

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



ITEM  
13.1  
(ID # 8891)

**MEETING DATE:**  
Tuesday, January 29, 2019

**FROM :** Regional Parks and Open Space District:

**SUBJECT:** REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN\_SPACE DISTRICT; Approval of Professional Service Agreement with Chambers Group, Inc. for Arundo donax and Tamarix ramosissima Weed Abatement Services for three (3) years; District 2; [\$275,628][100% Santa Ana River Mitigation Bank Fund 25550]

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Directors:

1. Approve Professional Service Agreement (PSA) between the Riverside County Regional Park & Open-Space District (District) and Chambers Group, Inc. (Contractor); and
2. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to execute the Professional Service Agreement on behalf of the District; and
3. Direct the Clerk of the Board to execute five (5) originals of Agreement on behalf of the District; and
4. Authorize the General Manager, or designee, to take all actions necessary to administer the Agreement and execute future ministerial amendments that do not fundamentally change the scope or intent of the original agreement and exercise the option to renew for up to two (2) additional one-year periods for a total of three (3) years.

**ACTION:** Policy

Scott Bangle, Director General Manager / Park Director

1/15/2019

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

On motion of Director Hewitt, seconded by Director Perez and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is received and filed as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: January 29, 2019  
xc: Parks

Kecia Harper  
Clerk of the Board  
  
Deputy

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$ 127,061	\$ 78,545	\$ 275,628	\$ 0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% Santa Ana River Mitigation Bank Fund 25550</b>			<b>Budget Adjustment:</b>	No
			<b>For Fiscal Year:</b>	18/19

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

Historically, the Santa Ana River, including the proposed project areas, has been infested with *Arundo donax*, an invasive non-native plant species that has wreaked havoc with native habitat and wildlife. Since the mid 90's, Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District and its contractors have been instrumental in clearing and maintaining approximately 500 acres of *Arundo*-infested land near the Santa Ana River. Approximately 223 acres, organized into 25 area units (APNs), are regularly managed for *Arundo donax* and *Tamarix ramosissima* by the District under guidelines set by United States Army Corps of Engineers.

The PSA for weed abatement services will entail a combination of cutting and spraying services in order to maintain the designated areas within the Santa Ana River as *Arundo/Tamarix* free. The ecological benefits resulting from this task include reduced vegetative water consumption, prevention of invasive species expansion, reduced fire risk, improved stream channel stability, and improved habitat for native species. The service will also reduce District staff costs & time.

**IMPACT ON CITIZENS AND BUSINESSES**

The Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District has been working in conjunction with its partners, the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA) and Santa Ana Watershed Association (SAWA) on this project. Thus far, 3,000 acres of *Arundo donax* has been removed and replaced with native habitat, providing approximately 10,000 acre feet per year of new water to the region (enough water to support 20,000 families per year) by reduced water consumption of the *Arundo*. The District administers the Santa Ana River Mitigation Bank which allows for project proponents or developers who have mitigation needs to purchase credits in lieu of implementing mitigation themselves. The sale of SAWPA-owned credits goes toward the removal and treatment of *Arundo donax* and other heavy water using invasive plants in the Santa Ana River Watershed per SAWPA Commission Resolution 427.

**CONTRACT HISTORY & PRICE REASONABLENESS**

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On November 1, 2018 the District prepared a Request for Proposal and advertised on the County's Public Purchase website for Arundo donax and Tamarix ramosissima weed abatement services. Ten firms attended the pre-proposal conference, and four firms submitted quotes by the deadline submission. District representatives reviewed the proposals and determined Chambers Group, Inc. to be the most responsive and responsible proposal. Chambers Group, Inc. has been awarded the Arundo donax and Tamarix ramosissima Weed Abatement contract.

**SUPPLEMENTAL FINANCIAL INFO**

The annual contract price decreases over the three year term period, reflecting the levels of work required to first clear the land then maintain against regrowth over time. Year one (1) is \$127,061, year two (2) is \$78,545, and year three (3) is \$70,022.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Professional Service Agreement

  
Rahmi Basak, Principal Management Analyst 1/22/2019

  
Gregory V. Priaplos, Director County Counsel 1/16/2019

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT**

for

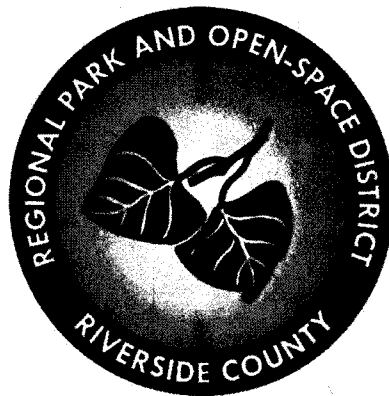
**ARUNDO DONAX & TAMARIX RAMOSISSIMA WEED ABATEMENT**

Between

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT**

and

**CHAMBERS GROUP, INC**



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This Agreement, made and entered into this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_, 2019, by and between **CHAMBERS GROUP, INC** (herein referred to as "CONTRACTOR"), and the **RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT**, a special District, (herein referred to as "DISTRICT"). The parties agree as follows:

**1. Description of Services**

**1.1** CONTRACTOR shall provide all services as outlined and specified in Exhibit 'A', Scope of Services, at the prices stated in Exhibit 'B', Cost Summary.

**1.2** CONTRACTOR represents that it has the skills, experience, and knowledge necessary to perform under this Agreement and the DISTRICT relies upon this representation. CONTRACTOR shall perform to the satisfaction of the DISTRICT and in conformance to and consistent with the highest standards of firms/professionals in the same discipline in the State of California.

**1.3** CONTRACTOR affirms this it is fully apprised of all of the work to be performed under this Agreement; and the CONTRACTOR agrees it can properly perform this work at the prices stated in Exhibit B. CONTRACTOR is not to perform services or provide products outside of the Agreement.

