

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

LAURA FOUNTAIN REPAIR

1. Parties and Date.

This Contract is made and entered into this 1st day of August, 2022 by and between the City of Merced, a public agency of the State of California ("City") and **Solitude Lake Management LLC, dba Aquatic Environments**, a **Virginia Limited Liability Company** with its principal place of business at **345 Industrial Way, Benicia, CA 94510** ("Contractor"). City and Contractor are sometimes individually referred to as "Party" and collectively as "Parties" in this Contract.

2. Recitals.

2.1 City. City is a public agency organized under the laws of the State of California, with power to contract for services necessary to achieve its purpose.

2.2 Contractor. Contractor desires to perform and assume responsibility for the provision of certain construction services required by the City on the terms and conditions set forth in this Contract. Contractor represents that it is duly licensed and experienced in providing services such as: Remove existing Laura fountain, surrounding concrete sidewalk, plumbing, fence and pump/filter system; and install new renovated Laura Fountain including foundation and waterproof coating, concrete sidewalk and pad for new pump filtration system, surrounding fence, all new plumbing and new pump filtration system.

related construction services to public clients, that it and its employees or subcontractors have all necessary licenses and permits to perform the services in the State of California, and that it is familiar with the plans of City. The following license classifications are required for this Project: **Class A or B**.

2.3 Project. City desires to engage Contractor to render such services for the LAURA FOUNTAIN REPAIR as set forth in this Contract.

2.4 Project Documents & Certifications. Contractor has obtained, and delivers concurrently herewith, a performance bond, a payment bond, and all insurance documentation, as required by the Contract.

3. Terms

3.1 Incorporation of Documents. This Contract includes and hereby incorporates in full by reference the following documents, including all exhibits, drawings, specifications and documents therein, and attachments and addenda thereto:

- Services/Schedule (Exhibit "A")
- Plans and Specifications (Exhibit "B")
- Special Conditions (Exhibit "C")
- Contractor's Certificate Regarding Workers' Compensation (Exhibit "D")
- Public Works Contractor Registration Certification (Exhibit "E")
- Payment and Performance Bonds (Exhibit "F")
- Addenda
- Change Orders executed by the City
- Latest Edition of the Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction (Green Book), Excluding Sections 1-9
- Notice Inviting Bids, if any
- Instructions to Bidders, if any
- Contractor's Bid

3.2 Contractor's Basic Obligation; Scope of Work. Contractor promises and agrees, at its own cost and expense, to furnish to the City all labor, materials, tools, equipment, services, and incidental and customary work necessary to fully and adequately complete the Project, including all structures and facilities necessary for the Project or described in the Contract (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Work"), for a Total Contract Price as specified pursuant to this Contract. All Work shall be subject to, and performed in accordance with the above referenced documents, as well as the exhibits attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. The plans and specifications for the Work are further described in Exhibit "B" attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference. Special Conditions, if any, relating to the Work are described in Exhibit "C" attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

3.2.1 Change in Scope of Work. Any change in the scope of the Work, method of performance, nature of materials or price thereof, or any other matter materially affecting the performance or nature of the Work shall not be paid for or accepted unless such change, addition or deletion is approved in writing by a valid change order executed by the City. Should Contractor request a change order due to unforeseen circumstances affecting the performance of the Work, such request shall be made within five (5) business days of the date such circumstances are discovered or shall waive its right to request a change order due to such circumstances. If the Parties cannot agree on any change in price required by such change in the Work, the City may direct the Contractor to proceed with the performance of the change on a time and materials basis.

3.2.2 Substitutions/"Or Equal". Pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 3400(b), the City may make a finding that designates certain products, things, or services by specific brand or trade name. Unless specifically designated in this Contract, whenever any material, process, or article is indicated or specified by grade, patent, or proprietary name or by name of manufacturer,

such Specifications shall be deemed to be used for the purpose of facilitating the description of the material, process or article desired and shall be deemed to be followed by the words "or equal."

Contractor may, unless otherwise stated, offer for substitution any material, process or article which shall be substantially equal or better in every respect to that so indicated or specified in this Contract. However, the City may have adopted certain uniform standards for certain materials, processes and articles. Contractor shall submit requests, together with substantiating data, for substitution of any "or equal" material, process or article no later than thirty-five (35) days after award of the Contract. To facilitate the construction schedule and sequencing, some requests may need to be submitted before thirty-five (35) days after award of Contract. Provisions regarding submission of "or equal" requests shall not in any way authorize an extension of time for performance of this Contract. If a proposed "or equal" substitution request is rejected, Contractor shall be responsible for providing the specified material, process or article. The burden of proof as to the equality of any material, process or article shall rest with Contractor.

The City has the complete and sole discretion to determine if a material, process or article is an "or equal" material, process or article that may be substituted. Data required to substantiate requests for substitutions of an "or equal" material, process or article shall include a signed affidavit from Contractor stating that, and describing how, the substituted "or equal" material, process or article is equivalent to that specified in every way except as listed on the affidavit. Substantiating data shall include any and all illustrations, specifications, and other relevant data including catalog information which describes the requested substituted "or equal" material, process or article, and substantiates that it is an "or equal" to the material, process or article. The substantiating data must also include information regarding the durability and lifecycle cost of the requested substituted "or equal" material, process or article. Failure to submit all the required substantiating data, including the signed affidavit, to the City in a timely fashion will result in the rejection of the proposed substitution.

Contractor shall bear all of the City's costs associated with the review of substitution requests. Contractor shall be responsible for all costs related to a substituted "or equal" material, process or article. Contractor is directed to the Special Conditions (if any) to review any findings made pursuant to Public Contract Code section 3400.

3.3 Period of Performance and Liquidated Damages. Contractor shall perform and complete all Work under this Contract within **80 working days**, beginning the effective date of the Notice to Proceed ("Contract Time"). Contractor shall perform its Work in strict accordance with any completion schedule, construction schedule or project milestones developed by the City. Such schedules or milestones may be included as part of Exhibits "A" or "B" attached hereto or may be provided separately in writing to Contractor. Contractor agrees that if such Work is not completed within the aforementioned Contract Time and/or pursuant to any such completion schedule, construction schedule or project milestones developed pursuant to provisions of the Contract, it is understood, acknowledged and agreed that the City will suffer damage. Pursuant to Government Code Section 53069.85, Contractor shall pay to the City as fixed and liquidated damages the sum of **\$500 per day** for each and every calendar day of delay beyond the Contract Time or beyond any completion schedule, construction schedule or Project milestones established pursuant to the Contract.

3.4 Standard of Performance; Performance of Employees. Contractor shall perform all Work under this Contract in a skillful and workmanlike manner, and consistent with the standards generally recognized as being employed by professionals in the same discipline in the State of California. Contractor represents and maintains that it is skilled in the professional calling necessary to perform the Work. Contractor warrants that all employees and subcontractors shall have sufficient skill and experience to perform the Work assigned to them. Finally, Contractor represents that it, its employees and subcontractors have all licenses, permits, qualifications and approvals of whatever nature that are legally required to perform the Work, including any required business license, and that such licenses and approvals shall be maintained throughout the term of this Contract. As provided for in the indemnification provisions of this Contract, Contractor shall perform, at its own cost and expense and without reimbursement from the City, any work necessary to correct errors or omissions which are caused by Contractor's failure to comply with the standard of care provided for herein. Any employee who is determined by the City to be uncooperative, incompetent, a threat to the safety of persons or the Work, or any employee who fails or refuses to perform the Work in a manner acceptable to the City, shall be promptly removed from the Project by Contractor and shall not be re-employed on the Work.

3.5 Control and Payment of Subordinates; Contractual Relationship. City retains Contractor on an independent contractor basis and Contractor is not an employee of City. Any additional personnel performing the work governed by this Contract on behalf of Contractor shall at all times be under Contractor's exclusive direction and control. Contractor shall pay all wages, salaries, and other amounts due such personnel in connection with their performance under this Contract and as required by law. Contractor shall be responsible for all reports and obligations respecting such additional personnel, including, but not limited to: social security taxes, income tax withholding, unemployment insurance, and workers' compensation insurance.

3.6 City's Basic Obligation. City agrees to engage and does hereby engage Contractor as an independent contractor to furnish all materials and to perform all Work according to the terms and conditions herein contained for the sum set forth above. Except as otherwise provided in the Contract, the City shall pay to Contractor, as full consideration for the satisfactory performance by Contractor of the services and obligations required by this Contract, the below-referenced compensation in accordance with compensation provisions set forth in the Contract.

3.7 Compensation and Payment.

3.7.1 Amount of Compensation. As consideration for performance of the Work required herein, City agrees to pay Contractor the Total Contract Price of **Two hundred one thousand eleven and ninety-three cents Dollars (\$201,011.93)** ("Total Contract Price") provided that such amount shall be subject to adjustment pursuant to the applicable terms of this Contract or written change orders approved and signed in advance by the City.

3.7.2 Payment of Compensation. If the Work is scheduled for completion in thirty (30) or less calendar days, City will arrange for payment of the Total Contract Price upon completion and approval by City of the Work. If the Work is scheduled for completion in more than thirty (30) calendar days, City will pay Contractor on a monthly basis as provided for herein. On or before the fifth (5th) day of each month, Contractor shall submit to the City an itemized application for payment

in the format supplied by the City indicating the amount of Work completed since commencement of the Work or since the last progress payment. These applications shall be supported by evidence which is required by this Contract and such other documentation as the City may require. The Contractor shall certify that the Work for which payment is requested has been done and that the materials listed are stored where indicated. Contractor may be required to furnish a detailed schedule of values upon request of the City and in such detail and form as the City shall request, showing the quantities, unit prices, overhead, profit, and all other expenses involved in order to provide a basis for determining the amount of progress payments.

3.7.3 Prompt Payment. City shall review and pay all progress payment requests in accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 20104.50 of the California Public Contract Code. However, no progress payments will be made for Work not completed in accordance with this Contract. Contractor shall comply with all applicable laws, rules and regulations relating to the proper payment of its employees, subcontractors, suppliers or others.

3.7.4 Contract Retentions. From each approved progress estimate, five percent (5%) will be deducted and retained by the City, and the remainder will be paid to Contractor. All Contract retention shall be released and paid to Contractor and subcontractors pursuant to California Public Contract Code Section 7107.

3.7.5 Other Retentions. In addition to Contract retentions, the City may deduct from each progress payment an amount necessary to protect City from loss because of: (1) liquidated damages which have accrued as of the date of the application for payment; (2) any sums expended by the City in performing any of Contractor's obligations under the Contract which Contractor has failed to perform or has performed inadequately; (3) defective Work not remedied; (4) stop notices as allowed by state law; (5) reasonable doubt that the Work can be completed for the unpaid balance of the Total Contract Price or within the scheduled completion date; (6) unsatisfactory prosecution of the Work by Contractor; (7) unauthorized deviations from the Contract; (8) failure of Contractor to maintain or submit on a timely basis proper and sufficient documentation as required by the Contract or by City during the prosecution of the Work; (9) erroneous or false estimates by Contractor of the value of the Work performed; (10) any sums representing expenses, losses, or damages as determined by the City, incurred by the City for which Contractor is liable under the Contract; and (11) any other sums which the City is entitled to recover from Contractor under the terms of the Contract or pursuant to state law, including Section 1727 of the California Labor Code. The failure by the City to deduct any of these sums from a progress payment shall not constitute a waiver of the City's right to such sums.

3.7.6 Substitutions for Contract Retentions. In accordance with California Public Contract Code Section 22300, the City will permit the substitution of securities for any monies withheld by the City to ensure performance under the Contract. At the request and expense of Contractor, securities equivalent to the amount withheld shall be deposited with the City, or with a state or federally chartered bank in California as the escrow agent, and thereafter the City shall then pay such monies to Contractor as they come due. Upon satisfactory completion of the Contract, the securities shall be returned to Contractor. For purposes of this Section and Section 22300 of the Public Contract Code, the term "satisfactory completion of the contract" shall mean the time the City has issued written final acceptance of the Work and filed a Notice of Completion as required

by law and provisions of this Contract. Contractor shall be the beneficial owner of any securities substituted for monies withheld and shall receive any interest thereon. The escrow agreement used for the purposes of this Section shall be in the form provided by the City.

3.7.7 Title to Work. As security for partial, progress, or other payments, title to Work for which such payments are made shall pass to the City at the time of payment. To the extent that title has not previously been vested in the City by reason of payments, full title shall pass to the City at delivery of the Work at the destination and time specified in this Contract. Such transferred title shall in each case be good, free and clear from any and all security interests, liens, or other encumbrances. Contractor promises and agrees that it will not pledge, hypothecate, or otherwise encumber the items in any manner that would result in any lien, security interest, charge, or claim upon or against said items. Such transfer of title shall not imply acceptance by the City, nor relieve Contractor from the responsibility to strictly comply with the Contract and shall not relieve Contractor of responsibility for any loss of or damage to items.

3.7.8 Labor and Material Releases. Contractor shall furnish City with labor and material releases from all subcontractors performing work on, or furnishing materials for, the Work governed by this Contract prior to final payment by City.

3.7.9 Prevailing Wages. Contractor is aware of the requirements of California Labor Code Section 1720 et seq., and 1770 et seq., as well as California Code of Regulations, Title 8, Section 16000 et seq., ("Prevailing Wage Laws"), which require the payment of prevailing wage rates and the performance of other requirements on "public works" and "maintenance" projects. Since the Services are being performed as part of an applicable "public works" or "maintenance" project, as defined by the Prevailing Wage Laws, and since the total compensation is \$1,000 or more, Contractor agrees to fully comply with such Prevailing Wage Laws. City shall provide Contractor with a copy of the prevailing rates of per diem wages in effect at the commencement of this Contract upon request. Contractor shall make copies of the prevailing rates of per diem wages for each craft, classification or type of worker needed to execute the Services available to interested parties upon request and shall post copies at Contractor's principal place of business and at the project site. Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold the City, its officials, officers, employees and agents free and harmless from any claim or liability arising out of any failure or alleged failure to comply with the Prevailing Wage Laws. Contractor and any subcontractor shall forfeit a penalty of up to \$200 per calendar day or portion thereof for each worker paid less than the prevailing wage rates.

3.7.10 Apprenticeable Crafts. When Contractor employs workmen in an apprenticeable craft or trade, Contractor shall comply with the provisions of Section 1777.5 of the California Labor Code with respect to the employment of properly registered apprentices upon public works. The primary responsibility for compliance with said section for all apprenticeable occupations shall be with Contractor. The Contractor or any subcontractor that is determined by the Labor Commissioner to have knowingly violated Section 1777.5 shall forfeit as a civil penalty an amount not exceeding \$100 for each full calendar day of noncompliance, or such greater amount as provided by law.

3.7.11 Hours of Work. Contractor is advised that eight (8) hours labor constitutes a legal day's work. Pursuant to Section 1813 of the California Labor Code, Contractor shall forfeit a penalty of \$25.00 per worker for each day that each worker is permitted to work more than eight (8) hours in any one calendar day and forty (40) hours in any one calendar week, except when payment for overtime is made at not less than one and one-half (1-1/2) times the basic rate for that worker.

