Insurance in the minimum amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ combined single limit.

v. Cyber liability insurance with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence, and \$2,000,000 in the aggregate. Coverage must include claims involving Cyber Risks. The cyber liability policy must be endorsed to cover the full replacement value of damage to, alteration of, loss of, or destruction of intangible property (including but not limited to information or data) that is in the care, custody, or control of CONTRACTOR. "Cyber Risks" include but are not limited to (1) security breach; (2) data breach; (3) system failure; (4) data recovery; (5) failure to timely disclose data breach or security breach; (6) failure to comply with privacy policy; (7) business interruption; (8) cyber extortion; (9) invasion of privacy violations, including release of private information; (10) information theft; (11) release of private information; (12) payment card liabilities and costs; (13) infringement of intellectual property, including but not limited to infringement of copyright, trademark, and trade dress; (14) damage to or destruction or alteration of electronic information; (15) extortion related to CONTRACTOR's obligations under this Contract regarding electronic information, including personal information; (16) fraudulent instruction; (17) funds transfer fraud; (18) telephone fraud; (19) network security; (20) data breach response costs, including security breach response costs; (21) regulatory fines and penalties related to CONTRACTOR's obligations under this Contract regarding electronic information, including personal information; and (22) credit monitoring expenses.

#### B. Other Insurance Provisions

i. If any insurance coverage required in this Contract is provided on a "Claims Made" rather than "Occurrence" form, CONTRACTOR agrees that the retroactive date thereof shall be no later than the date first written in Paragraph 3 of this Contract, and that it shall maintain the required coverage for a period of three (3) years after the expiration of this Contract (hereinafter "post Contract coverage") and any extensions thereof. CONTRACTOR may maintain the required post Contract coverage by renewal or purchase of prior acts or tail coverage. This provision is contingent upon post Contract coverage being both available and reasonably affordable in relation to the coverage provided during the term of this Contract. For purposes of interpreting this requirement, a cost not exceeding 100% of the last annual policy premium during the term of this Contract in order to purchase prior acts or tail coverage for post Contract coverage shall be deemed to be reasonable.

ii. All policies of Comprehensive or Commercial General Liability Insurance shall be endorsed to cover the County of Santa Cruz, its officers, officials, employees, agents, and volunteers as additional insureds with respect to liability arising out of the work or operations and activities performed by or on behalf of CONTRACTOR, including materials, parts or equipment furnished in connection with such work or operations. Endorsements shall be at least as broad as

ISO Form CG 20 10 11 85, or both CG 20 10 10 01 and CG 20 37 10 01, covering both ongoing operations and products and completed operations.

iii. All required policies shall be endorsed to contain the following clause:

“This insurance shall not be canceled until after thirty (30) calendar days’ prior written notice (10 calendar days for nonpayment of premium) has been given to:

**County of Santa Cruz [Enter  
Department Name]  
Attn: [Enter Title of Department Contact]  
[Enter Street Address]  
[City], CA [Zip Code]”**

Should CONTRACTOR fail to obtain such an endorsement to any policy required hereunder, CONTRACTOR shall be responsible to provide at least thirty (30) calendar days’ notice (10 calendar days for nonpayment of premium) of cancellation of such policy to COUNTY as a material term of this Contract.

iv. CONTRACTOR agrees to provide its insurance broker(s) with a full copy of these insurance provisions and provide COUNTY on or before the effective date of this Contract with Certificates of Insurance and endorsements for all required coverages. However, failure to obtain the required documents prior to the work beginning shall not waive CONTRACTOR’s obligation to provide them. All Certificates of Insurance and endorsements shall be delivered or sent to:

**County of Santa Cruz  
[Enter Department Name]  
Attn: [Enter Title of Department Contact]  
[Enter Street Address]  
[City], CA [Zip Code]**

v. CONTRACTOR hereby grants to COUNTY a waiver of any right of subrogation which any insurer of said CONTRACTOR may acquire against COUNTY by virtue of the payment of any loss under such insurance. CONTRACTOR agrees to obtain any endorsement that may be necessary to affect this waiver of subrogation, but this provision applies regardless of whether or not COUNTY has received a waiver of subrogation endorsement from the insurer.