**1.4** Acceptance by the DISTRICT of the CONTRACTOR's performance under this Agreement does not operate as a release of CONTRACTOR's responsibility for full compliance with the terms of this Agreement.

**2. Period of Performance**

This Agreement shall be effective upon signature of this Agreement by both parties and continue in effect for ONE (1) year with TWO (2) options to renew for ONE (1) year each, unless terminated earlier. CONTRACTOR shall commence performance upon signature of this Agreement by both parties and shall diligently and continuously perform thereafter. The Riverside County Regional Park and Open Space District's Board of Director's is the only authority that may obligate the District for a non-cancelable multi-year agreement.

**3. Compensation**

**3.1** The DISTRICT shall pay the CONTRACTOR for services performed, products provided and expenses incurred in accordance with the terms of Exhibit 'B', Cost Summary. Maximum payments by DISTRICT to CONTRACTOR shall not exceed ONE HUNDRED TWENTY SEVEN THOUSAND AND SIXTY ONE DOLLARS (127,061.00) for year one (1) of the contract, SEVENTY EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND FORTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$78,545) for year two (2) of the contract, and SEVENTY THOUSAND AND TWENTY TWO DOLLARS (\$70,022) for year three (3) of the contract, including all expenses. The DISTRICT is not responsible for any fees or costs incurred above or beyond the contracted amount and shall have no obligation to purchase any specified amount of services or products.

Unless otherwise specifically stated in Exhibit 'B', Cost Summary, DISTRICT shall not be responsible for payment of any of CONTRACTOR's expenses related to this Agreement.

**3.2** No price increases will be permitted during the first year of this Agreement. All price decreases (for example, if CONTRACTOR offers lower prices to another governmental entity) will automatically be extended to the DISTRICT. The DISTRICT requires written proof satisfactory to DISTRICT of cost increases prior to any approved price adjustment. After the first year of the award, a minimum of 30-days advance notice in writing is required to be considered and approved by DISTRICT. No retroactive price adjustments will be considered. Any price increases must be stated in a written amendment to this Agreement. The net dollar amount of profit will remain firm during the period of the Agreement. Annual increases shall not exceed the Consumer Price Index- All Consumers, All Items - Greater Los Angeles, Riverside and Orange County areas and be subject to satisfactory performance review by the DISTRICT and approved (if needed) for budget funding by the Board of Directors.

**3.3** CONTRACTOR shall be paid only in accordance with an invoice submitted to DISTRICT by CONTRACTOR within fifteen (15) days from the last day of each calendar month, and DISTRICT shall pay the invoice within thirty (30) working days from the date of receipt of the invoice. Payment shall be made to CONTRACTOR only after services have been rendered or delivery of materials or products, and acceptance has been made by DISTRICT. Prepare invoices in duplicate. For this Agreement, send the original and duplicate copies of invoices to:

Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District  
Attn: Finance  
4600 Crestmore Road, Jurupa Valley, CA 92509  
OR: Email invoices to: [parks-finance@rivco.org](mailto:parks-finance@rivco.org)

- a) Each invoice shall contain a minimum of the following information: invoice number and date; remittance address; bill-to and ship-to addresses of ordering department/division; Agreement number PKARC-235; quantities; item descriptions, unit prices, extensions, sales/use tax if applicable, and an invoice total.
- b) Invoices shall be rendered monthly in arrears.

**3.4** The DISTRICT obligation for payment of this Agreement beyond the current fiscal year end is contingent upon and limited by the availability of DISTRICT funding from which payment can be made. No legal liability on the part of the DISTRICT shall arise for payment beyond June 30 of each calendar year unless funds are made available for such payment. In the event that such funds are not forthcoming for any reason, DISTRICT shall immediately notify CONTRACTOR in writing; and this Agreement shall be deemed terminated, have no further force, and effect.

**4. Alteration or Changes to the Agreement**

**4.1** The Board of Directors are the only authorized DISTRICT representatives who may at any time, by written order, alter this Agreement. If authorized by the Board of Directors, the Purchasing Agent may exercise the option to extend the term period pursuant to the terms of this Agreement and execute amendments to effect the term period extensions. If any such alteration causes an increase or decrease in the cost of, or the time required for the performance under this Agreement, an equitable adjustment shall be made in the Agreement price or delivery schedule, or both, and the Agreement shall be modified by written amendment accordingly.

**4.2** Any claim by the CONTRACTOR for additional payment related to this Agreement shall be made in writing by the CONTRACTOR within 30 days of when the CONTRACTOR has or should have notice of any actual or claimed change in the work, which results in additional and unanticipated cost to the CONTRACTOR. If the DISTRICT Purchasing Agent decides that the facts provide sufficient justification, may authorize additional payment to the CONTRACTOR pursuant to the claim. Nothing in this section shall excuse the CONTRACTOR from proceeding with performance of the Agreement even if there has been a change.

**5. Termination**

**5.1.** DISTRICT may terminate this Agreement without cause upon 30 days written notice served upon the CONTRACTOR stating the extent and effective date of termination.

**5.2** CONTRACTOR may terminate this Agreement without cause upon 180 days written notice served upon the DISTRICT stating the intent and effective date of termination. CONTRACTOR will return funds to DISTRICT on a pro-rata basis, if applicable.

**5.3** DISTRICT may, upon five (5) days written notice terminate this Agreement for CONTRACTOR's default, if CONTRACTOR refuses or fails to comply with the terms of this Agreement or fails to make progress that may endanger performance and does not immediately cure such failure. In the event of such termination, the DISTRICT may proceed with the work in any manner deemed proper by DISTRICT.

**5.4** After receipt of the notice of termination, CONTRACTOR shall:

- (a) Stop all work under this Agreement on the date specified in the notice of termination; and
- (b) Transfer to DISTRICT and deliver in the manner as directed by DISTRICT any materials, reports or other products, which, if the Agreement had been completed or continued, would have been required to be furnished to DISTRICT.



5.5 After termination, DISTRICT shall make payment only for CONTRACTOR's performance up to the date of termination in accordance with this Agreement.