3.7.12 Payroll Records. Contractor and each subcontractor shall keep an accurate payroll record, showing the name, address, social security number, work classification, straight time and overtime hours worked each day and week, and the actual per diem wages paid to each journeyman, apprentice, worker, or other employee employed by him or her in connection with the public work. The payroll records shall be certified and shall be available for inspection at all reasonable hours at the principal office of Contractor in the manner provided in Labor Code section 1776. In the event of noncompliance with the requirements of this section, Contractor shall have 10 days in which to comply subsequent to receipt of written notice specifying in what respects such Contractor must comply with this section. Should noncompliance still be evident after such 10-day period, Contractor shall, as a penalty to City, forfeit not more than \$100.00 for each calendar day or portion thereof, for each worker, until strict compliance is effectuated. The amount of the forfeiture is to be determined by the Labor Commissioner. A contractor who is found to have violated the provisions of law regarding wages on Public Works with the intent to defraud shall be ineligible to bid on Public Works contracts for a period of one to three years as determined by the Labor Commissioner. Upon the request of the Division of Apprenticeship Standards or the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement, such penalties shall be withheld from progress payments then due. The responsibility for compliance with this section is on Contractor. The requirement to submit certified payroll records directly to the Labor Commissioner under Labor Code section 1771.4 shall not apply to work performed on a public works project that is exempt pursuant to the small project exemption specified in Labor Code Section 1771.4.

3.7.13 Contractor and Subcontractor Registration. Pursuant to Labor Code sections 1725.5 and 1771.1, all contractors and subcontractors that wish to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, or enter into a contract to perform public work must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations. No bid will be accepted, nor any contract entered into without proof of the contractor's and subcontractors' current registration with the Department of Industrial Relations to perform public work. Contractor is directed to review, fill out and execute the Public Works Contractor Registration Certification attached hereto as Exhibit "E" prior to contract execution. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the contractor registration requirements mandated by Labor Code Sections 1725.5 and 1771.1 shall not apply to work performed on a public works project that is exempt pursuant to the small project exemption specified in Labor Code Sections 1725.5 and 1771.1.

3.7.14 Labor Compliance; Stop Orders. This Project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. It shall be the Contractor's sole responsibility to evaluate and pay the cost of complying with all labor compliance requirements under this Contract and applicable law. Any stop orders issued by the Department of Industrial Relations against Contractor or any subcontractor that affect Contractor's performance of Work, including any delay, shall be Contractor's sole responsibility. Any delay arising out of or resulting

from such stop orders shall be considered Contractor caused delay subject to any applicable liquidated damages and shall not be compensable by the City. Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold the City, its officials, officers, employees and agents free and harmless from any claim or liability arising out of stop orders issued by the Department of Industrial Relations against Contractor or any subcontractor.

3.8 Performance of Work; Jobsite Obligations.

3.8.1 Water Quality Management and Compliance.

3.8.1.1 Water Quality Management and Compliance. Contractor shall keep itself and all subcontractors, staff, and employees fully informed of and in compliance with all local, state and federal laws, rules and regulations that may impact, or be implicated by the performance of the Work including, without limitation, all applicable provisions of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. §§ 1300); the California Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (Cal Water Code §§ 13000-14950); local ordinances regulating discharges of storm water; and any and all regulations, policies, or permits issued pursuant to any such authority regulating the discharge of pollutants, as that term is used in the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act, to any ground or surface water in the State.

3.8.1.2 Compliance with the Statewide Construction General Permit. Contractor shall comply with all conditions of the most recent iteration of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction Activity, issued by the California State Water Resources Control Board ("Permit"). It shall be Contractor's sole responsibility to file a Notice of Intent and procure coverage under the Permit for all construction activity which results in the disturbance of more than one acre of total land area, or which is part of a larger common area of development or sale. Prior to initiating work, Contractor shall be solely responsible for preparing and implementing a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) as required by the Permit. Contractor shall be responsible for procuring, implementing and complying with the provisions of the Permit and the SWPPP, including the standard provisions, and monitoring and reporting requirements as required by the Permit. The Permit requires the SWPPP to be a "living document" that changes as necessary to meet the conditions and requirements of the job site as it progresses through different phases of construction and is subject to different weather conditions. It shall be Contractor's sole responsibility to update the SWPPP as necessary to address conditions at the project site.

3.8.1.3 Other Water Quality Rules Regulations and Policies. Contractor shall comply with the lawful requirements of any applicable municipality, drainage City, or local agency regarding discharges of storm water to separate storm drain systems or other watercourses under their jurisdiction, including applicable requirements in municipal storm water management programs.

3.8.1.4 Cost of Compliance. Storm, surface, nuisance, or other waters may be encountered at various times during construction of The Work. Therefore, the Contractor, by submitting a Bid, hereby acknowledges that it has investigated the risk arising from such waters, has prepared its Bid accordingly, and assumes any and all risks and liabilities arising therefrom.

3.8.1.5 **Liability for Non-Compliance.** Failure to comply with the Permit is a violation of federal and state law. Pursuant to the indemnification provisions of this Contract, Contractor hereby agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City and its officials, officers, employees, volunteers and agents for any alleged violations. In addition, City may seek damages from Contractor for any delay in completing the Work in accordance with the Contract, if such delay is caused by or related to Contractor's failure to comply with the Permit.

3.8.1.6 **Reservation of Right to Defend.** City reserves the right to defend any enforcement action brought against the City for Contractor's failure to comply with the Permit or any other relevant water quality law, regulation, or policy. Pursuant to the indemnification provisions of this Contract, Contractor hereby agrees to be bound by, and to reimburse the City for the costs (including the City's attorney's fees) associated with, any settlement reached between the City and the relevant enforcement entity.

3.8.1.7 **Training.** In addition to the standard of performance requirements set forth in paragraph 3.4, Contractor warrants that all employees and subcontractors shall have sufficient skill and experience to perform the Work assigned to them without impacting water quality in violation of the laws, regulations and policies described in paragraph 3.8.1. Contractor further warrants that it, its employees and subcontractors will receive adequate training, as determined by City, regarding the requirements of the laws, regulations and policies described in paragraph 3.8.1 as they may relate to the Work provided under this Agreement. Upon request, City will provide the Contractor with a list of training programs that meet the requirements of this paragraph.

3.8.2 **Safety.** Contractor shall execute and maintain its work so as to avoid injury or damage to any person or property. Contractor shall comply with the requirements of the specifications relating to safety measures applicable in particular operations or kinds of work. In carrying out its Work, Contractor shall at all times be in compliance with all applicable local, state and federal laws, rules and regulations, and shall exercise all necessary precautions for the safety of employees appropriate to the nature of the Work and the conditions under which the Work is to be performed. Safety precautions as applicable shall include, but shall not be limited to, adequate life protection and lifesaving equipment; adequate illumination for underground and night operations; instructions in accident prevention for all employees, such as machinery guards, safe walkways, scaffolds, ladders, bridges, gang planks, confined space procedures, trenching and shoring, fall protection and other safety devices, equipment and wearing apparel as are necessary or lawfully required to prevent accidents or injuries; and adequate facilities for the proper inspection and maintenance of all safety measures. Furthermore, Contractor shall prominently display the names and telephone numbers of at least two medical doctors practicing in the vicinity of the Project, as well as the telephone number of the local ambulance service, adjacent to all telephones at the Project site.

3.8.3 **Laws and Regulations.** Contractor shall keep itself fully informed of and in compliance with all local, state and federal laws, rules and regulations in any manner affecting the performance of the Contract or the Work, including all Cal/OSHA requirements, and shall give all notices required by law. Contractor shall be liable for all violations of such laws and regulations in connection with Work. If Contractor observes that the drawings or specifications are at variance with any law, rule or regulation, it shall promptly notify the City in writing. Any necessary changes

shall be made by written change order. If Contractor performs any work knowing it to be contrary to such laws, rules and regulations and without giving written notice to the City, Contractor shall be solely responsible for all costs arising therefrom. City is a public entity of the State of California subject to certain provisions of the Health & Safety Code, Government Code, Public Contract Code, and Labor Code of the State. It is stipulated and agreed that all provisions of the law applicable to the public contracts of a municipality are a part of this Contract to the same extent as though set forth herein and will be complied with. Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold City, its officials, officers, employees and agents free and harmless, pursuant to the indemnification provisions of this Contract, from any claim or liability arising out of any failure or alleged failure to comply with such laws, rules or regulations.

3.8.4 Permits and Licenses. Contractor shall be responsible for securing City permits and licenses necessary to perform the Work described herein, including, but not limited to, any required business license. While Contractor will not be charged a fee for any City permits, Contractor shall pay the City's business license fee, if any. Any ineligible contractor or subcontractor pursuant to Labor Code Sections 1777.1 and 1777.7 may not perform work on this Project.

3.8.5 Trenching Work. If the Total Contract Price exceeds \$25,000 and if the Work governed by this Contract entails excavation of any trench or trenches five (5) feet or more in depth, Contractor shall comply with all applicable provisions of the California Labor Code, including Section 6705. To this end, Contractor shall submit for City's review and approval a detailed plan showing the design of shoring, bracing, sloping, or other provisions to be made for worker protection from the hazard of caving ground during the excavation of such trench or trenches. If such plan varies from the shoring system standards, the plan shall be prepared by a registered civil or structural engineer.

3.8.6 Hazardous Materials and Differing Conditions. As required by California Public Contract Code Section 7104, if this Contract involves digging trenches or other excavations that extend deeper than four (4) feet below the surface, Contractor shall promptly, and prior to disturbance of any conditions, notify City of: (1) any material discovered in excavation that Contractor believes to be a hazardous waste that is required to be removed to a Class I, Class II or Class III disposal site; (2) subsurface or latent physical conditions at the site differing from those indicated by City; and (3) unknown physical conditions of an unusual nature at the site, significantly different from those ordinarily encountered in such contract work. Upon notification, City shall promptly investigate the conditions to determine whether a change order is appropriate. In the event of a dispute, Contractor shall not be excused from any scheduled completion date and shall proceed with all Work to be performed under the Contract but shall retain all rights provided by the Contract or by law for making protests and resolving the dispute.

3.8.7 Underground Utility Facilities. To the extent required by Section 4215 of the California Government Code, City shall compensate Contractor for the costs of: (1) locating and repairing damage to underground utility facilities not caused by the failure of Contractor to exercise reasonable care; (2) removing or relocating underground utility facilities not indicated in the construction drawings; and (3) equipment necessarily idled during such work. Contractor shall not be assessed liquidated damages for delay caused by failure of City to provide for removal or relocation of such utility facilities.

3.8.8 Air Quality. Contractor must fully comply with all applicable laws, rules and regulations in furnishing or using equipment and/or providing services, including, but not limited to, emissions limits and permitting requirements imposed by the California Air Resources Board (CARB). Although CARB limits and requirements are more broad, Contractor shall specifically be aware of their application to "portable equipment", which definition is considered by CARB to include any item of equipment with a fuel-powered engine. Contractor shall indemnify City against any fines or penalties imposed by CARB, or any other governmental or regulatory agency for violations of applicable laws, rules and/or regulations by Contractor, its subcontractors, or others for whom Contractor is responsible under its indemnity obligations provided for in this Agreement.

3.8.9 State Recycling Mandates. Contractor shall comply with State Recycling Mandates. Any recyclable materials/debris collected by the contractor that can be feasibly diverted via reuse or recycling must be hauled by the appropriate handler for reuse or recycling.

3.9 Completion of Work. When Contractor determines that it has completed the Work required herein, Contractor shall so notify City in writing and shall furnish all labor and material releases required by this Contract. City shall thereupon inspect the Work. If the Work is not acceptable to the City, the City shall indicate to Contractor in writing the specific portions or items of Work which are unsatisfactory or incomplete. Once Contractor determines that it has completed the incomplete or unsatisfactory Work, Contractor may request a reinspection by the City. Once the Work is acceptable to City, City shall pay to Contractor the Total Contract Price remaining to be paid, less any amount which City may be authorized or directed by law to retain. Payment of retention proceeds due to Contractor shall be made in accordance with Section 7107 of the California Public Contract Code.

3.10 Claims; Government Code Claim Compliance.

3.10.1 Intent. Effective January 1, 1991, Section 20104 et seq., of the California Public Contract Code prescribes a process utilizing informal conferences, non-binding judicial supervised mediation, and judicial arbitration to resolve disputes on construction claims of \$375,000 or less. Effective January 1, 2017, Section 9204 of the Public Contract Code prescribes a process for negotiation and mediation to resolve disputes on construction claims. The intent of this Section is to implement Sections 20104 et seq. and Section 9204 of the California Public Contract Code. This Section shall be construed to be consistent with said statutes.

3.10.2 Claims. For purposes of this Section, "Claim" means a separate demand by the Contractor, after a change order duly requested in accordance with the terms of this Contract has been denied by the City, for (A) a time extension, (B) payment of money or damages arising from Work done by or on behalf of the Contractor pursuant to the Contract, or (C) an amount the payment of which is disputed by the City. Claims governed by this Section may not be filed unless and until the Contractor completes all procedures for giving notice of delay or change and for the requesting of a time extension or change order, including but not necessarily limited to the change order procedures contained herein, and Contractor's request for a change has been denied in whole or in part. Claims governed by this Section must be filed no later than fourteen (14) days after a request for change has been denied in whole or in part or after any other event giving rise to the Claim. The Claim shall be submitted in writing to the City and shall include on its first page the

following in 16-point capital font: "THIS IS A CLAIM." Furthermore, the claim shall include the documents necessary to substantiate the claim. Nothing in this Section is intended to extend the time limit or supersede notice requirements otherwise provided by contract for the filing of claims, including all requirements pertaining to compensation or payment for extra Work, disputed Work, and/or changed conditions. Failure to follow such contractual requirements shall bar any claims or subsequent lawsuits for compensation or payment thereon.

3.10.3 Supporting Documentation. The Contractor shall submit all claims in the following format:

3.10.3.1 Summary of claim merit and price, reference Contract Document provisions pursuant to which the claim is made

3.10.3.2 List of documents relating to claim:

- (A) Specifications
- (B) Drawings
- (C) Clarifications (Requests for Information)
- (D) Schedules
- (E) Other

3.10.3.3 Chronology of events and correspondence

3.10.3.4 Analysis of claim merit

3.10.3.5 Analysis of claim cost

3.10.3.6 Time impact analysis in CPM format

3.10.3.7 If Contractor's claim is based in whole or in part on an allegation of errors or omissions in the Drawings or Specifications for the Project, Contractor shall provide a summary of the percentage of the claim subject to design errors or omissions and shall obtain a certificate of merit in support of the claim of design errors and omissions.

3.10.3.8 Cover letter and certification of validity of the claim, including any claims from subcontractors of any tier, in accordance with Government Code section 12650 *et seq.*

3.10.4 City's Response. Upon receipt of a claim pursuant to this Section, City shall conduct a reasonable review of the claim and, within a period not to exceed 45 days, shall provide the Contractor a written statement identifying what portion of the claim is disputed and what portion is undisputed. Any payment due on an undisputed portion of the claim will be processed and made within 60 days after the public entity issues its written statement.

3.10.4.1 If City needs approval from its governing body to provide the Contractor a written statement identifying the disputed portion and the undisputed portion of the claim, and the governing body does not meet within the 45 days or within the mutually agreed to extension of time following receipt of a claim sent by registered mail or certified mail, return receipt requested, City shall have up to three days following the next duly publicly noticed meeting of the governing body after the 45-day period, or extension, expires to provide the Contractor a written statement identifying the disputed portion and the undisputed portion.