**7. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY.** During and in relation to the performance of this Contract, CONTRACTOR agrees as follows:

A. CONTRACTOR shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, ancestry, physical or mental disability, medical condition (including cancer-related and genetic characteristics), marital status, sexual orientation, age (over 18), veteran status, gender, pregnancy, or any other non-merit factor unrelated to job duties. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: recruitment, advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, selection for training (including apprenticeship), employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer. CONTRACTOR agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notice setting forth the provisions of this non-discrimination clause.

B. If this Contract provides compensation in excess of \$50,000 to CONTRACTOR and if CONTRACTOR employs fifteen (15) or more employees, the following requirements shall apply:

i. CONTRACTOR shall, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of CONTRACTOR, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, ancestry, physical or mental disability, medical condition (including cancer-related and genetic characteristics), marital status, sexual orientation, age (over 18), veteran status, gender, pregnancy, or any other non-merit factor unrelated to job duties. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: recruitment; advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, selection for training (including apprenticeship), employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer. In addition, CONTRACTOR shall make a good faith effort to consider Minority/Women/Disabled Owned Business Enterprises in CONTRACTOR's solicitation of goods and services. Definitions for Minority/Women/Disabled Owned Business Enterprises are available from the COUNTY General Services Purchasing Division.

ii. In the event of CONTRACTOR's non-compliance with the non-discrimination clauses of this Contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders said CONTRACTOR may be declared ineligible for further contracts with COUNTY.

iii. CONTRACTOR shall cause the foregoing provisions of subparagraphs 7B(i) and 7B(ii) to be inserted in all subcontracts for any work covered under this Contract by a subcontractor compensated more than \$50,000 and employing more than fifteen (15) employees, provided that the foregoing provisions shall not apply to contracts or subcontracts for standard commercial supplies or raw materials.

**8. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR.** CONTRACTOR and COUNTY agree that in performing its obligations under this Contract, CONTRACTOR, including its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers, is at all times acting and performing as an independent contractor, in an independent capacity, and not as an officer, agent, servant, employee, joint venturer, partner, or associate of COUNTY.

Because of its status as an independent contractor, CONTRACTOR has no right to employment rights or benefits available to COUNTY employees. CONTRACTOR is solely responsible for providing to its own employees all employee benefits required by law. CONTRACTOR shall save COUNTY harmless from all matters relating to the payment of CONTRACTOR's employees, including all payroll related taxes. COUNTY has no right to control, supervise, or direct the manner or method of CONTRACTOR's performance under this Contract, but COUNTY may verify that CONTRACTOR is performing according to the terms of this Contract.

**9. NOTICES.**

A. Contact Information. The persons having authority to give and receive notices provided for or permitted under this Contract include the following:

For COUNTY:

[Job Title]  
[Department Name]  
[street address]  
[City, State, Zip Code]  
[email address]

For CONTRACTOR:

[Job Title]  
[Legal Name of CONTRACTOR]  
[street address]  
[City, State, Zip Code]  
[email address]

B. Change of Contact Information. Either Party may change the information in Paragraph 9.A by giving notice as provided in Paragraph 9.C.

C. Method of Delivery. Each notice between COUNTY and CONTRACTOR provided for



or permitted under this Contract must be in writing, state that it is a notice provided under this Contract, and be delivered either by personal service, by first-class United States mail, by an overnight commercial courier service, or by Portable Document Format (PDF) document attached to an email.

- i. A notice delivered by personal service is effective upon service to the recipient.
- ii. A notice delivered by first-class United States mail is effective three (3) COUNTY business days after deposit in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the recipient.
- iii. A notice delivered by an overnight commercial courier service is effective one (1) COUNTY business day after deposit with the overnight commercial courier service, delivery fees prepaid, with delivery instructions given for next day delivery, addressed to the recipient.
- iv. A notice delivered by telephonic facsimile transmission or by PDF document attached to an email is effective when transmission to the recipient is completed (but, if such transmission is completed outside of COUNTY's business hours, then such delivery is deemed to be effective at the next beginning of a COUNTY business day), provided that the sender maintains a machine record of the completed transmission.