5.6 CONTRACTOR's rights under this Agreement shall terminate (except for fees accrued prior to the date of termination) upon dishonesty or a willful or material breach of this Agreement by CONTRACTOR; or in the event of CONTRACTOR's unwillingness or inability for any reason whatsoever to perform the terms of this Agreement. In such event, CONTRACTOR shall not be entitled to any further compensation under this Agreement.

5.7 CONTRACTOR is not debarred from the System for Award Management (SAM). If the Agreement is federally or State funded, CONTRACTOR must notify the DISTRICT immediately of a debarment. Reference: System for Award Management (SAM) at <https://www.sam.gov> for Central Contractor Registry (CCR), Federal Agency Registration (Fedreg), Online Representations and Certifications Application, and Excluded Parties List System (EPLS)). Excluded Parties Listing System (EPLS) (<http://www.epls.gov>) (Executive Order 12549, 7 CFR Part 3017, 45 CFR Part 76, and 44 CFR Part 17). The System for Award Management (SAM) is the Official U.S. Government system that consolidated the capabilities of CCR/FedReg, ORCA, and EPLS.

5.8 The rights and remedies of DISTRICT provided in this section shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or this Agreement.

## 6. Ownership/Use of Contract Materials and Products

The CONTRACTOR agrees that all materials, reports or products in any form, including electronic, created by CONTRACTOR for which CONTRACTOR has been compensated by DISTRICT pursuant to this Agreement shall be the sole property of the DISTRICT. The material, reports or products may be used by the DISTRICT for any purpose DISTRICT deems to be appropriate, including, but not limit to, duplication and/or distribution within the DISTRICT or to third parties. CONTRACTOR agrees not to release or circulate in whole or part such materials, reports, or products without prior written authorization of the DISTRICT.

## 7. Conduct of Contractor

7.1 The CONTRACTOR covenants that it presently has no interest, including, but not limited to, other projects or contracts, and shall not acquire any such interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with CONTRACTOR's performance under this Agreement. The CONTRACTOR further covenants that no person or subcontractor having any such interest shall be employed or retained by CONTRACTOR under this Agreement. The CONTRACTOR agrees to inform

the DISTRICT of all the CONTRACTOR's interests, if any, which are or may be perceived as incompatible with the DISTRICT's interests.

7.2 The CONTRACTOR shall not, under circumstances which could be interpreted as an attempt to influence the recipient in the conduct of his/her duties, accept any gratuity or special favor from individuals or firms with whom the CONTRACTOR is doing business or proposing to do business, in accomplishing the work under this Agreement.

7.3 The CONTRACTOR or its employees shall not offer gifts, gratuity, favors, and entertainment directly or indirectly to DISTRICT employees.

## 8. Inspection of Service; Quality Control/Assurance

8.1 All performance (which includes services, workmanship, materials, supplies and equipment furnished or utilized in the performance of this Agreement) shall be subject to inspection and test by the DISTRICT or other regulatory agencies at all times. The CONTRACTOR shall provide adequate cooperation to any inspector or other DISTRICT representative to permit him/her to determine the CONTRACTOR's conformity with the terms of this Agreement. If any services performed or products provided by CONTRACTOR are not in conformance with the terms of this Agreement, the DISTRICT shall have the right to require the CONTRACTOR to perform the services or provide the products in conformance with the terms of the Agreement at no additional cost to the DISTRICT. When the services to be performed or the products to be provided are of such nature that the difference cannot be corrected; the DISTRICT shall have the right to: (1) require the CONTRACTOR immediately to take all necessary steps to ensure future performance in conformity with the terms of the Agreement; and/or (2) reduce the Agreement price to reflect the reduced value of the services performed or products provided. The DISTRICT may also terminate this Agreement for default and charge to CONTRACTOR any costs incurred by the DISTRICT because of the CONTRACTOR's failure to perform.

8.2 CONTRACTOR shall establish adequate procedures for self-monitoring and quality control and assurance to ensure proper performance under this Agreement; and shall permit a DISTRICT representative or other regulatory official to monitor, assess, or evaluate CONTRACTOR's performance under this Agreement at any time, upon reasonable notice to the CONTRACTOR.

## 9. Independent Contractor/Employment Eligibility

9.1 The CONTRACTOR is, for purposes relating to this Agreement, an independent contractor and shall not be deemed an employee of the DISTRICT. It is expressly understood and agreed that the CONTRACTOR (including its employees, agents, and subcontractors) shall in no event be entitled to any

benefits to which DISTRICT employees are entitled, including but not limited to overtime, any retirement benefits, worker's compensation benefits, and injury leave or other leave benefits. There shall be no employer-employee relationship between the parties; and CONTRACTOR shall hold DISTRICT harmless from any and all claims that may be made against DISTRICT based upon any contention by a third party that an employer-employee relationship exists by reason of this Agreement. It is further understood and agreed by the parties that CONTRACTOR in the performance of this Agreement is subject to the control or direction of DISTRICT merely as to the results to be accomplished and not as to the means and methods for accomplishing the results.

**9.2** CONTRACTOR warrants that it shall make its best effort to fully comply with all federal and state statutes and regulations regarding the employment of aliens and others and to ensure that employees performing work under this Agreement meet the citizenship or alien status requirement set forth in federal statutes and regulations. CONTRACTOR shall obtain, from all employees performing work hereunder, all verification and other documentation of employment eligibility status required by federal or state statutes and regulations including, but not limited to, the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, 8 U.S.C. §1324 et seq., as they currently exist and as they may be hereafter amended. CONTRACTOR shall retain all such documentation for all covered employees, for the period prescribed by the law.

**9.3** Ineligible Person shall be any individual or entity who: Is currently excluded, suspended, debarred or otherwise ineligible to participate in the federal health care programs; or has been convicted of a criminal offense related to the provision of health care items or services and has not been reinstated in the federal health care programs after a period of exclusion, suspension, debarment, or ineligibility.