3.10.4.2 Within 30 days of receipt of a claim, City may request in writing additional documentation supporting the claim or relating to defenses or claims City may have against the Contractor. If additional information is thereafter required, it shall be requested and provided pursuant to this subdivision, upon mutual agreement of City and the Contractor.

3.10.4.3 City's written response to the claim, as further documented, shall be submitted to the Contractor within 30 days (if the claim is less than \$50,000, within 15 days) after receipt of the further documentation, or within a period of time no greater than that taken by the Contractor in producing the additional information or requested documentation, whichever is greater.

3.10.5 Meet and Confer. If the Contractor disputes City's written response, or City fails to respond within the time prescribed, the Contractor may so notify City, in writing, either within 15 days of receipt of City's response or within 15 days of City's failure to respond within the time prescribed, respectively, and demand an informal conference to meet and confer for settlement of the issues in dispute. Upon receipt of a demand, City shall schedule a meet and confer conference within 30 days for settlement of the dispute.

3.10.6 Mediation. Within 10 business days following the conclusion of the meet and confer conference, if the claim or any portion of the claim remains in dispute, City shall provide the Contractor a written statement identifying the portion of the claim that remains in dispute and the portion that is undisputed. Any payment due on an undisputed portion of the claim shall be processed and made within 60 days after City issues its written statement. Any disputed portion of the claim, as identified by the Contractor in writing, shall be submitted to nonbinding mediation, with City and the Contractor sharing the associated costs equally. City and Contractor shall mutually agree to a mediator within 10 business days after the disputed portion of the claim has been identified in writing, unless the parties agree to select a mediator at a later time.

3.10.6.1 If the Parties cannot agree upon a mediator, each Party shall select a mediator and those mediators shall select a qualified neutral third party to mediate with regard to the disputed portion of the claim. Each Party shall bear the fees and costs charged by its respective mediator in connection with the selection of the neutral mediator.

3.10.6.2 For purposes of this section, mediation includes any nonbinding process, including, but not limited to, neutral evaluation or a dispute review board, in which an independent third party or board assists the Parties in dispute resolution through negotiation or by issuance of an evaluation. Any mediation utilized shall conform to the timeframes in this section.

3.10.6.3 Unless otherwise agreed to by City and the Contractor in writing, the mediation conducted pursuant to this section shall excuse any further obligation under Section 20104.4 to mediate after litigation has been commenced.

3.10.6.4 The mediation shall be held no earlier than the date the Contractor completes the Work or the date that the Contractor last performs Work, whichever is earlier. All unresolved claims shall be considered jointly in a single mediation, unless a new unrelated claim arises after mediation is completed.

3.10.7 Procedures After Mediation. If following the mediation, the claim or any portion remains in dispute, the Contractor must file a claim pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 900) and Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 910) of Part 3 of Division 3.6 of Title 1 of the Government Code. For purposes of those provisions, the running of the period of time within which a claim must be filed shall be tolled from the time the Contractor submits his or her written claim pursuant to subdivision (a) until the time the claim is denied, including any period of time utilized by the meet and confer conference or mediation.

3.10.8 Civil Actions. The following procedures are established for all civil actions filed to resolve claims subject to this Section:

3.10.8.1 Within 60 days, but no earlier than 30 days, following the filing or responsive pleadings, the court shall submit the matter to non-binding mediation unless waived by mutual stipulation of both parties or unless mediation was held prior to commencement of the action in accordance with Public Contract Code section 9204 and the terms of these procedures.. The mediation process shall provide for the selection within 15 days by both parties of a disinterested third person as mediator, shall be commenced within 30 days of the submittal, and shall be concluded within 15 days from the commencement of the mediation unless a time requirement is extended upon a good cause showing to the court.

3.10.8.2 If the matter remains in dispute, the case shall be submitted to judicial arbitration pursuant to Chapter 2.5 (commencing with Section 1141.10) of Title 3 of Part 3 of the Code of Civil Procedure, notwithstanding Section 1114.11 of that code. The Civil Discovery Act of 1986 (Article 3 (commencing with Section 2016) of Chapter 3 of Title 3 of Part 4 of the Code of Civil Procedure) shall apply to any proceeding brought under this subdivision consistent with the rules pertaining to judicial arbitration.

3.10.8.3 In addition to Chapter 2.5 (commencing with Section 1141.10) of Title 3 of Part 3 of the Code of Civil Procedure, (A) arbitrators shall, when possible, be experienced in construction law, and (B) any party appealing an arbitration award who does not obtain a more favorable judgment shall, in addition to payment of costs and fees under that chapter, also pay the attorney's fees on appeal of the other party.

3.10.9 Government Code Claims. In addition to any and all contract requirements pertaining to notices of and requests for compensation or payment for extra work, disputed work, claims and/or changed conditions, Contractor must comply with the claim procedures set forth in Government Code sections 900 et seq. prior to filing any lawsuit against the City. Such

Government Code claims, and any subsequent lawsuit based upon the Government Code claims shall be limited to those matters that remain unresolved after all procedures pertaining to extra work, disputed work, claims, and/or changed conditions have been followed by Contractor. If no such Government Code claim is submitted, or if any prerequisite contractual requirements are not otherwise satisfied as specified herein, Contractor shall be barred from bringing and maintaining a valid lawsuit against the City. A Government Code claim must be filed no earlier than the date the work is completed or the date the Contractor last performs work on the Project, whichever occurs first. A Government Code claim shall be inclusive of all unresolved claims unless a new unrelated claim arises after the Government Code claim is submitted.

3.10.10 Non-Waiver. City's failure to respond to a claim from the Contractor within the time periods described in this Section or to otherwise meet the time requirements of this Section shall result in the claim being deemed rejected in its entirety. City's failure to respond shall not waive City's rights to any subsequent procedures for the resolution of disputed claims.

3.11 Loss and Damage. Except as may otherwise be limited by law, Contractor shall be responsible for all loss and damage which may arise out of the nature of the Work agreed to herein, or from the action of the elements, or from any unforeseen difficulties which may arise or be encountered in the prosecution of the Work until the same is fully completed and accepted by City.

3.12 Indemnification.

3.12.1 Scope of Indemnity. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold the City, its officials, employees, agents and authorized volunteers free and harmless from any and all claims, demands, causes of action, suits, actions, proceedings, costs, expenses, liability, judgments, awards, decrees, settlements, loss, damage or injury of any kind, in law or equity, to property or persons, including wrongful death, (collectively, "Claims") in any manner arising out of, pertaining to, or incident to any alleged acts, errors or omissions, or willful misconduct of Contractor, its officials, officers, employees, subcontractors, consultants or agents in connection with the performance of the Contractor's services, the Project or this Agreement, including without limitation the payment of all consequential damages, expert witness fees and attorneys' fees and other related costs and expenses. Notwithstanding the foregoing, to the extent required by Civil Code section 2782, Contractor's indemnity obligation shall not apply to liability for damages for death or bodily injury to persons, injury to property, or any other loss, damage or expense arising from the sole or active negligence or willful misconduct of the City or the City's agents, servants, or independent contractors who are directly responsible to the City, or for defects in design furnished by those persons.

3.12.2 Additional Indemnity Obligations. Contractor shall defend, with counsel of City's choosing and at Contractor's own cost, expense and risk, any and all Claims covered by this section that may be brought or instituted against City or its officials, employees, agents and authorized volunteers. In addition, Contractor shall pay and satisfy any judgment, award or decree that may be rendered against City or its officials, employees, agents and authorized volunteers as part of any such claim, suit, action or other proceeding. Contractor shall also reimburse City for the cost of any settlement paid by City or its officials, employees, agents and authorized volunteers as part of any such claim, suit, action or other proceeding. Such

reimbursement shall include payment for City's attorney's fees and costs, including expert witness fees. Contractor shall reimburse City and its officials, employees, agents and authorized volunteers, for any and all legal expenses and costs incurred by each of them in connection therewith or in enforcing the indemnity herein provided. Contractor's obligation to indemnify shall not be restricted to insurance proceeds, if any, received by the City, its officials, employees, agents and authorized volunteers.

3.13 Insurance.

3.13.1 Time for Compliance. Contractor shall not commence Work under this Contract until it has provided evidence satisfactory to the City that it has secured all insurance required under this section. In addition, Contractor shall not allow any subcontractor to commence work on any subcontract until it has provided evidence satisfactory to the City that the subcontractor has secured all insurance required under this section. Failure to provide and maintain all required insurance shall be grounds for the City to terminate this Contract for cause.

3.13.2 Minimum Requirements. Contractor shall, at its expense, procure and maintain for the duration of the Contract insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the Work hereunder by Contractor, its agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors. Contractor shall also require all of its subcontractors to procure and maintain the same insurance for the duration of the Contract. Such insurance shall meet at least the following minimum levels of coverage:

3.13.2.1 Minimum Scope of Insurance. Coverage shall be at least as broad as the latest version of the following: (1) *General Liability*: Insurance Services Office Commercial General Liability coverage (occurrence form CG 00 01) OR Insurance Services Office Owners and Contractors Protective Liability Coverage Form (CG 00 09 11 88) (coverage for operations of designated contractor); (2) *Automobile Liability*: Insurance Services Office Business Auto Coverage form number CA 00 01, code 1 (any auto); and (3) *Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability*: Workers' Compensation insurance as required by the State of California and Employer's Liability Insurance. Policies shall not contain exclusions contrary to this Contract.

3.13.2.2 Minimum Limits of Insurance. Contractor shall maintain limits no less than: (1) *General Liability*: \$5,000,000 per occurrence and \$5,000,000 aggregate for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage; (2) *Automobile Liability*: \$5,000,000 per accident for bodily injury and property damage; and (3) *Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability*: Workers' compensation limits as required by the Labor Code of the State of California. Employer's Liability limits of \$1,000,000 each accident, policy limit bodily injury or disease, and each employee bodily injury or disease. Defense costs shall be available in addition to the limits. Notwithstanding the minimum limits specified herein, any available coverage shall be provided to the parties required to be named as additional insureds pursuant to this Contract.

3.13.3 Insurance Endorsements. The insurance policies shall contain the following provisions, or Contractor shall provide endorsements (amendments) on forms supplied or approved by the City to add the following provisions to the insurance policies:

3.13.3.1 General Liability. (1) Such policy shall give the City, its officials, employees, agents and authorized volunteers additional insured status using ISO endorsements CG20 10 10 01 plus CG20 37 10 01, or endorsements providing the exact same coverage, with respect to the Work or operations performed by or on behalf of Contractor, including materials, parts or equipment furnished in connection with such work; (2) all policies shall waive or shall permit Contractor to waive all rights of subrogation which may be obtained by the Contractor or any insurer by virtue of payment of any loss or any coverage provided to any person named as an additional insured pursuant to this Contract, and Contractor agrees to waive all such rights of subrogation; and (3) the insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects the City, its officials, employees, agents and authorized volunteers, or if excess, shall stand in an unbroken chain of coverage excess of Contractor's scheduled underlying coverage. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the City, its officials, employees, agents and authorized volunteers shall be excess of Contractor's insurance and shall not be called upon to contribute with it.

3.13.3.2 Automobile Liability. (1) Such policy shall give the City, its officials, employees, agents and authorized volunteers additional insured status with respect to the ownership, operation, maintenance, use, loading or unloading of any auto owned, leased, hired or borrowed by Contractor or for which Contractor is responsible; (2) all policies shall waive or shall permit Contractor to waive all rights of subrogation which may be obtained by the Contractor or any insurer by virtue of payment of any loss or any coverage provided to any person named as an additional insured pursuant to this Contract, and Contractor agrees to waive all such rights of subrogation; and (3) the insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects the City, its officials, employees, agents and authorized volunteers, or if excess, shall stand in an unbroken chain of coverage excess of Contractor's scheduled underlying coverage. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the City, its officials, employees, agents and authorized volunteers shall be excess of Contractor's insurance and shall not be called upon to contribute with it in any way.

3.13.3.3 Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability Coverage. The insurer shall agree to waive all rights of subrogation against the City, its officials, employees, agents and authorized volunteers for losses paid under the terms of the insurance policy which arise from work performed by Contractor.

3.13.3.4 All Coverages. Each insurance policy required by this Contract shall be endorsed to state that: (1) coverage shall not be suspended, voided, reduced or canceled except after thirty (30) days prior written notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, has been given to the City; and (2) any failure to comply with reporting or other provisions of the policies, including breaches of warranties, shall not affect coverage provided to the City, its officials, employees, agents and authorized volunteers.

3.13.4 Separation of Insureds; No Special Limitations. All insurance required by this Section shall contain standard separation of insureds provisions. In addition, such insurance shall not contain any special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to the City, its officials, employees, agents and authorized volunteers.

3.13.5 Deductibles and Self-Insurance Retentions. Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by the City. Contractor shall guarantee that,

at the option of the City, either: (1) the insurer shall reduce or eliminate such deductibles or self-insured retentions as respects the City, its officials, employees, agents and authorized volunteers; or (2) the Contractor shall procure a bond or other financial guarantee acceptable to the City guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigation costs, claims and administrative and defense expenses.

3.13.6 Acceptability of Insurers. Insurance is to be placed with insurers with a current A.M. Best's rating no less than A:VII, licensed to do business in California, and satisfactory to the City. Exception may be made for the State Compensation Insurance Fund when not specifically rated.

3.13.7 Verification of Coverage. Contractor shall furnish City with original certificates of insurance and endorsements effecting coverage required by this Contract on forms satisfactory to the City. The certificates and endorsements for each insurance policy shall be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf and shall be on forms supplied or approved by the City. All certificates and endorsements must be received and approved by the City before work commences. The City reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, at any time.

3.13.8 Subcontractors. All subcontractors shall meet the requirements of this Section before commencing Work. Contractor shall furnish separate certificates and endorsements for each subcontractor. Subcontractor policies of General Liability insurance shall name the City, its officials, employees, agents and authorized volunteers as additional insureds using form ISO 20 38 04 13 or endorsements providing the exact same coverage. All coverages for subcontractors shall be subject to all of the requirements stated herein except as otherwise agreed to by the City in writing.

3.13.9 Reporting of Claims. Contractor shall report to the City, in addition to Contractor's insurer, any and all insurance claims submitted by Contractor in connection with the Work under this Contract.

3.14 Bond Requirements.

3.14.1 Payment Bond. If required by law or otherwise specifically requested by City in Exhibit "C" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, Contractor shall execute and provide to City concurrently with this Contract a Payment Bond in an amount required by the City and in a form provided or approved by the City. If such bond is required, no payment will be made to Contractor until the bond has been received and approved by the City.

3.14.2 Performance Bond. If specifically requested by City in Exhibit "C" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, Contractor shall execute and provide to City concurrently with this Contract a Performance Bond in an amount required by the City and in a form provided or approved by the City. If such bond is required, no payment will be made to Contractor until the bond has been received and approved by the City.

