

## DEPOSIT AND REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT

THIS DEPOSIT AND REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT is made and entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021, by and between the City of Merced, a California Charter Municipal Corporation (“City”) and Bellevue Merced, LLC, a California Limited Liability Company, Baxter Ranches, LLC, a California Limited Liability Company, and Hostetler Investments, LLC, a California Limited Liability Company, all of whose address of record is 923 E. Pacheco Blvd., Suite C, Los Banos, California 93635 (Collectively referred to as “Developer”).

WHEREAS, Developer has submitted an application for a General Plan Amendment (P-D) #42 for property within the Bellevue Ranch West area (generally located south of Bellevue Road and west of M Street) and the Bellevue Ranch North area (generally located north of Bellevue Road and west of G Street) (hereinafter referred to as the “Project”); and,

WHEREAS, Developer desires to reimburse City for all of the costs and expenses associated with assessing the environmental impacts of said Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto, in consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter recited, hereby agree as follows:

1. REIMBURSEMENT. Without regard to the outcome or adequacy thereof, and without offset for any reason, Developer agrees to reimburse City for all of the fees, costs, and expenses of a certain contract entered into or to be entered into between City and J.B. Anderson Land Use Planning (the “Consultant”) relating to the environmental review of the proposed Project. It is understood that City would not have engaged Consultant had Developer not made an express promise and guarantee to pay the fees, costs, and expenses related thereto.

A. With regard to the aforementioned contract with Consultant, Developer shall reimburse the City the sum of Ninety-Six Thousand Four Dollars (\$96,004.00), plus the administrative fee described in Section B for a total sum of One Hundred Five Thousand Six Hundred Four Dollars and Forty Cents (\$105,604.40). In the event the aforementioned amount (\$96,004.00) is amended or otherwise adjusted in the contract with the Consultant, Developer agrees to similarly amend its reimbursement obligation hereunder with the intent that the

City will at all times be reimbursed for all of the fees, costs, and expenses under said contract with the Consultant. In the event the contract with the Consultant terminates, the Developer will only be responsible for its pro-rata share of the Consultant's cost to the date of termination.

B. In addition to the Consultant time spent on preparing the environmental impact report, City staff will spend considerable time administering the Consultant contract. Under City Council Resolution #98-31, also known as the "Planning and Development Fee Schedule," the management fee for environmental review reports is ten percent (10%) of the total environmental impact review cost. Pursuant to said Schedule, the Development hereby agrees to deposit upon the mutual execution of this Agreement, the additional sum of Nine Thousand Six Hundred Dollars and Forty Cents (\$9,600.40) to be applied toward the management fee for City staff time administering the preparation of an environmental document by the Consultant.

2. The Developer acknowledges that the above-referenced contract with Consultant is being entered into by City as an accommodation to the Developer to facilitate evaluation of the Developer's Project and does not guarantee any particular result or outcome. The Developer further acknowledges and agrees that it shall have no control over the work product of Consultant, and that its payment of the above sums is not dependent thereon. The Developer also acknowledges and agrees that failure of the Developer to make payments when due shall be grounds for City to suspend work and/or cancel said contract.

3. The Developer reserves the right to provide a performance bond on behalf of Consultant, subject to Consultant's consent, and at the Developer's sole expense.

4. The Developer shall have the right to utilize the reports and work product of Consultant in connection with the proposed Project.

5. No application for any project from the Developer shall be considered for approval until the above-referenced contract with Consultant is completed. Nothing herein is intended to suggest any result upon the hearing of any such application thereon. The City retains its authority to grant, deny, or condition any and all projects and applications.

6. This Agreement and all matters relating to it shall be governed by the laws of the State of California and any action brought relating to this Agreement shall be held exclusively in a state court in the County of Merced.

7. In the event that either City or the Developer shall at any time or times waive any breach of this Agreement by the other, such waiver shall not constitute a waiver of any other or succeeding breach of this Agreement, whether of the same or any other covenant, condition or obligation. Waiver shall not be deemed effective until and unless signed by the waiving party.

8. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors and assigns.

9. This Agreement shall not be amended, modified, or otherwise changed unless in writing and signed by both parties hereto.

10. If any portion of this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the remainder of the provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired, or invalidated.

11. This Agreement constitutes the complete, entire, exclusive, and final agreement and understanding between the parties as to the subject matter herein, superseding all negotiations, prior discussions, and preliminary agreements or contemporaneous understandings, written or oral.

12. The person or persons executing this Agreement on behalf of the parties hereto warrants and represents that he/she/they has/have the authority to execute this Agreement on behalf of their entity and has/have the authority to bind their party to the performance of its obligations hereunder.

13. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts with each counterpart being deemed an original. No counterpart shall be deemed to be an original or presumed delivered unless and until the counterparts executed by the other parties hereto are in the physical possession of the party or parties seeking enforcement thereof.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed on the date first above written.

CITY OF MERCED  
A California Charter Municipal  
Corporation

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Manager

ATTEST:  
STEPHANIE R. DIETZ, CITY CLERK

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Assistant/Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

BY: Rimberly Ullady 9/19/21  
City Attorney Date

ACCOUNT DATA:

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Verified by Finance Officer

*{Signatures continued on next page.}*

DEVELOPER:

BELLEVUE MERCED, LLC, A  
California Limited Liability Company

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Greg Hostetler

ITS: Manager

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