**9.4**

CONSULTANT shall screen prospective individuals or entities prior to hire or engagement. CONSULTANT shall not hire or engage any Ineligible Person to provide services directly relative to this Agreement. CONSULTANT shall screen all current individuals within sixty (60) days of execution of this Agreement and every six (6) months thereafter to ensure that they are or have not become Ineligible Persons unless CONSULTANT has performed such screening on same Covered Individuals under a separate agreement with DISTRICT within the past six (6) months. Covered Individuals shall be required to disclose to CONSULTANT immediately any debarment, exclusion or other event that makes the Covered Individual an Ineligible Person. CONSULTANT shall notify DISTRICT within five (5) business days after it becomes aware if an entity or individual providing services directly relative to this Agreement becomes debarred, excluded or otherwise becomes an Ineligible Person.

9.5 CONTRACTOR acknowledges that Ineligible Persons are precluded from providing federal and state funded health care services by contract with DISTRICT in the event that they are currently sanctioned or excluded by a federal or state law enforcement regulatory or licensing agency. If CONTRACTOR becomes aware that a Covered Individual has become an Ineligible Person, CONTRACTOR shall remove such individual from responsibility for, or involvement with, DISTRICT business operations related to this Agreement.

9.6 CONTRACTOR shall notify DISTRICT within five (5) business days if a covered individual or entity is currently excluded, suspended or debarred, or is identified as such after being sanction screened. Such individual or entity shall be promptly removed from participating in any activity associated with this Agreement.

#### 10. Subcontract for Work or Services

No contract shall be made by the CONTRACTOR with any other party for furnishing any of the work or services under this Agreement without the prior written approval of the DISTRICT; but this provision shall not require the approval of contracts of employment between the CONTRACTOR and personnel assigned under this Agreement, or for parties named in the proposal and agreed to under this Agreement.

#### 11. Disputes

11.1 The parties shall attempt to resolve any disputes amicably at the working level. If that is not successful, the dispute shall be referred to the senior management of the parties. Any dispute relating to this Agreement, which is not resolved by the parties, shall be decided by the DISTRICT's Purchasing Department's Compliance Contract Officer who shall furnish the decision in writing. The decision of the DISTRICT's Compliance Contract Officer shall be final and conclusive unless determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to have been fraudulent, capricious, arbitrary, or so grossly erroneous to imply bad faith. The CONTRACTOR shall proceed diligently with the performance of this Agreement pending the resolution of a dispute.

11.2 Prior to the filing of any legal action related to this Agreement, the parties shall be obligated to attend a mediation session in Riverside County before a neutral third party mediator. A second mediation session shall be required if the first session is not successful. The parties shall share the cost of the mediations.

#### 12. Licensing and Permits

CONTRACTOR shall comply with all State or other licensing requirements, including but not limited to the provisions of Chapter 9 of Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code. All licensing requirements shall be met at the time proposals are submitted to the DISTRICT. CONTRACTOR warrants that it has all necessary permits, approvals, certificates, waivers and exemptions necessary for performance of this Agreement as required by the laws and regulations of the United States, the State of California, the County of Riverside and all other governmental agencies with jurisdiction, and shall maintain these throughout the term of this Agreement.

**13. Use By Other Political Entities**

The CONTRACTOR agrees to extend the same pricing, terms, and conditions as stated in this Agreement to each and every political entity, special district, and related non-profit entity in Riverside County. It is understood that other entities shall make purchases in their own name, make direct payment, and be liable directly to the CONTRACTOR; and DISTRICT shall in no way be responsible to CONTRACTOR for other entities' purchases.

**14. Non-Discrimination**

CONTRACTOR shall not be discriminate in the provision of services, allocation of benefits, accommodation in facilities, or employment of personnel on the basis of ethnic group identification, race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical handicap, medical condition, marital status or sex in the performance of this Agreement; and, to the extent they shall be found to be applicable hereto, shall comply with the provisions of the California Fair Employment and Housing Act (Gov. Code 12900 et. seq), the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352), the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. §1210 et seq.) and all other applicable laws or regulations.

**15. Records and Documents**

CONTRACTOR shall make available, upon written request by any duly authorized Federal, State, or DISTRICT agency, a copy of this Agreement and such books, documents and records as are necessary to certify the nature and extent of the CONTRACTOR's costs related to this Agreement. All such books, documents and records shall be maintained by CONTRACTOR for at least five years following termination of this Agreement and be available for audit by the DISTRICT. CONTRACTOR shall provide to the DISTRICT reports and information related to this Agreement as requested by DISTRICT.

**16. Confidentiality**

**16.1** The CONTRACTOR shall not use for personal gain or make other improper use of privileged or confidential information which is acquired in connection with this Agreement. The term "privileged or confidential information" includes but is not limited to: unpublished or sensitive technological or scientific information; medical, personnel, or security records; anticipated material requirements or pricing/purchasing actions; DISTRICT information or data which is not subject to public disclosure; DISTRICT operational procedures; and knowledge of selection of contractors, subcontractors or suppliers in advance of official announcement.

**16.2** The CONTRACTOR shall protect from unauthorized disclosure names and other identifying information concerning persons receiving services pursuant to this Agreement, except for general statistical information not identifying any person. The CONTRACTOR shall not use such information for any purpose other than carrying out the CONTRACTOR's obligations under this Agreement. The CONTRACTOR shall promptly transmit to the DISTRICT all third party requests for disclosure of such information. The CONTRACTOR shall not disclose, except as otherwise specifically permitted by this Agreement or authorized in advance in writing by the DISTRICT, any such information to anyone other than the DISTRICT. For purposes of this paragraph, identity shall include, but not be limited to, name, identifying number, symbol, or other identifying particulars assigned to the individual, such as finger or voice print or a photograph.

**17. Administration/Contract Liaison**

The DISTRICT Purchasing Agent, or designee, shall administer this Agreement on behalf of the DISTRICT. The Purchasing Agent is to serve as the liaison with CONTRACTOR in connection with this Agreement.