3.14.3 Bond Provisions. Should, in City's sole opinion, any bond become insufficient, or any surety be found to be unsatisfactory, Contractor shall renew or replace the effected bond within (ten) 10 days of receiving notice from City. In the event the surety or Contractor intends to reduce or cancel any required bond, at least thirty (30) days prior written notice shall be given to the City, and Contractor shall post acceptable replacement bonds at least ten (10) days prior to expiration of the original bonds. No further payments shall be deemed due or will be made under this Contract until any replacement bonds required by this Section are accepted by the City. To the extent, if any, that the Total Contract Price is increased in accordance with the Contract, Contractor shall, upon request of the City, cause the amount of the bond to be increased accordingly and shall promptly deliver satisfactory evidence of such increase to the City. If Contractor fails to furnish any required bond, the City may terminate the Contract for cause.

3.14.4 Surety Qualifications. Only bonds executed by an admitted surety insurer, as defined in California Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.120, shall be accepted. If a California-admitted surety insurer issuing bonds does not meet these requirements, the insurer will be considered qualified if it is in conformance with Section 995.660 of the California Code of Civil Procedure, and proof of such is provided to the City.

3.15 Warranty. Contractor warrants all Work under the Contract (which for purposes of this Section shall be deemed to include unauthorized work which has not been removed and any non-conforming materials incorporated into the Work) to be of good quality and free from any defective or faulty material and workmanship. Contractor agrees that for a period of one year (or the period of time specified elsewhere in the Contract or in any guarantee or warranty provided by any manufacturer or supplier of equipment or materials incorporated into the Work, whichever is later) after the date of final acceptance, Contractor shall within ten (10) days after being notified in writing by the City of any defect in the Work or non-conformance of the Work to the Contract, commence and prosecute with due diligence all Work necessary to fulfill the terms of the warranty at its sole cost and expense. Contractor shall act sooner as requested by the City in response to an emergency. In addition, Contractor shall, at its sole cost and expense, repair and replace any portions of the Work (or work of other contractors) damaged by its defective Work or which becomes damaged in the course of repairing or replacing defective Work. For any Work so corrected, Contractor's obligation hereunder to correct defective Work shall be reinstated for an additional one-year period, commencing with the date of acceptance of such corrected Work. Contractor shall perform such tests as the City may require to verify that any corrective actions, including, without limitation, redesign, repairs, and replacements comply with the requirements of the Contract. All costs associated with such corrective actions and testing, including the removal, replacement, and reinstitution of equipment and materials necessary to gain access, shall be the sole responsibility of Contractor. All warranties and guarantees of subcontractors, suppliers and manufacturers with respect to any portion of the Work, whether express or implied, are deemed to be obtained by Contractor for the benefit of the City, regardless of whether or not such warranties and guarantees have been transferred or assigned to the City by separate agreement and Contractor agrees to enforce such warranties and guarantees, if necessary, on behalf of the City. In the event that Contractor fails to perform its obligations under this Section, or under any other warranty or guaranty under this Contract, to the reasonable satisfaction of the City, the City shall have the right to correct and replace any defective or non-conforming Work and any work damaged by such work or the

replacement or correction thereof at Contractor's sole expense. Contractor shall be obligated to fully reimburse the City for any expenses incurred hereunder upon demand.

3.16 Employee/Labor Certifications.

3.16.1 Contractor's Labor Certification. By its signature hereunder, Contractor certifies that he is aware of the provisions of Section 3700 of the California Labor Code which require every employer to be insured against liability for Worker's Compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions of that Code and agrees to comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of the Work. A certification form for this purpose, which is attached to this Contract as Exhibit "D" and incorporated herein by reference, shall be executed simultaneously with this Contract.

3.16.2 Equal Opportunity Employment. Contractor represents that it is an equal opportunity employer and that it shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, age or other interests protected by the State or Federal Constitutions. Such non-discrimination shall include, but not be limited to, all activities related to initial employment, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination.

3.16.3 Verification of Employment Eligibility. By executing this Contract, Contractor verifies that it fully complies with all requirements and restrictions of state and federal law respecting the employment of undocumented aliens, including, but not limited to, the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, as may be amended from time to time, and shall require all subcontractors and sub-subcontractors to comply with the same.

3.17 General Provisions.

3.17.1 City's Representative. The City hereby designates the General Manager, or his or her designee, to act as its representative for the performance of this Contract ("City's Representative"). City's Representative shall have the power to act on behalf of the City for all purposes under this Contract. Contractor shall not accept direction or orders from any person other than the City's Representative or his or her designee.

3.17.2 Contractor's Representative. Before starting the Work, Contractor shall submit in writing the name, qualifications and experience of its proposed representative who shall be subject to the review and approval of the City ("Contractor's Representative"). Following approval by the City, Contractor's Representative shall have full authority to represent and act on behalf of Contractor for all purposes under this Contract. Contractor's Representative shall supervise and direct the Work, using his best skill and attention, and shall be responsible for all construction means, methods, techniques, sequences and procedures and for the satisfactory coordination of all portions of the Work under this Contract. Contractor's Representative shall devote full time to the Project and either he or his designee, who shall be acceptable to the City, shall be present at the Work site at all times that any Work is in progress and at any time that any employee or subcontractor of Contractor is present at the Work site. Arrangements for responsible supervision, acceptable to the City, shall be made for emergency Work which may be required.

Should Contractor desire to change its Contractor's Representative, Contractor shall provide the information specified above and obtain the City's written approval.

3.17.3 Termination. This Contract may be terminated by City at any time, either with or without cause, by giving Contractor three (3) days advance written notice. In the event of termination by City for any reason other than the fault of Contractor, City shall pay Contractor for all Work performed up to that time as provided herein. In the event of breach of the Contract by Contractor, City may terminate the Contract immediately without notice, may reduce payment to Contractor in the amount necessary to offset City's resulting damages, and may pursue any other available recourse against Contractor. Contractor may not terminate this Contract except for cause. In the event this Contract is terminated in whole or in part as provided, City may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as it may determine appropriate, services similar to those terminated. Further, if this Contract is terminated as provided, City may require Contractor to provide all finished or unfinished documents, data, diagrams, drawings, materials or other matter prepared or built by Contractor in connection with its performance of this Contract.

3.17.4 Contract Interpretation. Should any question arise regarding the meaning or import of any of the provisions of this Contract or written or oral instructions from City, the matter shall be referred to City's Representative, whose decision

3.17.5 Anti-Trust Claims. This provision shall be operative if this Contract is applicable to California Public Contract Code Section 7103.5. In entering into this Contract to supply goods, services or materials, Contractor hereby offers and agrees to assign to the City all rights, title, and interest in and to all causes of action it may have under Section 4 of the Clayton Act (15 U.S.C. Section 15) or under the Cartwright Act (Chapter 2, commencing with Section 16700, of Part 2 of Division 7 of the Business and Professions Code) arising from purchases of goods, services, or materials pursuant to the Contract. This assignment shall be made and become effective at the time the City tender final payment to Contractor, without further acknowledgment by the Parties.

3.17.6 Notices. All notices hereunder and communications regarding interpretation of the terms of the Contract or changes thereto shall be provided by the mailing thereof by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid and addressed as follows:

CONTRACTOR: Solitude Lake Management LLC, dba Aquatic Environments
345 Industrial Way
Benicia, CA 94510

Lance W. Dohman
Business Development Consultant

CITY: City of Merced
2525 "O" Street
Merced, California 95340
Attn: Mr. Michael R. Beltran II, PE
City Engineer

Any notice so given shall be considered received by the other Party three (3) days after deposit in the U.S. Mail as stated above and addressed to the Party at the above address. Actual notice shall be deemed adequate notice on the date actual notice occurred, regardless of the method of service.

3.17.7 Time of Essence. Time is of the essence in the performance of this Contract.

3.17.8 Assignment Forbidden. Contractor shall not, either voluntarily or by action of law, assign or transfer this Contract or any obligation, right, title or interest assumed by Contractor herein without the prior written consent of City. If Contractor attempts an assignment or transfer of this Contract or any obligation, right, title or interest herein, City may, at its option, terminate and revoke the Contract and shall thereupon be relieved from any and all obligations to Contractor or its assignee or transferee.

3.17.9 No Third-Party Beneficiaries. There are no intended third-party beneficiaries of any right or obligation assumed by the Parties.

3.17.10 Laws, Venue, and Attorneys' Fees. This Agreement shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of California. If any action is brought to interpret or enforce any term of this Agreement, the action shall be brought in a state or federal court situated in the County of Merced, State of California.

3.17.11 Counterparts. This Contract may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original.

3.17.12 Successors. The Parties do for themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns agree to the full performance of all of the provisions contained in this Contract.

3.17.13 [Reserved]

3.17.14 Solicitation. Contractor maintains and warrants that it has not employed nor retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for Contractor, to solicit or secure this Contract. Further, Contractor warrants that it has not paid nor has it agreed to pay any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for Contractor, any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift or other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Contract. For breach or violation of this warranty, City shall have the right to terminate this Contract without liability.

3.17.15 Conflict of Interest. Contractor maintains and warrants that it has not employed nor retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for Contractor, to solicit or secure this Agreement. Further, Contractor warrants that it has not paid nor has it agreed to pay any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for Contractor, any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift or other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement. For breach or violation of this warranty, City shall have the right to rescind this Agreement without liability. For the term of this Contract, no official, officer or employee of City, during the term of his or her service with City, shall have any direct interest in this Contract, or obtain any present or anticipated material

benefit arising therefrom. In addition, Contractor agrees to file, or to cause its employees or subcontractors to file, a Statement of Economic Interest with the City's Filing Officer as required under state law in the performance of the Work.

3.17.16 Certification of License.

3.17.16.1 Contractor certifies that as of the date of execution of this Contract, Contractor has a current contractor's license of the classification indicated below under Contractor's signature.

3.17.16.2 Contractors are required by law to be licensed and regulated by the Contractors' State License Board which has jurisdiction to investigate complaints against contractors if a complaint regarding a patent act or omission is filed within four (4) years of the date of the alleged violation. A complaint regarding a latent act or omission pertaining to structural defects must be filed within ten (10) years of the date of the alleged violation. Any questions concerning a contractor may be referred to the Registrar, Contractors' State License Board, P.O. Box 26000, Sacramento, California 95826.

3.17.17 Authority to Enter Contract. Each Party warrants that the individuals who have signed this Contract have the legal power, right and authority to make this Contract and bind each respective Party.

3.17.18 Entire Contract; Modification. This Contract contains the entire agreement of the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and supersedes all prior negotiations, understandings or agreements. This Contract may only be modified by a writing signed by both Parties.

3.17.19 Non-Waiver. None of the provisions of this Agreement shall be considered waived by either party, unless such waiver is specifically specified in writing.

3.17.20 City's Right to Employ Other Contractors. City reserves right to employ other contractors in connection with this Project or other projects.

[SIGNATURES ON NEXT PAGE]

**SIGNATURE PAGE FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF MERCED
AND SOLITUDE LAKE MANAGEMENT LLC, dba AQUATIC ENVIRONMENTS**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have entered into this Agreement as of the
19th day of September, 2022.

CITY OF MERCED

**Solitude Lake Management LLC,
dba Aquatic Environments**

By: Stephanie Dietz
Stephanie Dietz
City Manager

By: [Signature]
Its: Director of Technical Services

Printed Name: Marc D. Bellaud



ATTEST:

By: Alejandra Mendez 9.21.22
Deputy City Clerk (SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

**Solitude Lake Management LLC,
dba Aquatic Environments**

By: [Signature] 9/14/2022
City Attorney

By: [Signature]
Contractor licensed in accordance with an act
providing for the registration of contractors.

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ACCOUNT DATA:

PO#146394

Taxpayer ID No.: 55-1940110

Project No.: 122069

Vendor No.: _____

Project Account Number(s) / Amount:

085-1120-637-65-00 \$49,759.98

001-1120-637-65-00 \$151,251.95

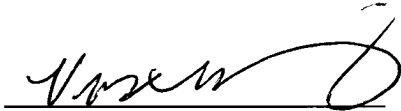
Address: 345 industrial Way
Benicia, CA 94510

Phone: 925-521-0400

Fax: 925-521-0403

Email: ldohman@solitudelake.com

By:



Finance Officer Verification V-19006

Funds available. JC 8/26/22
FZ 8/29/22

EXHIBIT "A"-SERVICES / SCHEDULE

BASE BID SCHEDULE

BID SCHEDULE A:

Item	Description	Unit	Quant.	Unit Price	Total
1	Permits, Bonds, Licenses & Insurance	LS	1	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00
2	Public Convenience and Safety	LS	1	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
3	Water Pollution Control	LS	1	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
4	Remove Concrete	SF	3429	\$4.17	\$14,298.93
5	Remove Fountain	LS	1	\$23,500.00	\$23,500.00
6	Remove Plumbing	LS	1	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
7	Remove Electrical	LS	1	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
8	Remove Metal Vault	EA	1	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00
9	Remove and Replace Wrought Iron Fence	LF	40	\$25.00	\$1,000.00
10	Remove Plaque	EA	1	\$250.00	\$250.00
11	4" Concrete	SF	1880	\$16.25	\$30,550.00
12	Install Fountain	LS	1	\$21,500.00	\$21,500.00
13	Place Fountain Walls	LS	1	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00
14	New Fountain Gunite	SF	1430	\$7.30	\$10,439.00
15	New Fountain Concrete	YD	45	\$550.00	\$24,750.00
16	Native Natural Rock	LS	1	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00
17	New Stand with Plaque	LS	1	\$650.00	\$650.00
18	Pump and Filtration System	LS	1	\$9,500.00	\$9,500.00
19	Restoration	LS	1	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00

TOTAL BASE BID SCHEDULE "A" ITEMS 1 THROUGH 19 \$ 181,437.93

BID ALTERNATE SCHEDULE

BID SCHEDULE B:

Item	Description	Unit	Quant.	Unit Price	Total
1	Restoration of Fountain	LS	1	\$11,800.00	\$11,800.00
2	New Fountain Granite Columns	EA	4	\$1,050.00	\$4,200.00
3	New Fountain Ornament	LS	1	\$3,574.00	\$3,574.00

TOTAL BID ALTERNATE SCHEDULE "B" ITEMS 1 THROUGH 3 \$ 19,574.00

TOTAL BID SCHEDULE A & B \$ 201,011.93

BASE B

EXHIBIT "B" - PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS

1. SCOPE OF WORK

The work to be done consists, in general of: restoring Laura Fountain per plans. This includes removing the existing fountain and storing in a safe place, removing existing concrete, plumbing, fencing, and pump/filter system; and installing the fountain foundation and waterproofing coating, installing concrete sidewalks, concrete pad, surrounding fence, all new plumbing, restore the fountain to as close to its original state, adding granite columns, and manufacture a new ornament per the original photos.

All work shall be done within the City of Merced.

Such other items or details, not mentioned above, that are required by the plans, standard specifications, or these special provisions shall be performed, placed, constructed or installed.

2. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. It is recommended that the contractor visit the site prior to submitting a bid. Site visits can be scheduled for any day, 1-week before bid opening (4/19/2022) by contacting:
Paul Flores, Assistant Engineer at City of Merced
Email: floresp@cityofmerced.org
Phone: (209) 388-8708
2. All items not shown on the bid item list (or plans) shall be part of the Pump and Filtration System bid item.
3. Amount of working days may be adjusted due to supply chain issues. See section 3 "*Material Supply Delays*", below for additional information

3. MATERAIL SUPPLY DELAYS

The City of Merced is aware of current material supply shortages and delays. The City will work with the contractor on a revised completion date due to long lead times for materials. The City will not hold the contractor financially responsible (charging Liquidated Damages) due to supply and demand issues. If material delays are discovered, the City will require written proof from the said supplier stating delays, this can be in the form of a letter or an email.