**10. NONASSIGNMENT.** CONTRACTOR shall not assign this Contract without the prior written consent of COUNTY.

**11. ACKNOWLEDGMENT.** CONTRACTOR shall acknowledge in all reports and literature that the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors has provided funding to CONTRACTOR.

**12. INSPECTIONS, AUDITS, AND PUBLIC RECORDS.**

A. Inspection of Documents. CONTRACTOR shall make available to COUNTY, and COUNTY may examine at any time during business hours and as often as COUNTY deems reasonably necessary, all of CONTRACTOR's records and data with respect to the matters covered by this Contract, excluding attorney-client privileged communications. CONTRACTOR shall, upon request by COUNTY, permit COUNTY to audit and inspect all of such records and data to ensure CONTRACTOR's compliance with the terms of this Contract.

B. Retention and Audit of Records. CONTRACTOR shall retain records pertinent to this Contract for a period of not less than five (5) years after final payment under this Contract or until a final audit report is accepted by COUNTY, whichever occurs first. CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to be subject to the examination and audit by the Santa Cruz County Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector, the Auditor General of the State of California, or the designee of either, for a period of five (5) years after final payment under this Contract.

C. Public Records. COUNTY is not limited in any manner with respect to its public disclosure of this Contract or any record or data that CONTRACTOR may provide to COUNTY. COUNTY's public disclosure of this Contract or any record or data that CONTRACTOR may provide to COUNTY may include but is not limited to the following:

- i. COUNTY may voluntarily, or upon request by any member of the public or governmental agency, disclose this Contract to the public or such governmental agency.
- ii. COUNTY may voluntarily, or upon request by any member of the public or governmental agency, disclose to the public or such governmental agency any record or data that CONTRACTOR may provide to COUNTY, unless such disclosure is prohibited by court order.

iii. This Contract, and any record or data that CONTRACTOR may provide to COUNTY, is subject to public disclosure as a public record under the California Public Records Act (California Government Code, Title 1, Division 10, beginning with section 7920.000) ("CPRA").

iv. This Contract, and any record or data that CONTRACTOR may provide to COUNTY, is subject to public disclosure as information concerning the conduct of the people's business of the State of California under Article 1, section 3, subdivision (b) of the California Constitution.

v. Any marking of confidentiality or restricted access upon or otherwise made with respect to any record or data that CONTRACTOR may provide to COUNTY shall be disregarded and have no effect on COUNTY's right or duty to disclose to the public or governmental agency any such record or data.

D. Public Records Act Requests. CONTRACTOR shall cooperate with COUNTY with respect to any COUNTY demand for requested records.

i. If COUNTY receives a written or oral request under the CPRA to publicly disclose any record that is in CONTRACTOR's possession or control, and which COUNTY has a right, under any provision of this Contract or applicable law, to possess or control, then COUNTY may demand, in writing, that CONTRACTOR deliver to COUNTY, for purposes of public disclosure, the requested records that may be in the possession or control of CONTRACTOR. Within five (5) COUNTY business days after COUNTY's demand, CONTRACTOR shall (a) deliver to COUNTY all of the requested records that are in CONTRACTOR's possession or control, together with a written statement that CONTRACTOR, after conducting a diligent search, has produced all requested records that are in CONTRACTOR's possession or control, or (b) provide to COUNTY a written statement that CONTRACTOR, after conducting a diligent search, does not possess or control any of the requested records.

ii. If CONTRACTOR wishes to assert that any specific record or data is exempt from disclosure under the CPRA or other applicable law, it must deliver the record or data to COUNTY and assert the exemption by citation to specific legal authority within the written statement that it provides to COUNTY under this section. CONTRACTOR's assertion of any exemption from disclosure is not binding on COUNTY, but COUNTY will give at least ten (10) calendar days' advance written notice to CONTRACTOR before disclosing any record subject to CONTRACTOR's assertion of exemption from disclosure.

iii. CONTRACTOR shall indemnify COUNTY for any court-ordered award of costs or attorney's fees under the CPRA that results from CONTRACTOR's delay, claim of exemption, failure to produce any such records, or failure to cooperate with COUNTY with respect to any COUNTY demand for any such records.

iv. This provision shall not prohibit CONTRACTOR from seeking a protective order to prevent the disclosure of records CONTRACTOR has deemed or marked as confidential or restricted or proprietary.