**18. Notices**

All correspondence and notices required or contemplated by this Agreement shall be delivered to the respective parties at the addresses set forth below and are deemed submitted two days after their deposit in the United States mail, postage prepaid:

**DISTRICT**

RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL PARK  
AND OPEN-SPACE DISTRICT  
4600 Crestmore Road  
Jurupa Valley, CA 92509

**CONTRACTOR**

CHAMBERS GROUP, INC  
5 Huntton Centre Drive, Suite 750  
Santa Ana, CA 92707

**19. Force Majeure**

If either party is unable to comply with any provision of this Agreement due to causes beyond its reasonable control, and which could not have been reasonably anticipated, such as acts of God, acts of war, civil disorders, or other similar acts, such party shall not be held liable for such failure to comply.

**20. EDD Reporting Requirements**

In order to comply with child support enforcement requirements of the State of California, the DISTRICT may be required to submit a Report of Independent Contractor(s) form DE 542 to the Employment Development Department. The CONTRACTOR agrees to furnish the required data and certifications to the DISTRICT within 10 days of notification of award of Agreement when required by the EDD. This data will be transmitted to governmental agencies charged with the establishment and enforcement of child support orders. Failure of the CONTRACTOR to timely submit the data and/or certificates required may result in the contract being awarded to another contractor. In the event a contract has been issued, failure of the CONTRACTOR to comply with all federal and state reporting requirements for child support enforcement or to comply with all lawfully served Wage and Earnings Assignments Orders and Notices of Assignment shall constitute a material breach of Agreement. If CONTRACTOR has any questions concerning this reporting requirement, please call (916) 657-0529. CONTRACTOR should also contact its local Employment Tax Customer Service Office listed in the telephone directory in the State Government section under "Employment Development Department" or access their Internet site at [www.edd.ca.gov](http://www.edd.ca.gov).

**21. Hold Harmless/Indemnification**

**21.1** CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and hold harmless the DISTRICT, County of Riverside, its Agencies, Districts, Special Districts and Departments, their respective directors, officers, Board of Directors, elected and appointed officials, employees, agents and representatives (individually and collectively hereinafter referred to as Indemnitees) from any liability, action, claim or damage whatsoever, based or asserted upon any services of CONTRACTOR, its officers, employees, subcontractors, agents or representatives arising out of or in any way relating to this Agreement, including but not limited to property damage, bodily injury, or death or any other element of any kind or nature. CONTRACTOR shall defend, at its sole expense, all costs, and fees including, but not limited, to attorney fees, cost of investigation, defense and settlements or awards, the Indemnitees in any claim or action based upon such alleged acts or omissions.

**21.2** With respect to any action or claim subject to indemnification herein by CONTRACTOR, CONTRACTOR shall, at their sole cost, have the right to use counsel of their own choice and shall have

the right to adjust, settle, or compromise any such action or claim without the prior consent of DISTRICT; provided, however, that any such adjustment, settlement or compromise in no manner whatsoever limits or circumscribes CONTRACTOR'S indemnification to Indemnitees as set forth herein.

**21.3** CONTRACTOR'S obligation hereunder shall be satisfied when CONTRACTOR has provided to DISTRICT the appropriate form of dismissal relieving DISTRICT from any liability for the action or claim involved.

**21.4** The specified insurance limits required in this Agreement shall in no way limit or circumscribe CONTRACTOR'S obligations to indemnify and hold harmless the Indemnitees herein from third party claims.

## **22. Insurance**

**22.1** Without limiting or diminishing the CONTRACTOR'S obligation to indemnify or hold the DISTRICT harmless, CONTRACTOR shall procure and maintain or cause to be maintained, at its sole cost and expense, the following insurance coverage's during the term of this Agreement. As respects to the insurance section only, the DISTRICT herein refers to the Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District, its Divisions, Departments, their respective directors, officers, Board of Directors, employees, elected or appointed officials, agents, or representatives as Additional Insureds.

### **A. Workers' Compensation:**

If the CONTRACTOR has employees as defined by the State of California, the CONTRACTOR shall maintain statutory Workers' Compensation Insurance (Coverage A) as prescribed by the laws of the State of California. Policy shall include Employers' Liability (Coverage B) including Occupational Disease with limits not less than \$1,000,000 per person per accident. The policy shall be endorsed to waive subrogation in favor of The District.

### **B. Commercial General Liability:**

Commercial General Liability insurance coverage, including but not limited to, premises liability, unmodified contractual liability, products and completed operations liability, personal and advertising injury, and cross liability coverage, covering claims which may arise from or out of CONTRACTOR'S performance of its obligations hereunder. Policy shall name the DISTRICT as Additional Insured. Policy's limit of liability shall not be less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence combined single limit. If such insurance contains a general aggregate limit, it shall apply separately to this agreement or be no less than two (2) times the occurrence limit.

### **C. Vehicle Liability:**

If vehicles or mobile equipment is used in the performance of the obligations under this Agreement, then CONTRACTOR shall maintain liability insurance for all owned, non-owned, or hired



vehicles so used in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence combined single limit. If such insurance contains a general aggregate limit, it shall apply separately to this agreement or be no less than two (2) times the occurrence limit. Policy shall name the DISTRICT as Additional Insureds.

**D. General Insurance Provisions - All lines:**

1) Any insurance carrier providing insurance coverage hereunder shall be admitted to the State of California and have an A M BEST rating of not less than A: VIII (A:8) unless such requirements are waived, in writing, by the District Risk Manager. If the District's Risk Manager waives a requirement for a particular insurer such waiver is only valid for that specific insurer and only for one policy term.