3. PERFORMANCE

The Contractor shall furnish all labor, materials, tools, equipment, incidentals, and do all work described in the Plans and these Special Provisions.

4. COORDINATION/COOPERATION

The Contractor shall notify the Engineer at

(209) 385-6846 at least three (3) working days in advance of the tentative starting date.

The Contractor shall be responsible for contacting and coordinating with all utility companies, including the City, with regards to the location of existing underground facilities in the construction area. The Contractor shall call Underground Service Alert at (800) 642-2444, at least 2 working days before commencement of underground work for location of underground facilities.

Utility facilities damaged, temporarily disconnected, or relocated as a result of construction shall be repaired/reconnected as directed by the governing utility at the Contractor's expense.

Full compensation for conforming to the requirements of this section shall be considered as included in the price paid for the various contract items of work involved and no additional compensation will be made.

5. INSPECTION OF SITE

The Contractor shall inspect the work site and note all existing conditions before submitting a bid for this project. A site tour is scheduled immediately following the pre-bid/LBE meeting if requested.

6. DUST CONTROL

It shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to minimize dust during earth moving operations. A water truck shall be made available if necessary for dust control.

Full compensation for conforming to the requirements of this section shall be considered as included in the price paid for the various contract items of work involved and no additional compensation will be made.

7. PERMITS, BONDS, LICENSES AND INSURANCE

The Contractor shall procure all permits, bonds, licenses and insurance, pay all charges and fees, and give all notices necessary and incidental to the prosecution of the work.

Payment for "Permits, Bonds, Licenses and Insurance," shall be at the contract lump sum price as set forth in the proposal, and shall include all fees associated with permits, bonds, licenses, inspections, and all other fees necessary for the completion of this item.

8. PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND SAFETY

The Contractor shall be responsible for the safety of all within the project area. Construction site shall be properly secured at all time during the duration of the project. This may include the use of barricades; signs or fencing. Contractor to submit plan to the City Engineer for acceptance.

The Contractor shall notify the appropriate regional notification center for operators of subsurface installations at least two (2) working days, but not more than 14 calendar days, prior to commencing any excavation for construction area signposts. The regional notification centers include, but not limited to the following:

<u>Notification Center</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
Underground Service Alert (USA) (Northern California)	1-800-227-2600

Payment for Item , "*Public Convenience and Safety*," shall be at the contract lump sum price as set forth in the proposal, and shall include all fencing, signage, barricades, labor, materials, tools, equipment, and all work necessary for the completion of this item.

9. EROSIVITY WAIVER

As this project is less than 1-acre of land disturbance, the contractor shall apply for a Erosivity Waiver form the State Water Resource Control Board. This is a general permit to discharge storm water associated with construction activity (WQ Order No. 2009-0009-DWQ).

PAYMENT

The contract lump sum price paid for "*Erosivity Waiver*" includes full compensation for furnishing all labor, materials, and incidentals and for doing all the work involved in obtaining the waiver, as specified in the Standard Specifications, these special provisions, and as directed by the Engineer.

10. SURVEYING SERVICES

The Contractor will arrange for performance of survey work and construction layout and will be responsible for the accuracy of surveying adequate for construction. The selection of a Surveyor by the Contractor will be subject to approval by the Engineer. The Contractor shall preserve construction survey stakes and marks for the duration of their usefulness. If any construction survey stakes are lost or disturbed and need to be replaced, such replacement shall be by the Surveyor at the expense of the Contractor. The Contractor will dig all holes necessary for line and grade stakes. Full cost of providing surveys shall be borne exclusively by the Contractor.

Payment for "Surveying Services," shall be at the contract lump sum price as set forth in the proposal and shall include all labor, materials, tools, equipment, and all work necessary for the completion of this item.

11. AS-BUILT DRAWINGS

Record Drawings shall be submitted before the notice of completion is filed and must include the following:

- Shall be submitted on Mylar, at least 24"x 36", and shall bear the name, address, telephone number of the firm preparing the drawings and in electronic (AutoCAD) format.
- Surveyor's/Engineers statement (with embossed or wet seal and with and original signature on each sheet) shall verify the as-built drawings reflect the true conditions in the field.
- Contractor's statement (with original signature on each sheet) shall verify all construction specifications and product qualities have been met or exceeded.
- "AS-BUILT DRAWINGS" or "RECORD DRAWINGS" shall be clearly labeled on each sheet.
- The location and elevation of the benchmark referenced will be shown on the drawing.
- Corrected placement, grade, elevation and alignment of roads, water system, sewer and storm system, lighting system and appurtenances, pipe sizes, material changes, shall all be shown on as-built drawing.
- All horizontal distances shall be shown to the nearest tenth of a foot (0.1'). All elevations shall be shown to the nearest five hundredths of a foot (0.05').

Full compensation for conforming to the requirements of this section shall be considered as included in the price paid for the various contract items of work involved and no additional compensation will

12. SAWCUT EXISTING CONCRETE AND ASPHALT PAVEMENT

Sawcutting shall conform to the provisions in Section 39-3, "Existing Asphalt Concrete," and Section 40 "Concrete Pavement," of the State Standard Specifications and these special provisions. Contractor shall provide, if necessary, a Lead Compliance Plan to the City Engineer for review prior to sawcutting existing concrete and asphalt concrete.

All concrete shall be sawcut from an existing joint. Where no joint exists in concrete on the line at which concrete is to be removed, a straight, neat cut with a power-driven saw shall be made along the line to a minimum depth of 2 inches before removing the concrete. Existing asphalt shall be sawcut to a minimum depth of 2 inches and asphalt surface that borders the demolition area shall be protected from damage.

Full compensation for conforming to the requirements of this section shall be considered as included in the price paid for the various contract items of work. The cost for sawcutting shall be included within the associated items of work involved and no additional compensation will be made.

13. REMOVE CONCRETE

The contractor shall remove portions of the concrete walk, sidewalk, fountain interior and slab as shown on the plans and called for in these specifications. Existing concrete shall be sawcut to provide a smooth transition per "Sawcut Existing Concrete and Asphalt Pavement."

The quantities of portland cement concrete removed will be measured and paid for by the square foot.

The contract price per square foot for the removal of existing concrete shall be full compensation for furnishing all labor, materials, tools, equipment and incidentals, for doing all work involved and no additional compensation will be allowed therefor.

Surplus material shall become the property of the Contractor and shall be disposed of at the Contractor's expense outside the Park.

Payment for "Remove Concrete" shall be at the contract square foot price as set forth in the proposal and shall include all labor, materials, tools, equipment, trenching, backfilling and all work necessary for the completion of this item.

14. REMOVE FOUNTAIN

The contractor shall CARFULLY remove the existing fountain centerpieces and granite walls. These items are considered historical within the City so extreme care must be taken while removing each item.

All items shall then be safely stored and un-accessible to non-authorized personnel. The centerpiece and walls will be restored and re-installed within its original location per the plans. All damages caused during the demolition and relocation shall be at the contractor's expense.

Payment for "*Remove Fountain*," shall be at the contract lump sum price as set forth in the proposal and shall include all labor, materials, tools, equipment, relocating, storing, backfilling and all work necessary for the completion of this item

15. REMOVE PLUMBING

The contractor shall positively locate and remove and dispose of all existing plumbing used for the existing fountain. This includes all water lines from pump to fountain, drain pipes, pipes and connections within the existing metal vault. This does not include the abandonment of the existing water service and sewer lateral connections at the main. These items are paid under a separate item.

All removal shall be done by open trench and may be backfilled with native and compacted to 85% relative compaction where within a lawn area. Compaction under hardscape (asphalt and concrete) are subject to different requirements. See their respective section for requirements.

Payment for "*Remove Plumbing*," shall be at the contract lump sum price as set forth in the proposal and shall include all labor, materials, tools, equipment, trenching, backfilling, compacting and all work necessary for the completion of this item.

16. REMOVE ELECTRICAL

Contractor is to dis-connect and remove the existing power supply to the fountain, pump/motor and removal and disposal of the pump/motor. This item includes the removal and disposal of all wiring, conduits service boards/pedestals, motor, pump and anything required for installation of a new electrical power system.

All removal shall be done by open trench and may be backfilled with native and compacted to 85% relative compaction where within a lawn area. Compaction under hardscape (asphalt and concrete) are subject to different requirements. See their respective section for requirements.

Payment for "*Remove Electrical*," shall be at the contract lump sum price as set forth in the proposal and shall include all labor, materials, tools, equipment, trenching, backfilling compacting, and all work necessary for the completion of this item.

17. REMOVE METAL VAULT

Contractor is to remove the existing 4'x4' vault adjacent to the fountain. This item includes the removal and disposal of the existing vault and metal lid, backfilling with Class II AB (See section 21 *Aggregate Base* section below), and compaction.

Payment for "*Remove Metal Vault*," shall be at paid per item as set forth in the proposal and shall include all labor, materials, tools, equipment, excavating, backfilling compacting, and all work necessary for the completion of this item.

18. REMOVE AND REPLACE WROUGHT IRON FENCE

The Contractor shall carefully remove existing wrought iron fence (as required) and replace with existing, where shown on the plans. Contractor to evaluate and replace as much fencing as required by the construction. If additional fencing is needed, the contractor shall install new sections of fence matching the existing.

Fence posts shall be reinstalled in a concrete base and aligned in a consistent manner as the existing fence. The quantity of fence for removal approximate. Actual quantity will be based on the contractors need for access to the slab where work will be done and with the City Engineer's acceptance. Contractor will be paid on the actual linear footage removed and replaced.

Payment for Item, "*Remove and Replace Wrought Iron Fence*," shall be at the contract unit price as set forth in the proposal, and shall include all labor, materials, tools, equipment, and all work necessary for the completion of this item.

19. REMOVE PLAQUE

The existing plaque contains historical information about the Laura Fountain and is considered a historical item within the City of Merced. The plaque shall be removed, stored and replaced on a new 4"x4" black powder coated galvanized tubing. This item includes the demolition of the existing concrete pedestal, removal of the existing plaque, and storage. All damages caused to the plaque during the project shall be restored at the contractor expense.

Payment for "*Remove Plaque*," shall be paid per item, as set forth in the proposal and shall include all labor, materials, tools, equipment, relocating, storing, restoring and all work necessary for the completion of this item

20. 10 MIL POLYOLEFIN

The contractor shall install 10 mil polyolefin vapor barrier under concrete, where it does not abut against hardscape, such as a park strip or planting area. The vapor barrier shall

be installed 12" between the concrete and AB layer and to a minimum depth of 18 inches.

Payment for Item, "*10 Mil Polyolefin*," shall be considered as included in the price paid for Bid Item "*4" Concrete*" as set forth in the proposal and no additional compensation will be made. This includes all labor, materials, tools, equipment, and all work necessary to complete this item

21. AGGREGATE BASE

The Contractor shall furnish and install aggregate base in accordance with the current City of Merced Standards, the Plans, and these Special Provisions.

Aggregate base shall be Class 2 and conforms to the ¾-inch maximum grading provisions in Section 26, "Aggregate Bases" of the State Standard Specifications. A certificate of Compliance shall be submitted to the City prior to placement.

Aggregate Base shall be uniformly moisture conditioned to at least the optimum moisture content and compacted to at least 95% relative compaction, as determined by ASTM D1557.

Native subgrade material shall be moisture conditioned to at least 3% above the optimum moisture content, compacted to at least 90% but not more than 95% relative compaction as determined by ASTM D1557A.

Full compensation for "Aggregate Base," shall be paid for under the individual items that requires aggregate base.

Payment for "*Aggregate Base*," shall be included with all individual items requiring this material, as set forth in the proposal and shall include all labor, materials, tools, equipment, compaction and all work necessary for the completion of this item.

22. 4" CONCRETE

The Contractor shall install concrete in accordance with the Plans, and these Special Provisions. This item shall include subgrade preparation, base material, compaction, and all conditions described in the applicable City of Merced Standard Designs.

Aggregate Base – See section labeled, "*21. Aggregate Base*" section above for requirements.

The concrete shall have a minimum thickness of 4-inch, minimum 5-sack mix (3,000 psi), 3 inches (±1-inch) slump, match the existing adjacent concrete walk finish and in accordance with the Plans, and these Special Provisions. Compaction requirements are per the plans and these specifications.

The concrete walk shall have ½" felt expansion joint to be installed at 60' maximum intervals and control joints spaced every 10' on center.

The concrete shall have a 10-mil polyolefin vapor barrier as described in the section labeled, "20. 10 Mil Polyolefin" above.

This item shall include embankment fill, subgrade preparation, base material, compaction, and all conditions described in the applicable City of Merced Standard Designs.

Actual work quantities to be paid are those quantities marked and agreed upon in the field between the Engineer and the Contractor prior to demolition. No additional repairs beyond the limits marked and agreed upon in the field, as actual quantities will be paid therefor.

Payment for "4" Concrete," shall be at the contract square foot price as set forth in the proposal and shall include all labor, materials, tools, equipment, backfill, aggregate base, compaction and all work necessary for the completion of this item.

23. INSTALL FOUNTAIN

The contractor shall install the existing fountain on the new foundation. See section 31 "Restoration of Fountain" for information on restoring the fountain close to original condition. Restoration is recommended prior to placing onto foundation. This item shall include everything required for the re-install of the fountain.

The fountain center pieces shall be permanently installed on the new foundation (see section 25, *New Fountain Concrete*" for info. on interior concrete below) by method proposed by the contractor. Contractor shall take extreme care on placing the fountain pieces on the new foundations. Contractor will be responsible for any damages caused during construction.

Payment for "Install Fountain," shall be for individual items at the contract unit price as set forth in the proposal and shall include all labor, materials, tools, equipment, compaction and all work necessary for the completion of this item.

24. PLACE FOUNTAIN WALLS

The contractor shall have the fountain walls cleaned and free of cement, plaster, grout, dirt, debris, coatings and any other material, prior to install. The City would like the fountain walls (all original pieces) to be as close to the original condition as possible. The city will provide all photos as a reference for the placement upon request. This item shall include everything required for the placement of the fountain walls including grouting and epoxy.

All walls shall be cleaned, by a method approved by the City Engineer, to ensure all existing coating, materials and debris are removed.

The placement of the restored granite walls shall be at its original locations, mainly the locations for the new granite columns as described in section, "*New Fountain Granite Columns*" below. Each column shall be epoxy (glued) down to the new fountain foundation to ensure no sliding will occur during and after construction. Contractor may provide alternate methods. Each column shall have all joints grouted to ensure a watertight seal.

Payment for "*Place Fountain Walls*," shall be for by lump sum at the contract unit price as set forth in the proposal and shall include all labor, materials, tools, equipment, placement, and all work necessary for the completion of this item.

25. NEW FOUNTAIN GUNITE

The contractor shall place new reinforced 6" Gunitite as the outer layer of the interior fountain. The Gunitite shall be placed where shown on the plans. This item shall include everything associated with the install of Gunitite concrete, reinforcement and sealants, to complete this task.

Gunitite concrete construction method shall be used for placing the concrete. The Gunitite placement of the concrete is to be performed in accordance with all applicable sections of the current CA Building Code (CBC) and ACI requirements in general and specifically for Gunitite (shotcrete) placement.