E. This Paragraph 12 shall survive the termination or expiration of this Contract.

**13. PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.** Presentation and processing of any or all claims arising out of or related to this Contract shall be made in accordance with the provisions contained in Chapter 1.05 of the Santa Cruz County Code, which by this reference is incorporated herein.

14. **ATTACHMENTS.** CONTRACTOR shall comply with the requirements of the following attachments to this Contract, each of which is incorporated herein by reference:

Attachment A, "Scope of Services"  
Attachment B, "Terms of Payment"  
(enter additional attachments here)

Unless explicitly stated in an attachment, the language in the body of this Contract controls should a conflict arise between the language in the body of this Contract and any attachment to this Contract.

15. **LIVING WAGE.** This Contract is covered under Living Wage provisions if this Paragraph is initialed by COUNTY\_\_\_\_\_.

If Item # 15 above is initialed by COUNTY, then this Contract is subject to the provisions of Santa Cruz County Code Chapter 2.122, which requires payment of a living wage to covered employees. Non-compliance during the term of the Contract with these Living Wage provisions will be considered a material breach, and may result in termination of the Contract and/or pursuit of other legal or administrative remedies.

CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with Santa Cruz County Code section 2.122.140, if applicable.

16. **NON-BINDING UNTIL APPROVED.** Regardless of whether this Contract has been signed by all parties, if the total compensation identified in Paragraph 2 of this Contract is greater than \$200,000, this Contract is not binding on any party until the Contract has been approved by the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors.

17. **GENERAL TERMS.**

A. **Compliance with Laws.** CONTRACTOR shall, at its own cost, comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations in the performance of its obligations under this Contract, including but not limited to workers compensation, labor, and confidentiality laws and regulations. This shall include, but is not limited to, obtaining the necessary licenses, permits, and any other required authorization to perform the work necessary to complete the terms of this Contract. CONTRACTOR bears sole responsibility for any violation of such laws and regulations by itself and agrees that it will indemnify, defend and hold COUNTY harmless for the consequences of any such violation, as referenced in Paragraph 5 of this Contract.

B. **Standard of Practice.** CONTRACTOR warrants that it has the degree of learning and skill ordinarily possessed by reputable professionals practicing in similar localities in the same profession and under similar circumstances. CONTRACTOR's duty is to exercise such care, skill and diligence as professionals engaged in the same profession ordinarily exercise under like circumstances.

C. **Prior Acts Ratified.** Any and all acts which may have already been consummated pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Contract are hereby ratified.

D. **Modification.** This Contract may not be modified, and no waiver is effective, except by written agreement signed by both Parties. CONTRACTOR acknowledges that COUNTY employees have no authority to modify this Contract except as expressly provided in this Contract.

E. **Non-Liability of County Officers, Officials, Employees, Agents, Volunteers.** No officer, official, employee, agent, or volunteer of COUNTY shall be personally liable to CONTRACTOR in the event of any default or breach by COUNTY.

F. **Governing Law.** The laws of the State of California govern all matters arising from or related

to this Contract.

G. Jurisdiction and Venue. This Contract is signed and performed in Santa Cruz County, California. CONTRACTOR consents to California jurisdiction for actions arising from or related to this Contract, and, subject to the Government Claims Act, all such actions must be brought and maintained in Santa Cruz County.

H. Construction. The final form of this Contract is the result of the Parties' combined efforts. If anything in this Contract is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be ambiguous, that ambiguity shall not be resolved by construing the terms of this Contract against either Party.

I. Headings. The headings and paragraph titles in this Contract are for convenience only and are not part of this Contract.