2) The CONTRACTOR must declare its insurance self-insured retention for each coverage required herein. If any such self-insured retention exceeds \$500,000 per occurrence each such retention shall have the prior written consent of the DISTRICT Risk Manager before the commencement of operations under this Agreement. Upon notification of self-insured retention unacceptable to the DISTRICT, and at the election of the DISTRICT's Risk Manager, CONTRACTOR'S carriers shall either; 1) reduce or eliminate such self-insured retention as respects this Agreement with the DISTRICT, or 2) procure a bond which guarantees payment of losses and related investigations, claims administration, and defense costs and expenses.

3) CONTRACTOR shall cause CONTRACTOR'S insurance carrier(s) to furnish the District with either 1) a properly executed original Certificate(s) of Insurance and certified original copies of Endorsements effecting coverage as required herein, and 2) if requested to do so orally or in writing by the DISTRICT's Risk Manager, provide original Certified copies of policies including all Endorsements and all attachments thereto, showing such insurance is in full force and effect. Further, said Certificate(s) and policies of insurance shall contain the covenant of the insurance carrier(s) that thirty (30) days written notice shall be given to the DISTRICT prior to any material modification, cancellation, expiration or reduction in coverage of such insurance. In the event of a material modification, cancellation, expiration, or reduction in coverage, this Agreement shall terminate forthwith, unless the DISTRICT receives, prior to such effective date, another properly executed original Certificate of Insurance and original copies of endorsements or certified original policies, including all endorsements and attachments thereto evidencing coverage's set forth herein and the insurance required herein is in full force and effect. CONTRACTOR shall not commence operations until the DISTRICT has been furnished original Certificate (s) of Insurance and certified original copies of endorsements and if requested, certified original policies of insurance including all endorsements and any and all other attachments as required in this Section. An individual authorized by the insurance carrier shall sign the original endorsements for each policy and the Certificate of Insurance.

4) It is understood and agreed to by the parties hereto that the CONTRACTOR'S insurance shall be construed as primary insurance, and the DISTRICT'S insurance and/or deductibles and/or self-insured retention's or self-insured programs shall not be construed as contributory.

5) If, during the term of this Agreement or any extension thereof, there is a material change in the scope of services; or, there is a material change in the equipment to be used in the performance of the scope of work; or, the term of this Agreement, including any extensions thereof, exceeds five (5) years; the DISTRICT reserves the right to adjust the types of insurance and the monetary limits of liability required under this Agreement, if in the District Risk Manager's reasonable judgment, the amount or type of insurance carried by the CONTRACTOR has become inadequate.

6) CONTRACTOR shall pass down the insurance obligations contained herein to all tiers of subcontractors working under this Agreement.

7) The insurance requirements contained in this Agreement may be met with a program(s) of self-insurance acceptable to the DISTRICT.

8) CONTRACTOR agrees to notify DISTRICT of any claim by a third party or any incident or event that may give rise to a claim arising from the performance of this Agreement.

### **23. General**

23.1 CONTRACTOR shall not delegate or assign any interest in this Agreement, whether by operation of law or otherwise, without the prior written consent of DISTRICT. Any attempt to delegate or assign any interest herein shall be deemed void and of no force or effect.

23.2 Any waiver by DISTRICT of any breach of any one or more of the terms of this Agreement shall not be construed to be a waiver of any subsequent or other breach of the same or of any other term of this Agreement. Failure on the part of DISTRICT to require exact, full, and complete compliance with any terms of this Agreement shall not be construed as in any manner changing the terms or preventing DISTRICT from enforcement of the terms of this Agreement.

23.3 In the event the CONTRACTOR receives payment under this Agreement, which is later disallowed by DISTRICT for nonconformance with the terms of the Agreement, the CONTRACTOR shall promptly refund the disallowed amount to the DISTRICT on request; or at its option the DISTRICT may offset the amount disallowed from any payment due to the CONTRACTOR.

23.4 CONTRACTOR shall not provide partial delivery or shipment of services or products unless specifically stated in the Agreement.

23.5 CONTRACTOR shall not provide any services or products subject to any chattel mortgage or under a conditional sales contract or other agreement by which an interest is retained by a third party.

The CONTRACTOR warrants that it has good title to all materials or products used by CONTRACTOR or provided to DISTRICT pursuant to this Agreement, free from all liens, claims, or encumbrances.

23.6 Nothing in this Agreement shall prohibit the DISTRICT from acquiring the same type or equivalent equipment, products, materials or services from other sources, when deemed by the DISTRICT to be in its best interest. The DISTRICT reserves the right to purchase more or less than the quantities specified in this Agreement.

23.7 The DISTRICT agrees to cooperate with the CONTRACTOR in the CONTRACTOR's performance under this Agreement, including, if stated in the Agreement, providing the CONTRACTOR with reasonable facilities and timely access to DISTRICT data, information, and personnel.

23.8 CONTRACTOR shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations. CONTRACTOR will comply with all applicable DISTRICT policies and procedures. In the event that there is a conflict between the various laws or regulations that may apply, the CONTRACTOR shall comply with the more restrictive law or regulation.

23.9 CONTRACTOR shall comply with all air pollution control, water pollution, safety and health ordinances, statutes, or regulations, which apply to performance under this Agreement.

23.10 CONTRACTOR shall comply with all requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standards and codes as set forth by the U.S. Department of Labor and the State of California (Cal/OSHA).

23.11 This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California. Any legal action related to the performance or interpretation of this Agreement shall be filed only in the Superior Court of the State of California located in Riverside, California, and the parties waive any provision of law providing for a change of venue to another location. In the event any provision in this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions will nevertheless continue in full force without being impaired or invalidated in any way.

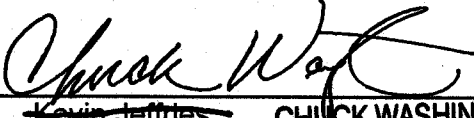
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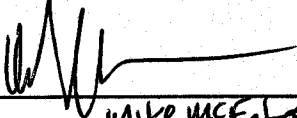
23.12 This Agreement, including any attachments or exhibits, constitutes the entire Agreement of the parties with respect to its subject matter and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous representations, proposals, discussions and communications, whether oral or in writing. This Agreement may be changed or modified only by a written amendment signed by authorized representatives of both parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused their duly authorized representatives to execute this Agreement.