Concrete compressive strength shall be 2500 psi min at 28 days

Reinforcement deformed per ASTM A615, grade 40 bars. Lap splices to be 1-ft min. cover for bars to be 3" clear between all edges. 2" will be acceptable where 3" can't be provided. Provide 2.5" clear between parallel bars.

After the Gunitite has been installed, the contractor shall ensure that it will be continuously damp for 14 days to allow the concrete to properly cure.

All interior surface of the fountain to be coated with a waterproof silica plaster or equivalent plaster coating specified by the contractor.

Payment for "*New Fountain Gunitite*," shall be at the contract square foot price as set forth in the proposal and shall include all labor, materials, tools, equipment, and all work necessary for the completion of this item.

26. NEW FOUNTAIN CONCRETE

The Contractor shall install six-inch (6") reinforced concrete in accordance with the current Caltrans requirements, the Plans, and these Special Provisions. This item shall include subgrade preparation, aggregate base material, compaction, reinforcement, concrete and all required work and materials to complete this task.

Aggregate Base – See section 21 labeled, “*Aggregate Base*” section above for requirements.

The concrete shall have a minimum thickness of 6-inch, minimum 5-sack mix (3,000 psi), 3 inches (±1-inch) slump, match the existing adjacent concrete walk finish and in accordance with the Plans, and these Special Provisions. Compaction requirements are per the plans and these specifications..

The concrete shall have #3 rebar at spaced per the plans. Reinforcement deformed per ASTM A615, grade 40 bars. Lap splices to be 1-ft min. cover for bars to be 3” clear between all edges. 2” will be acceptable where 3” can’t be provided. Provide 2.5” clear between parallel bars.

The Contractor shall to a depth of 12-inches, uniformly moisture condition the existing sub-grade to at least 3% above the optimum moisture content and compact to at least 90%, but not more than 95% relative compaction as determined by ASTM D1557 followed by various thicknesses of Caltrans Class 2 aggregate base compacted to 95% relative compaction. See plans for sections.

This item shall include subgrade preparation, base material, compaction, and all conditions described in the applicable City of Merced Standard Designs.

Payment for “*New Fountain Concrete*,” shall be at the contract cubic yard price as set forth in the proposal and shall include all labor, materials, tools, equipment, compaction and all work necessary for the completion of this item.

27. DECROATIVE NATURAL ROCK

Contractor shall install a decorative natural rock as pictured on the plans. The rock shall be granite type (or approved equal) and be either broken or split faced. The city will provide all photos as a reference upon request. Decorative natural rock should resemble the existing as close as possible. This item shall include all materials, plaster, placement and sealing (if required for waterproofing material used) of the natural rock.

The new decorative rock shall be permanently placed at the elevations shown on the plans. It can be placed on wire mesh with mortar, with grout/mortar between rock. Method to be determined by contractor and approved by City Engineer. The entire interior granite walls and grout shall have a clear waterproof sealant, if required per material type used.

Payment for “*Decorative Natural Rock*,” shall be paid per lump sum, as set forth in the proposal and shall include all, labor, materials, tools, equipment, installation and all work necessary for the completion of this item.

28. NEW STAND WITH PLAQUE

Contractor shall install the existing plaque to a new 4"x4" square metal tube. This item shall include the new post, foundation, hardware, installation of existing plaque and all work required to complete this task.

The new stand shall be black, powder coated color with a 1' embed length into the ground, with an 8" diameter foundation base. See TC-4 for concrete base requirements.

The new stand should attach to the existing plaque with method proposed by the contractor. No holes are to be drilled into the existing sign.

Payment for "*New Stand with Plaque*," shall be paid per lump sum, as set forth in the proposal and shall include all, labor, materials, tools, equipment, hardware, installation and all work necessary for the completion of this item.

29. PUMP AND FILTRATION SYSTEM

The contractor shall provide all parts and materials associated with a complete and working pump and filtration system. This item shall include all parts, materials, design and anything required to successfully complete this task.

All elements for the system shown on the plans (plumbing, filter, pump, skimmer, drains, overflow electrical, etc.) are for representation purposes only and shall not be used for bidding. The complete system shall be pool, or large commercial fountain grade. Use of diatomaceous earth filters will not be considered.

Contractor shall verify that the existing electrical pedestal is in good working condition for re-use.

Fountain dimensions and capacity for pump filtration design:

- Fountains outer diameter at Gunite = 20.1 feet
- Fountains inner diameter at Gunite = 4.5 feet
- Max depth of water = 1.3 feet
- Volume of water = 981.2 cubic feet (7,340 gallons)

Also included with this bid item is connection to existing water service (at existing backflow). See sections below.

Recommend site visit to see existing conditions for pump filtration design.

Payment for "*Pump and Filtration System*," shall be paid per lump sum, as set forth in the proposal and shall include all, labor, materials, tools, equipment, hardware, design, installation and all work necessary for the completion of this item.

30. CONNECTION TO EXISTING WATER SERVICE

Contractor is to connect the new pump filtration system/fountain to the existing backflow system. The existing backflow and service to the main shall be utilized. This item includes all parts, fittings and labor for connecting the water to new pump filtration system and fountain.

The existing backflow is located within the existing pump hose at the north east corner.

The City's water department shall be the only ones to turn water on and off at the backflow.

Recommend site visit to see existing locations

Payment for Item, "*Connection to Existing Water Service*," shall be paid with bid item, "*Pump and Filtration System*" and shall include all labor, pipe, materials, tools, equipment, excavation, thrust block, backfill, compaction, and all work necessary for the completion of this item.

31. RESTORATION OF FOUNTAIN

The contractor shall have the fountain centerpieces restored back to its original condition as pictured on the plans. The city will provide all photos as a reference for the restoration upon request. This item shall include everything required for the restoration of the fountain center pieces.

All materials used for restoration shall be approved by the City Engineer. The contractor shall create a full detailed plan of restoration to be approved by the City Engineer.

Payment for "*Restoration of Fountain*," shall be at lump sum, at the contract unit price as set forth in the proposal and shall include all labor, materials, tools, equipment, and all work necessary for the completion of this item.

22. NEW FOUNTAIN GRANITE COLUMNS

Provide new granite columns and install as shown on the plans. The city will provide all photos as a reference for the new granite columns upon request. The new columns will not have a mini fountain as shown in the photo, just the columns, and shall match the existing granite fountain walls. This item shall include the 4 (four) new columns, the installation and everything associated with the completion of this task.

Install the new columns onto the existing walls that have the column base. Install with 4-1.5" solid fiberglass rods, evenly spaced, 6" min embed length.

Payment for "*New Fountain Granite Columns*," shall be paid per item, as set forth in the proposal and shall include all labor, materials, tools, equipment, placement and all work

necessary for the completion of this item.

33. NEW FOUNTAIN ORNAMENT

Contractor shall furnish and install a decorative ornament as pictured on the plans. See plan sheet 4 "*Section Detail*", Detail "B" for location and picture. The City will provide all photos as a reference upon request. Decorative ornament should resemble the existing as close as possible.

Contractor to submit a rendering and materials proposed to the City Engineer for approval.

Payment for "*New Fountain Ornament*," shall be paid per item, as set forth in the proposal and shall include all furnishing, labor, materials, tools, equipment, placement and all work necessary for the completion of this item.

34. RESTORATION

The Contractor shall restore all areas adjacent to the construction area and areas affected during construction to their preconstruction condition. Specifically included in this item are all concrete pavement, signs, landscaping and irrigation, fencing and all items damaged during construction.

The Contractor shall also modify any water sprinkler service that has to be moved back of the new sidewalk so that it remains functional after modification. Sprinkler head shall be at the same height as the finished adjacent surface. Contractor shall make the modifications using the same type of materials as the existing system, or materials as approved by the Engineer. Contractor shall remove sidewalk formwork, cleanup and backfill with soil, re-sod to match existing landscaping and re-plant any damaged plants (roses).

Payment for Item, "Restoration," shall be at the contract lump sum price as set forth in the proposal and shall include all labor, materials, tools, equipment and all work necessary for the completion of this item.

EXHIBIT “C” – SPECIAL CONDITIONS

ARTICLE 1 BONDS

Within ten (10) calendar days from the date the Contractor is notified of award of the Contract, the Contractor shall deliver to the City four identical counterparts of the Performance Bond and Payment Bond on the forms supplied by the City and included as Exhibit “F” to the Contract. Failure to do so may, in the sole discretion of City, result in the forfeiture of Contractor's bid security. The surety supplying the bond must be an admitted surety insurer, as defined in Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.120, authorized to do business as such in the State of California and satisfactory to the City. The Performance Bond and the Payment Bond shall be for one hundred percent (100%) of the Total Contract Price.

EXHIBIT “D” – CERTIFICATION LABOR CODE SECTION 1861

I, the undersigned Contractor, am aware of the provisions of Section 3700, et seq., of the California Labor Code which require every employer to be insured against liability for Worker's Compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions of the Code, and I, the undersigned Contractor, agree to and will comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of the Work on this Contract.

[INSERT CONTRACTOR NAME]

By: _____
Signature

Name (Print)

Title (Print)

EXHIBIT “E” – PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to Labor Code sections 1725.5 and 1771.1, all contractors and subcontractors that wish to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, or enter into a contract to perform public work must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations. See <http://www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/PublicWorks.html> for additional information.

No bid will be accepted nor any contract entered into without proof of the contractor's and subcontractors' current registration with the Department of Industrial Relations to perform public work.

Contractor hereby certifies that it is aware of the registration requirements set forth in Labor Code sections 1725.5 and 1771.1 and is currently registered as a contractor with the Department of Industrial Relations.¹

Name of Contractor: _____

DIR Registration Number: _____

DIR Registration Expiration: _____

Small Project Exemption: _____ Yes or _____ No

Unless Contractor is exempt pursuant to the small project exemption, Contractor further acknowledges:

- Contractor shall maintain a current DIR registration for the duration of the project.
- Contractor shall include the requirements of Labor Code sections 1725.5 and 1771.1 in its contract with subcontractors and ensure that all subcontractors are registered at the time of bid opening and maintain registration status for the duration of the project.
- Failure to submit this form or comply with any of the above requirements may result in a finding that the bid is non-responsive.

Name of Contractor _____

Signature _____

Name and Title _____

Dated _____

¹ If the Project is exempt from the contractor registration requirements pursuant to the small project exemption under Labor Code Sections 1725.5 and 1771.1, please mark “Yes” in response to “Small Project Exemption.”

EXHIBIT “F” – PAYMENT AND PERFORMANCE BONDS

PERFORMANCE BOND

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

THAT WHEREAS, the City of Merced (hereinafter referred to as "City") has awarded to SOLitude Lake Management dba LLC Aquatic Environments, (hereinafter referred to as the "Contractor") August 1, 2022 an agreement for Laura Fountain Repair (hereinafter referred to as the "Project").

WHEREAS, the work to be performed by the Contractor is more particularly set forth in the Contract Documents for the Project dated _____, (hereinafter referred to as "Contract Documents"), the terms and conditions of which are expressly incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor is required by said Contract Documents to perform the terms thereof and to furnish a bond for the faithful performance of said Contract Documents.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, SOLitude Lake Management dba LLC Aquatic Environments, the undersigned Contractor and Federal Insurance Company as Surety, a corporation organized and duly authorized to transact business under the laws of the State of California, are held and firmly bound unto the City in the sum of Two Hundred One Thousand Eleven and 92/100 DOLLARS, (\$ 201,011.93), said sum being not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the total amount of the Contract, for which amount well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH, that, if the Contractor, his or its heirs, executors, administrators, successors or assigns, shall in all things stand to and abide by, and well and truly keep and perform the covenants, conditions and agreements in the Contract Documents and any alteration thereof made as therein provided, on its part, to be kept and performed at the time and in the manner therein specified, and in all respects according to their intent and meaning; and shall faithfully fulfill all obligations including the one-year guarantee of all materials and workmanship; and shall indemnify and save harmless the City, its officers and agents, as stipulated in said Contract Documents, then this obligation shall become null and void; otherwise it shall be and remain in full force and effect.

As a condition precedent to the satisfactory completion of the Contract Documents, unless otherwise provided for in the Contract Documents, the above obligation shall hold good for a period of one (1) year after the acceptance of the work by City, during which time if Contractor shall fail to make full, complete, and satisfactory repair and replacements and totally protect the City from loss or damage resulting from or caused by defective materials or faulty workmanship, Surety shall undertake and faithfully fulfill all such obligations. The obligations of Surety hereunder shall continue so long as any obligation of Contractor remains. Nothing herein shall limit the City's rights or the Contractor or Surety's obligations under the Contract, law or equity, including, but not limited to, California Code of Civil Procedure section 337.15.

Whenever Contractor shall be, and is declared by the City to be, in default under the Contract Documents, the Surety shall remedy the default pursuant to the Contract Documents, or shall promptly, at the City's option:

- (1) Take over and complete the Project in accordance with all terms and conditions in the Contract Documents; or
- (2) Obtain a bid or bids for completing the Project in accordance with all terms and conditions in the Contract Documents and upon determination by Surety of the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, arrange for a Contract between such bidder, the Surety and the City, and make available as work progresses sufficient funds to pay the cost of completion of the Project, less the balance of the contract price, including other costs and damages for which Surety may be liable. The term "balance of the contract price" as used in this paragraph shall mean the total amount payable to Contractor by the City under the Contract and any modification thereto, less any amount previously paid by the City to the Contractor and any other set offs pursuant to the Contract Documents.
- (3) Permit the City to complete the Project in any manner consistent with local, California and federal law and make available as work progresses sufficient funds to pay the cost of completion of the Project, less the balance of the contract price, including other costs and damages for which Surety may be liable. The term "balance of the contract price" as used in this paragraph shall mean the total amount payable to Contractor by the City under the Contract and any modification thereto, less any amount previously paid by the City to the Contractor and any other set offs pursuant to the Contract Documents.

Surety expressly agrees that the City may reject any contractor or subcontractor which may be proposed by Surety in fulfillment of its obligations in the event of default by the Contractor.

Surety shall not utilize Contractor in completing the Project nor shall Surety accept a bid from Contractor for completion of the Project if the City, when declaring the Contractor in default, notifies Surety of the City's objection to Contractor's further participation in the completion of the Project.

The Surety, for value received, hereby stipulates and agrees that no change, extension of time, alteration or addition to the terms of the Contract Documents or to the Project to be performed thereunder shall in any way affect its obligations on this bond, and it does hereby waive notice of any such change, extension of time, alteration or addition to the terms of the Contract Documents or to the Project, including but not limited to the provisions of sections 2819 and 2845 of the California Civil Code.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 5th day of August, 2022).

(Corporate Seal)

SOLitude Lake Management LLC, dba Aquatic Environments

Contractor/ Principal

By

Title

Secretary

(Corporate Seal)

Federal Insurance Company

Surety

By

Robin L. Amstutz

Robin L. Amstutz, Attorney-in-Fact

Signatures of those signing for the Contractor and Surety must be notarized and evidence of corporate authority attached.

(Attach Attorney-in-Fact Certificate)

The rate of premium on this bond is \$5.00 per thousand. The total amount of premium charges, \$ 1,005.00.

(The above must be filled in by corporate attorney.)