J. Severability. If anything in this Contract is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unlawful or otherwise unenforceable, the balance of this Contract remains in effect, and the Parties shall make best efforts to replace the unlawful or unenforceable part of this Contract with lawful and enforceable terms intended to accomplish the Parties' original intent.

K. No Waiver. Payment, waiver, or discharge by COUNTY of any liability or obligation of CONTRACTOR under this Contract on any one or more occasions is not a waiver of performance of any continuing or other obligation of CONTRACTOR and does not prohibit enforcement by COUNTY of any obligation on any other occasion.

L. No Third-Party Beneficiaries. This Contract does not and is not intended to create any rights or obligations for any person or entity except for the Parties.

M. Force Majeure. Neither Party hereto shall be liable or responsible for delays or failures in performance resulting from events beyond the reasonable control, and without the fault or negligence, of such Party. Such events shall include, without limitation, acts of God, strikes, lockouts, riots, acts of war, epidemics, pandemics, acts of government, fire, power failures, nuclear accidents, earthquakes, unusually severe weather, acts of terrorism or other disasters, whether or not similar to the foregoing.

N. Authorized Signature. CONTRACTOR represents and warrants to COUNTY that:

i. CONTRACTOR is duly authorized and empowered to sign and perform its obligations under this Contract.

ii. The individual signing this Contract on behalf of CONTRACTOR is duly authorized to do so and their signature on this Contract legally binds CONTRACTOR to the terms of this Contract.

O. Integrated Contract. This Contract, including its attachments, is the entire agreement between CONTRACTOR and COUNTY with respect to the subject matter of this Contract, and it supersedes all previous negotiations, proposals, commitments, writings, advertisements, publications, and understandings of any nature unless those things are expressly included in this Contract.

P. Counterpart Execution. This Contract, and any amendments hereto, may be executed in one (1) or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original and all of which, when taken together, shall be deemed to be one (1) and the same agreement. This Contract, and any amendments hereto, may be signed by manual or electronic signatures in accordance with any and all applicable local,

state and federal laws, regulations and standards, and such signatures shall constitute original signatures for all purposes. A signed copy of this Contract, and any amendments hereto, transmitted by email or by other means of electronic transmission shall be deemed to have the same legal effect as delivery of an original executed copy of this Contract and any amendments hereto.

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**[SIGNATURES APPEAR ON FOLLOWING PAGE]**

SIGNATURE PAGE

Contract No. \_\_\_\_\_

STANDARD SERVICES CONTRACT

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto agree to the terms set forth above.

2. **(ENTER CONTRACTOR'S LEGAL  
NAME)**

4. **COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNED

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNED

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINTED

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINTED

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

1. **APPROVED AS TO FORM**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Office of the County Counsel

3. **APPROVED AS TO INSURANCE**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Risk Management

DISTRIBUTION:

- [Enter Initiating Department Name]
- Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector
- Risk Management
- Contractor

## **Attachment A**

### **Scope of Services**

*Describe in appropriate level of detail the services that Contractor will provide. The scope of services may include, but not be limited to:*

- (1) The reason(s) the County is contracting for the services.*
- (2) The duties of the Contractor.*
- (3) The deliverables or outputs to be provided and/or results to be achieved.*
- (4) Any applicable timeline to be adhered to or milestones to be satisfied.*
- (5) Quality standards to be achieved and/or performance measurements to be used by the County to determine how well the Contractor is performing.*
- (6) The duties of the County.*

**Attachment B**  
**Terms of Payment**

*Describe the terms of payment, which should specify:*

- (1) The total amount to be paid by the County to the Contractor;*
- (2) How the County will pay the Contractor. Options include, but are not limited to:*
  - a. In a lump sum upon County's receipt and approval of documentation showing that all services have been provided.*
  - b. Upon County's receipt and approval of documentation showing that a milestone described in the Scope of Services has been completed.*
  - c. Upon County's receipt and approval of a monthly invoice showing the services provided in the previous month satisfied the requirements of the Scope of Services.*
- (3) Description of documentation required by County to issue payment to Contractor.*
- (4) Due dates of such documentation.*
- (5) Time in which the County has to review Contractor's documents/invoices before issuing payment or requesting corrected/additional documentation.*