**DISTRICT**  
RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL  
PARK AND OPEN-SPACE DISTRICT  
4600 Crestmore Rd,  
Jurupa Valley, CA 92509

**SERVICE PROVIDER**  
CHAMBERS GROUP, INC  
5 Hutton Centre Drive, Suite 750  
Santa Ana, CA 92707

Signature:   
~~Kevin Jeffries~~ **CHUCK WASHINGTON**  
Chairman, Board of Directors

Signature:   
Print Name: Mike McEneaney  
Title: COO

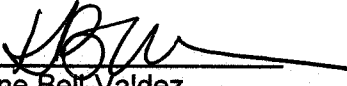
Dated: JAN 29 2019

Dated: 1/11/19

**ATTEST:**  
~~Kecia Harper~~  
Clerk of the Board

By:   
Deputy

(Seal)

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**  
Gregory P. Priamos  
County Counsel  
By:   
Kristine Bell-Valdez  
Supervising Deputy County Counsel

**Exhibit A**

**Scope of Services**

**1. SCOPE OF WORK**

- A. Contractor is a qualified vendor and will provide weed removal and maintenance services of the Giant Reed (*Arundo Donax*), *Tamarix. Spp*, and other exotic vegetation for the duration of 3 years. All areas within the scope are to be comprised of 5% or less of *Arundo donax* and *Tamarix spp* upon District annual inspection of the completed areas.
- B. The project site is located on the Santa Ana River mainstream, roughly between Mount Rubidoux in Riverside on the upstream end to Van Buren Blvd on the downstream end consisting of approximately 223 acres in three distinct areas.
- C. Contractor shall plan, coordinate, and complete application of approved herbicides to treat the invasive weed using various techniques from foliar spraying, spot spraying, and cut-stump treatment
- D. The work to be performed for this agreement is divided up into Two (2) categories; the Old Mitigation Bank Areas and Mitigation Bank Expansion Areas, each requiring specific needs as described in Table 1 below.
- E.

NAME	EXHIBIT	ACRES	NEEDS
Mitigation Bank Expansion Areas	C	49	Maintenance spraying with some occasional cutting to be completed within one year of contract signing.
Old Mitigation Bank Areas	C	174	New cutting and removal of Tamarix. Maintenance spraying with some occasional cutting of Arundo.

- 1) **Mitigation Bank Expansion Area:** Consist of approximately 49 acres. This area has been cut or sprayed in recent years, but new cutting may be required. This area has an accelerated time frame - initial clearing must be completed within the first year of operations.
- 2) **Old Mitigation Bank:** Consist of approximately 174 acres. This area has had *Arundo donax* removed and many of the areas are essentially Arundo-free and fully restored. However, several sections are seeing an increase in *Tamarisk spp* that will need to be removed. The Park District's maintenance obligation for the Bank is for 20 years.

- F. Work is to be completed by a combination of cutting and spraying, while maintaining the designated areas within the Santa Ana River as Arundo/Tamarix-free. For definition purposes, Arundo/Tamarix-free refers to the condition where *Arundo donax* and *Tamarix spp* comprises 5% or less of the vegetative cover of the area. Contractor shall haul away debris by using hand or other small, or permitted equipment and move the material to the designated staging areas for chipping.
- G. Contractor shall provide the equipment necessary for mulching the *Arundo donax*. The *Arundo donax* mulched material can be dispersed in the designated areas, or the contractor can have the material removed from the area and mulched to prevent further contamination of other areas. If contractor does not remove the *Arundo donax* from the area then they shall disperse the mulched material in designated locations. In most cases the designated locations will be adjacent to the chipper locations, but in some instances mulched material may have to be moved to additional locations within the project area.
- H. In order to prevent further contamination of other areas the contractor **must** have the Tamarix cut and removed from the 100 year flood plain.
- I. To the best extent possible, remove other exotic vegetation within the project areas. Such vegetation should include, but is not limited to perennial pepper weed (*Lepidium latifolium*), non-native palm trees, and Indian tree tobacco (*Nicotiana glauca*). However, it is expected and understood that the main thrust of the project is *Arundo donax* and *Tamarisk spp* removal, and other such species may be removed as a secondary nature.
- J. Contractor shall assist as necessary for yearly inspections by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service personnel.
- K.
- L. Errors or omissions in the contract document will not serve as an excuse for extra payment for inferior work if the intent is plainly understandable. The Contractor will not be paid for any abatement completed by their own error, or errors of their employees.

## 2. **SUBCONTRACTING:**

In the event the Contractor employs subcontractors for any phase of this abatement project, the Contractor shall make the intent known to the County Purchasing Agent. All Subcontractors will answer to the General Contractor and will be subject to the same terms and conditions of the applicable sections of the contract as would apply to the General Contractor. Contractors shall be responsible for payment directly to any subcontractors employed to carry out any aspect of this contract. The Contractor shall not subcontract or assign the performance of any service under the contract, unless previously indicated in their response to this Request for Proposal.

## 3. **PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE**

- A. The period of performance shall be for three (3) years, with each year renewable in one- year increments, with the completion date of 10/31/2021, with no obligation by the District to purchase any specified amount of services.