THIS IS A REQUIRED FORM

Any claims under this bond may be addressed to:

(Name and Address of Surety)

Federal Insurance Company

202B Hall's Road

Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889

(Name and Address of Agent or Representative for service of process in California, if different from above)

Timothy Bowen

(Telephone number of Surety and Agent or Representative for service)

(312) 780 - 8715

NOTE: A copy of the Power-of-Attorney authorizing the person signing on behalf of the Surety to do so must be attached hereto.

Notary Acknowledgment

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

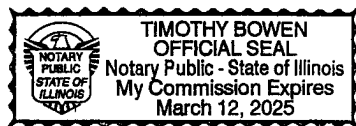
STATE OF Illinois
COUNTY OF Cook

On August 5, 2022, before me, Timothy Bowen, Notary Public, personally appeared Robin L. Amstutz, Attorney-in-Fact, who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory

evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.



Timothy Bowen
Signature of Notary Public

OPTIONAL

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CAPACITY CLAIMED BY SIGNER

DESCRIPTION OF ATTACHED DOCUMENT

- ☐ Individual
☐ Corporate Officer

Title(s)

- ☐ Partner(s) ☐ Limited
 ☐ General

- ☒ Attorney-In-Fact
☐ Trustee(s)
☐ Guardian/Conservator
☐ Other:

Signer is representing:
Name Of Person(s) Or Entity(ies)

Federal Insurance Company

Performance Bond

Title or Type of Document

4

Number of Pages

8/5/2022

Date of Document

Signer(s) Other Than Named Above

CHUBB

Power of Attorney

Federal Insurance Company | Vigilant Insurance Company | Pacific Indemnity Company

Know All by These Presents. That **FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY**, an Indiana corporation, **VIGILANT INSURANCE COMPANY**, a New York corporation, and **PACIFIC INDEMNITY COMPANY**, a Wisconsin corporation, do each hereby constitute and appoint Robin L. Amstutz, Timothy Bowen and Triniy Garcia of Chicago, Illinois ---

each as their true and lawful Attorney-in-Fact to execute under such designation in their names and to affix their corporate seals to and deliver for and on their behalf as surety thereon or otherwise, bonds and undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof (other than bail bonds) given or executed in the course of business, and any instruments amending or altering the same, and consents to the modification or alteration of any instrument referred to in said bonds or obligations.

In Witness Whereof, said **FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY**, **VIGILANT INSURANCE COMPANY**, and **PACIFIC INDEMNITY COMPANY** have each executed and attested these presents and affixed their corporate seals on this **9th** day of **September, 2019**.

Dawn M. Chloros

Dawn M. Chloros, Assistant Secretary

Stephen M. Haney

Stephen M. Haney, Vice President



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

County of Hunterdon

ss.

On this **9th** day of **September, 2019**, before me, a Notary Public of New Jersey, personally came Dawn M. Chloros, to me known to be Assistant Secretary of FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, VIGILANT INSURANCE COMPANY, and PACIFIC INDEMNITY COMPANY, the companies which executed the foregoing Power of Attorney, and the said Dawn M. Chloros, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say that she is Assistant Secretary of FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, VIGILANT INSURANCE COMPANY, and PACIFIC INDEMNITY COMPANY and knows the corporate seals thereof, that the seals affixed to the foregoing Power of Attorney are such corporate seals and were thereto affixed by authority of said Companies; and that she signed said Power of Attorney as Assistant Secretary of said Companies by like authority; and that she is acquainted with Stephen M. Haney, and knows him to be Vice President of said Companies; and that the signature of Stephen M. Haney, subscribed to said Power of Attorney is in the genuine handwriting of Stephen M. Haney, and was thereto subscribed by authority of said Companies and in deponent's presence.

Notarial Seal



KATHERINE J. ADELAAR
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
No. 2318685
Commission Expires July 18, 2024

Katherine J. Adelaar
Notary Public

CERTIFICATION

Resolutions adopted by the Boards of Directors of FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, VIGILANT INSURANCE COMPANY, and PACIFIC INDEMNITY COMPANY on August 30, 2016:

"RESOLVED, that the following authorizations relate to the execution, for and on behalf of the Company, of bonds, undertakings, recognizances, contracts and other written commitments of the Company entered into in the ordinary course of business (each a "Written Commitment"):

- (1) Each of the Chairman, the President and the Vice Presidents of the Company is hereby authorized to execute any Written Commitment for and on behalf of the Company, under the seal of the Company or otherwise.
- (2) Each duly appointed attorney-in-fact of the Company is hereby authorized to execute any Written Commitment for and on behalf of the Company, under the seal of the Company or otherwise, to the extent that such action is authorized by the grant of powers provided for in such person's written appointment as such attorney-in-fact.
- (3) Each of the Chairman, the President and the Vice Presidents of the Company is hereby authorized, for and on behalf of the Company, to appoint in writing any person the attorney-in-fact of the Company with full power and authority to execute, for and on behalf of the Company, under the seal of the Company or otherwise, such Written Commitments of the Company as may be specified in such written appointment, which specification may be by general type or class of Written Commitments or by specification of one or more particular Written Commitments.
- (4) Each of the Chairman, the President and the Vice Presidents of the Company is hereby authorized, for and on behalf of the Company, to delegate in writing to any other officer of the Company the authority to execute, for and on behalf of the Company, under the Company's seal or otherwise, such Written Commitments of the Company as are specified in such written delegation, which specification may be by general type or class of Written Commitments or by specification of one or more particular Written Commitments.
- (5) The signature of any officer or other person executing any Written Commitment or appointment or delegation pursuant to this Resolution, and the seal of the Company, may be affixed by facsimile on such Written Commitment or written appointment or delegation.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the foregoing Resolution shall not be deemed to be an exclusive statement of the powers and authority of officers, employees and other persons to act for and on behalf of the Company, and such Resolution shall not limit or otherwise affect the exercise of any such power or authority otherwise validly granted or vested."

I, Dawn M. Chloros, Assistant Secretary of FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, VIGILANT INSURANCE COMPANY, and PACIFIC INDEMNITY COMPANY (the "Companies") do hereby certify that

- (i) the foregoing Resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of the Companies are true, correct and in full force and effect,
- (ii) the foregoing Power of Attorney is true, correct and in full force and effect.

Given under my hand and seals of said Companies at Whitehouse Station, N.J. this 5th day of August, 2022.



Dawn M. Chloros

Dawn M. Chloros, Assistant Secretary

IN THE EVENT YOU WISH TO VERIFY THE AUTHENTICITY OF THIS BOND OR NOTIFY US OF ANY OTHER MATTER, PLEASE CONTACT US AT:
Telephone (908) 903-3493 Fax (908) 903-3656 e-mail: surety@chubb.com

PAYMENT BOND

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS That

WHEREAS, the City of Merced (hereinafter designated as the "City"), by action taken or a resolution passed August 1, 20 22 has awarded SOLitude Lake Management LLC dba Aquatic Environments herinafter designated as the "Principal," a contract for the work described as follows:
Laura Fountain Repair (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the work to be performed by the Principal is more particularly set forth in the Contract Documents for the Project dated _____ ("Contract Documents"), the terms and conditions of which are expressly incorporated by reference; and

WHEREAS, said Principal is required to furnish a bond in connection with said contract; providing that if said Principal or any of its Subcontractors shall fail to pay for any materials, provisions, provender, equipment, or other supplies used in, upon, for or about the performance of the work contracted to be done, or for any work or labor done thereon of any kind, or for amounts due under the Unemployment Insurance Code or for any amounts required to be deducted, withheld, and paid over to the Employment Development Department from the wages of employees of said Principal and its Subcontractors with respect to such work or labor the Surety on this bond will pay for the same to the extent hereinafter set forth.

NOW THEREFORE, we, the Principal and Federal Insurance Company as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the City in the penal sum of Two Hundred One Thousand Eleven and 93/100 Dollars (\$ 201,011.93) lawful money of the United States of America, for the payment of which sum well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH that if said Principal, his or its subcontractors, heirs, executors, administrators, successors or assigns, shall fail to pay any of the persons named in Section 9100 of the Civil Code, fail to pay for any materials, provisions or other supplies, used in, upon, for or about the performance of the work contracted to be done, or for any work or labor thereon of any kind, or amounts due under the Unemployment Insurance Code with respect to work or labor performed under the contract, or for any amounts required to be deducted, withheld, and paid over to the Employment Development Department or Franchise Tax Board from the wages of employees of the contractor and his subcontractors pursuant to Section 18663 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, with respect to such work and labor the Surety or Sureties will pay for the same, in an amount not exceeding the sum herein above specified.

This bond shall inure to the benefit of any of the persons named in Section 9100 of the Civil Code so as to give a right of action to such persons or their assigns in any suit brought upon this bond.

It is further stipulated and agreed that the Surety on this bond shall not be exonerated or released from the obligation of this bond by any change, extension of time for performance, addition, alteration or modification in, to, or of any contract, plans, specifications, or agreement pertaining or relating to any scheme or work of improvement herein above described, or pertaining or relating to the furnishing of labor, materials, or equipment therefore, nor by any change or modification of any terms of payment or extension of the time for any payment pertaining or

relating to any scheme or work of improvement herein above described, nor by any rescission or attempted rescission of the contract, agreement or bond, nor by any conditions precedent or subsequent in the bond attempting to limit the right of recovery of claimants otherwise entitled to recover under any such contract or agreement or under the bond, nor by any fraud practiced by any person other than the claimant seeking to recover on the bond and that this bond be construed most strongly against the Surety and in favor of all persons for whose benefit such bond is given, and under no circumstances shall Surety be released from liability to those for whose benefit such bond has been given, by reason of any breach of contract between the owner or City and original contractor or on the part of any obligee named in such bond, but the sole conditions of recovery shall be that claimant is a person described in Section 9100 of the Civil Code, and has not been paid the full amount of his claim and that Surety does hereby waive notice of any such change, extension of time, addition, alteration or modification herein mentioned and the provisions of sections 2819 and 2845 of the California Civil Code.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 5th day of August, 2022.

(Corporate Seal)

SOLitude Lake Management LLC dba Aquatic Environments

Contractor/ Principal

By

Title

Secretary

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Title Robin L. Amstutz, Attorney-in-Fact

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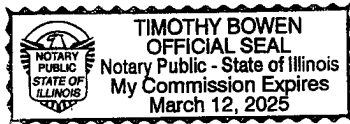
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I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

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Timothy Bowen
Signature of Notary Public

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Federal Insurance Company

DESCRIPTION OF ATTACHED DOCUMENT

Payment Bond

Title or Type of Document

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Number of Pages

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Date of Document

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Power of Attorney

Federal Insurance Company | Vigilant Insurance Company | Pacific Indemnity Company

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Dawn M. Chloros

Dawn M. Chloros, Assistant Secretary

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Notarial Seal



KATHERINE J. ADELAAR
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Given under my hand and seals of said Companies at Whitehouse Station, NJ, this 5th day of August, 2022.



Dawn M. Chloros

Dawn M. Chloros, Assistant Secretary

IN THE EVENT YOU WISH TO VERIFY THE AUTHENTICITY OF THIS BOND OR NOTIFY US OF ANY OTHER MATTER, PLEASE CONTACT US AT:

Telephone (908) 903-3493

Fax (908) 903-3656

e-mail: surety@chubb.com

APPENDIX

CITY OF MERCED STANDARD DESIGNS

**THE FOLLOWING STANDARDS ARE FOR REFERENCE ONLY
REFER TO THE CITY OF MERCED WEBSITE FOR THE COMPLETE LISTING OF
STANDARD DETAILS**

http://www.cityofmerced.org/depts/engineering_division/standard_designs/default.asp

STATE GENERAL PREVAILING WAGE RATES

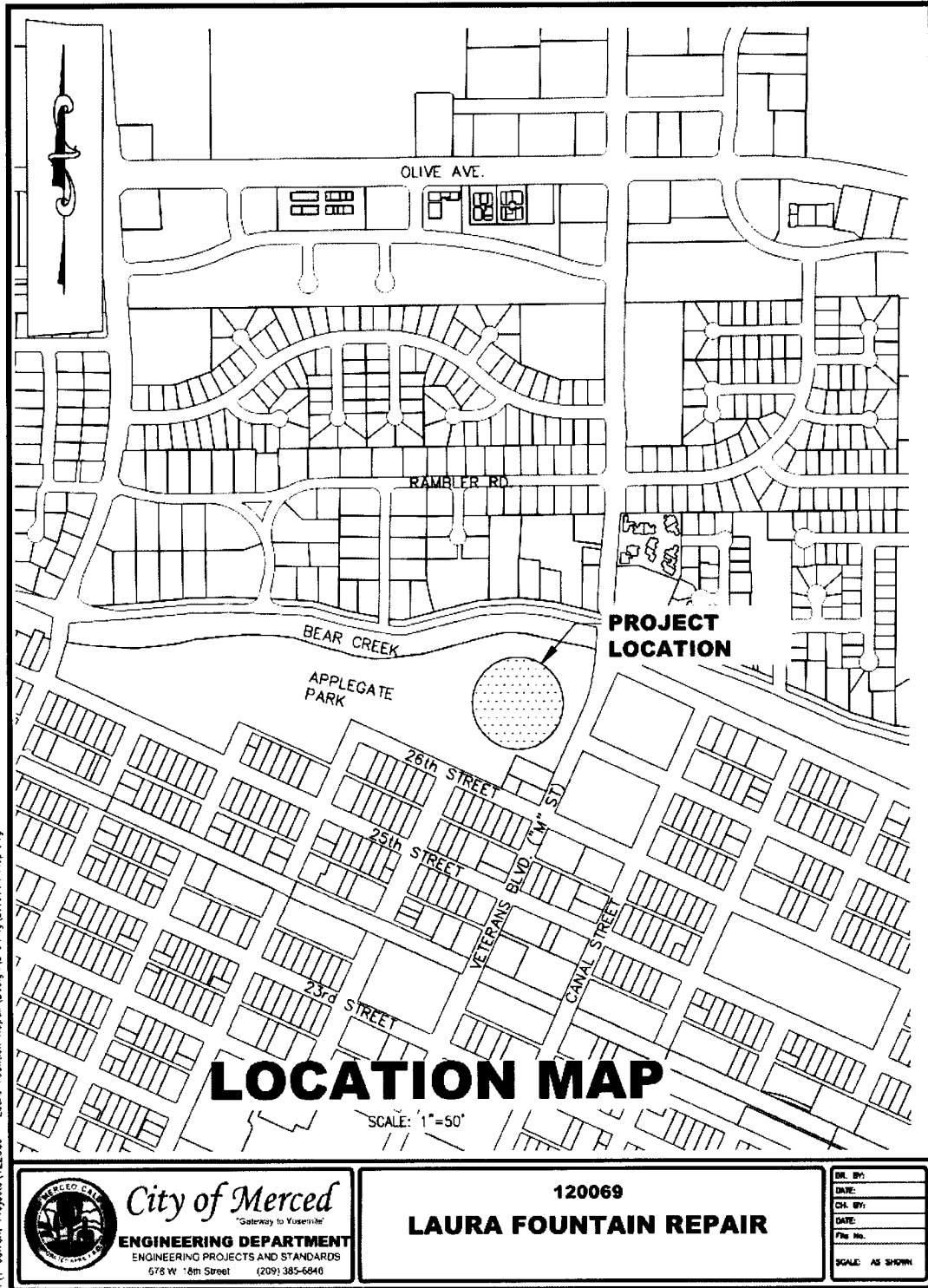
General prevailing wage determination
Made by the Director of Industrial Relations

Pursuant to California Labor Code part 7,
Chapter 1, article 2, sections 1770, 1773, and 1773.1

State of California Department of Industrial Relations Website:

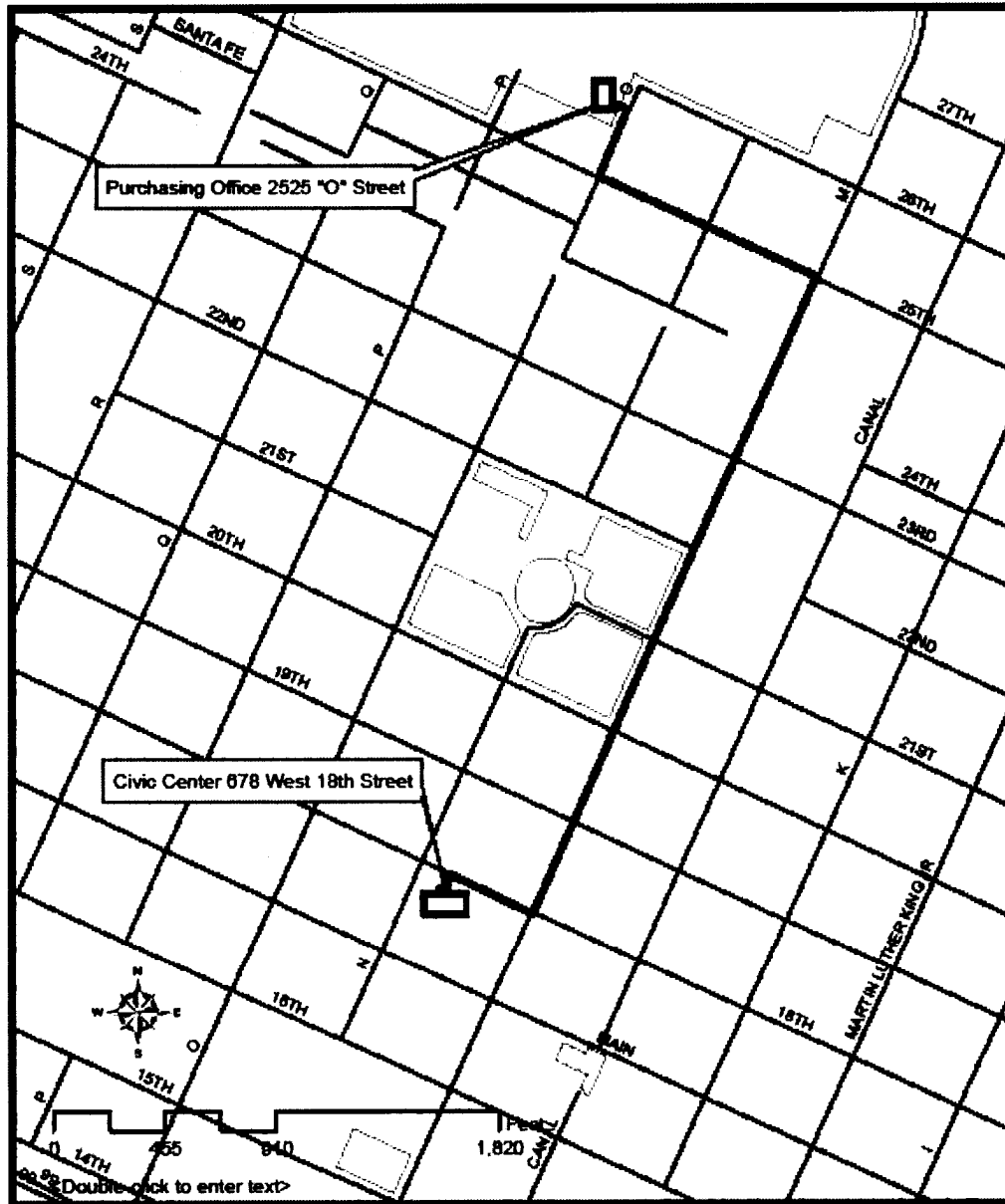
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LOCATION MAP



PUCHASING DEPARTMENT DRIVING DIRECTIONS

DRIVING DIRECTIONS CIVIC CENTER TO PURCHASING OFFICE



DIRECTIONS: **DRIVE NORTH ON "M" STREET**
 TURN LEFT ON WEST 25TH STREET
 TURN RIGHT ON "O" STREET

REGULATION VIII – FUGITIVE PM10 PROHIBITIONS



San Joaquin Valley
Air Pollution Control District

COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE BULLETIN August 2006

Regulation VIII – Fugitive PM10 Prohibitions Requirements on Paved and Unpaved Public Roads

District Rule 8061(*Paved and Unpaved Roads*) of Regulation VIII (*Fugitive PM10 Prohibitions*) specifies the design criteria for constructing new or modifying existing paved roads and the types of control measures required for limiting fugitive dust emissions from unpaved roads and shoulders. Several compliance dates and deadlines described in the rule apply specifically to city, county, and state agencies. The purpose of this bulletin is to summarize the new requirements for public agencies that own or maintain paved and unpaved roads. The entire rule may be found at www.valleyair.org/rules/1ruleslist.htm - req8.

- **Constructing New Unpaved Roads:** Effective October 1, 2004, constructing a new unpaved road is prohibited in all urban areas unless the unpaved road is used for a temporary activity that does not exceed six months of use over a consecutive three-year period. Temporary activities may include construction access roads, special events, or traffic detours. The unpaved surface must be maintained in a stabilized condition at all times in order to control fugitive emissions.
- **PM10-Efficient Street Sweepers:** These requirements apply to the routine cleaning of existing paved public roads within urban areas. Effective July 1, 2005, an agency or its contractor may only purchase PM10-efficient street sweepers for their fleets and at least one sweeper must be placed into service by July 1, 2008. PM10-efficient street sweepers are to be used along routine street sweeper routes, which have been predetermined and prioritized by the agency as having paved curbs with the greatest actual or potential for dirt and silt loading. If an agency cannot meet these provisions due to budgetary constraints, a statement of financial hardship must be submitted to the District and the USEPA for review and approval.
- **Cleaning Paved Roads after a Storm Event:** Within 24 hours of discovery, the agency or contractor responsible for maintaining the roadway must remove the accumulated mud and dirt from the paved road or restrict vehicles from traveling over the mud and dirt until the materials can be removed. This requirement applies if the accumulated mud and dirt is a result of wind or water erosion and runoff, is at least one inch thick, and covers an area of at least 50 square feet. Cleanup may be performed manually with a shovel and broom, or with a conventional or PM10-efficient street sweeper, but must be performed in a manner that minimizes fugitive dust. Using a blowing device or a dry rotary brush or broom is prohibited. Redirecting traffic is one way to restrict vehicles from traveling over the mud and dirt. Upon agency notification, the District may approve an extension of the 24-hour cleanup requirement if restricting vehicles is deemed unsafe and removing the mud and dirt is not possible within 72 hours because crews are not available over a weekend or holiday.

Northern Region Office
4800 Enterprise Way
Modesto, CA 95356-8718
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Central Region Office
1990 East Gettysburg Avenue
Fresno, CA 93726-0244
(559) 230-6000 ♦ FAX (559) 230-6062

Southern Region Office
2700 "M" Street, Suite 275
Bakersfield, CA 93301-2373
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- **Posting Speed Limit Signs on Unpaved Roads:** Effective October 1, 2005, public agencies must establish a maximum speed limit of 25 miles per hour for the unpaved roads under their jurisdictions. This requirement applies to the unpaved road segments where vehicle traffic reaches or exceeds 26 annual average daily trips (AADT). At a minimum, agencies are to post at least one speed limit sign in each direction for every mile of unpaved road located within an urban area, and one sign in each direction for every two miles of unpaved road within a rural area. For example, an unpaved road located within an urban area that is ½ mile long and exceeds 26 AADT requires at least one sign posted in each direction. The unpaved surface must be maintained in a stabilized condition at all times in order to control fugitive emissions.
- **Paving Existing Unpaved Roads and Paving or Stabilizing Unpaved Shoulders:** On January 1, 2005, agencies provided the District with a report listing each unpaved road located within an urban area and each paved road with unpaved shoulders within urban and rural areas. On July 1, 2005, agencies provided a report listing each unpaved road located within a rural area. These reports include the length in miles and the AADT for each subject road and unpaved shoulder within the agency's jurisdiction.

As of January 1, 2005, agencies are to pave an annual average of 20 percent of the unpaved roads listed in their urban area unpaved road report, thereby paving 100 percent of these unpaved roads by January 1, 2010. This requirement does not apply to rural unpaved roads.

In urban areas, agencies are to pave or stabilize at least four-feet of unpaved shoulders on at least 50 percent of the existing paved roadways having the highest AADT. In rural areas, this is required on at least 25 percent of the existing paved roadways with the highest AADT. Compliance with these provisions must be complete by January 1, 2010.

If an agency cannot meet these provisions due to budgetary constraints, a statement of financial hardship must be submitted to the District and the USEPA for review and approval.

- **Incremental Progress Reports:** Due on April 1 of each year, from 2006 through 2010, agencies must report their incremental progress to the District by reporting the total miles of urban unpaved roads that were paved over the previous calendar year, the total miles of unpaved shoulders that were paved or stabilized over the previous calendar year, and the percentage of cumulative miles treated relative to the original reports.

For more information please contact the Compliance Department of the District office nearest to you. Information on Regulation VIII is available on the District's website at:

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Fugitive Dust Control at Construction Sites: New Requirements

Regulation VIII, Fugitive PM₁₀ Prohibitions, of the District's Rules and Regulations apply to many activities that generate fugitive dust, and particularly to construction sites.

Fugitive dust is emitted into the air by activities that disturb the soil, such as earthmoving and vehicular/equipment traffic on unpaved surfaces. Windblown dust is also of concern where soil has been disturbed at construction sites.

The District adopted Regulation VIII in 1993 and its most recent amendments became effective on October 1, 2004. This is a basic summary of the regulation's requirements as they apply to construction sites.

These regulations affect all workers at a regulated construction site, including everyone from the landowner to the subcontractors. Violations of Regulation VIII are subject to enforcement action including fines.

Visible Dust Emissions (VDE) may not exceed 20% opacity during periods when soil is being disturbed by equipment or by wind at any time. Visible Dust Emissions opacity of 20% means dust that would obstruct an observer's view of an object by 20%. District inspectors are state certified to evaluate visible emissions. Dust control may be achieved by applying water before/during earthwork and onto unpaved traffic areas, phasing work to limit dust, and setting up wind fences to limit wind blown dust.

Soil Stabilization is required at regulated construction sites after normal working hours and on weekends and holidays. This requirement also applies to inactive construction areas such as phased projects where disturbed land is left unattended. Applying water to form a visible crust on the soil and restricting vehicle access are often effective for short-term stabilization of disturbed surface areas. Long-term methods including applying dust suppressants and establishing vegetative cover.

Carryout and Trackout occur when materials from emptied or loaded vehicles falls onto a paved surface or shoulder of a public road or when materials adhere to vehicle tires and are deposited onto a paved surface or shoulder of a public road. Should either occur, the material must be cleaned up at least daily, and immediately if it extends more than 50 feet from the exit point onto a paved road. The appropriate clean-up methods require the complete removal and cleanup of mud and dirt from the paved surface and shoulder. Using a blower device or dry sweeping with any mechanical device other than a PM₁₀-efficient street sweeper is a violation. Larger construction sites, or sites with a high amount of traffic on one or more days, must prevent carryout and trackout from occurring by installing gravel pads, grizzlies, wheel washers, paved interior roads, or a combination thereof at each exit point from the site. In many cases, cleaning up trackout with water is also prohibited as it may lead to plugged storm drains. Prevention is the best method.

Unpaved Access and Haul Roads, as well as unpaved vehicle and equipment traffic areas at construction sites must have dust control. Speed limit signs limiting vehicle speed to 15 mph or less at construction sites must be posted every 500 feet on uncontrolled and unpaved roads.

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Storage Piles and Bulk Materials have handling, storage, and transportation requirements that include applying water when handling materials, wetting or covering stored materials, and installing wind barriers to limit VDE. Also, limiting vehicle speeds, loading haul trucks with a freeboard of six inches or greater along with applying water to the top of the load, and covering the cargo compartments are effective measures for reducing VDE and carryout from vehicles transporting bulk materials.

Demolition activities require the application of water to the exterior of the buildings and to unpaved surfaces where materials may fall. A Dust Control Plan will be required for large demolition projects. Consider all structures slated for demolition as possibly being regulated due to potential asbestos, per District Rule 4002 - *National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants*. Contact the District well before starting because a 10 working-day notice will likely be required before a demolition can begin.

Dust Control Plans identify the dust sources and describe the dust control measures that will be implemented before, during, and after any dust generating activity for the duration of the project. Owners or operators are required to submit plans to the District at least 30 days prior to commencing the work for the following:

- Residential developments of ten or more acres of disturbed surface area.
- Non-residential developments of five or more acres of disturbed surface area.
- The relocation of more than 2,500 cubic yards per day of materials on at least three days.

Operations may not commence until the District has approved the Dust Control Plan. A copy of the plan must be on site and available to workers and District employees. **All work on the site is subject to the requirements of the approved dust control plan. A failure to abide by the plan by anyone on site may be subject to enforcement action.**

Owners or operators of construction projects that are at least one acre in size and where a Dust Control Plan is not required, must provide written notification to the District at least 48 hours in advance of any earthmoving activity.

Record Keeping is required to document compliance with the rules and must be kept for each day any dust control measure is used. The District has developed record forms for water application, street sweeping, and "permanent" controls such as applying long term dust palliatives, vegetation, ground cover materials, paving, or other durable materials. Records must be kept for one year after the end of dust generating activities (Title V sources must keep records for five years).

Exemptions exist for several activities. Those occurring above 3,000 feet in elevation are exempt from all Regulation VIII requirements. Further, Rule 8021 – *Construction, Demolition, Excavation, Extraction, and Other Earthmoving Activities* exempts the following construction and earthmoving activities:

- Blasting activities permitted by California Division of Industrial Safety.
- Maintenance or remodeling of existing buildings provided the addition is less than 50% of the size of the existing building or less than 10,000 square feet (due to asbestos concerns, contact the District at least two weeks ahead of time).
- Additions to single family dwellings.
- The disking of weeds and vegetation for fire prevention on sites smaller than ½ acre.
- Spreading of daily landfill cover to preserve public health and safety and to comply with California Integrated Waste Management Board requirements.

Nuisances are prohibited at all times because District Rule 4102 – *Nuisance* applies to all construction sources of fugitive dust, whether or not they are exempt from Regulation VIII. It is important to monitor dust-generating activities and implement appropriate dust control measures to limit the public's exposure to fugitive dust.

For more information please contact the Compliance Division of the District office nearest to you. Information on Regulation VIII, where you may obtain copies of record keeping forms, the Dust Control Plan template, and the Construction Notification form, is available on the District's website at:

www.valleyair.org, under Compliance Assistance/Dust Control.