#### **4. STAFF AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS**

- A. Staff providing direct services under the awarded contract will have a minimum of three (3) years' experience in invasive species removal; specifically in *Arundo donax* and *Tamarix spp* and preferably in the Santa Ana River.
- B. Contractor will be required to have a QAL/QAC on staff and ensure all rules and regulations set by the Department of Pesticide Regulations are being followed.
- C. Contractor is required to have a California Department of Fish and Wildlife 1600 permit prior to initiating any work.
- D. All personnel (labor) shall be furnished by the Contractor. Each worker will be able to perform his/her duties in a manner that will not endanger the employees' health or safety or the health and safety of others and be attired with appropriate protective clothing and footwear. The Contractor will furnish gloves, safety glasses, hearing protection, and any other safety equipment that is necessary for this type for work. The Contractor shall provide safe and healthful working conditions, transport equipment, and shall at all times comply with OSHA requirements.
- E. No employee drinking alcohol or under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs shall be allowed to participate in the performance of this contract, nor shall any employee bring alcohol and/or drugs onto to the work location required by this contract. The Contractor agrees to immediately remove and replace any employee whose conduct and/or workmanship are in any way unsatisfactory to the County. **To ensure fire safety, smoking is prohibited on any of the lands covered by this scope of work.**

#### **5. REPORTING**

- A. Contractor is to provide an annual report describing the efforts put forth during the year to maintain the areas as Arundo/Tamarix-free. This report will be due by January 31<sup>st</sup> of each year and covering the previous year's activities.
- B. Contractor is to provide progress reports prior to invoicing which show the work completed on each of the individual management unit. Updates shall include percentage of work completed and type of work performed. District staff will utilize the provided progress reports to verify work completed and authorize payment.

#### **6. CONTRACTORS RESPONSIBILITY**

- A. Contractor shall be responsible for quality control of all phases of the abatement process, including necessary supervision and reporting requirements.
- B. Contractor shall identify and supply all materials, labor, equipment, supplies, supervision, quality control, and incidentals required to complete the work described.
- C. Before any work or ground disturbing activities can proceed, the Contractor shall have receipt of all required approvals, permits, or licenses, such as the 1600 permit, herbicide licenses and the notice to proceed.
- D. Contractor shall maintain all necessary federal, state and local permits and/or licenses to carry out this work, and insure reporting compliance for herbicide use.
- E. Contractor shall insure employees are trained in any necessary clean water management practices, such as but not limited to the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, (NPDES) training.
- F. Contractor shall possess and maintain in continuous working condition, proper communication equipment to maintain contact with designated Park District personnel, and in the event of an accident will allow for the immediate contact of emergency services.

#### **7. HOURS OF PERFORMANCE**

- A. Cutting of vegetation is limited to September 1<sup>st</sup> thru March 15<sup>th</sup> due to the sensitive wildlife species in the area, including nesting birds. However, chemical applications can be applied throughout the year.
- B. Services are to be coordinated with a Park District representative and shall be performed Monday through Friday, during the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. District representatives may inspect the work at any time and may reject any work or material found not in compliance with the contract requirements.

#### **8. INVOICES**

- A. Contractor will be paid based on provide invoices, invoices are to be provided in duplicate. For this contract, send the original and duplicate copies of invoices to:

Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District  
Attn: Finance  
4600 Crestmore Road, Jurupa Valley, CA 92509

OR: Email invoices to: [Park-finance@rivco.org](mailto:Park-finance@rivco.org)

To ensure prompt payment of your invoices, awarded Consultants MUST promptly register with the County of Riverside Purchasing website: [WWW.PURCHASING.CO.RIVERSIDE.CA.US](http://WWW.PURCHASING.CO.RIVERSIDE.CA.US)

- B. Voluntary E-Payment Program: Awarded Consultant may register with the County's Auditor Controllers Office to participate in this program.



Each invoice shall contain a minimum of the following information: invoice number and date; remittance address; "bill-to" and "ship-to" addresses of ordering department/division; contract number (to be provided upon award); invoiced must be itemized, quantities; item descriptions, unit prices, individual/company performing services, hourly rate, hours spent performing the task, extensions, sales/use tax if applicable, and an invoice total.

Progress Payments are acceptable on completed deliverables only as listed in Cost Proposal, Exhibit A, and Invoices shall be rendered "monthly" in arrears.

- C. In the State of California, Government agencies are not allowed to pay excess interest and late charges, per Government Codes, Section 926.10

**Exhibit B**

**Cost Summary**

**Old Mitigation Bank Areas:**

<b>Year 1 - Service</b>	<b>Extended Cost</b>
<b>Treatment or removal of biomass</b>	<b>\$ 99,180.00</b>
<b>YEAR 1 TOTAL COST</b>	<b>\$ 99,180.00</b>

<b>Year 2- Service</b>	<b>Extended Cost</b>
<b>Treatment or removal of biomass</b>	<b>\$ 61,248.00</b>
<b>YEAR 2 TOTAL COST</b>	<b>\$ 61,248.00</b>

<b>Year 3 - Service</b>	<b>Extended Cost</b>
<b>Treatment or removal of biomass</b>	<b>\$ 54,636.00</b>
<b>YEAR 3 TOTAL COST</b>	<b>\$ 54,636.00</b>

<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>Extended Cost</b>
<b>Year 1 Total Cost</b>	<b>\$ 99,180.00</b>
<b>Year 2 Total Cost</b>	<b>\$ 61,248.00</b>
<b>Year 3 Total Cost</b>	<b>\$ 54,636.00</b>
<b>TOTAL CONTRACT COST</b>	<b>\$ 215,064.00</b>

**Mitigation Bank Expansion Areas**

<b>Year 1 - Service</b>	<b>Extended Cost</b>
<b>Treatment or removal of biomass</b>	<b>\$ 27,881.00</b>
<b>YEAR 1 TOTAL COST</b>	<b>\$ 27,881.00</b>

<b>Year 2- Service</b>	<b>Extended Cost</b>
<b>Treatment or removal of biomass</b>	<b>\$ 17,297.00</b>
<b>YEAR 2 TOTAL COST</b>	<b>\$ 17,297.00</b>

<b>Year 3 - Service</b>	<b>Extended Cost</b>
<b>Treatment or removal of biomass</b>	<b>\$ 15,386.00</b>
<b>YEAR 3 TOTAL COST</b>	<b>\$ 15,386.00</b>

<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>Extended Cost</b>
<b>Year 1 Total Cost</b>	<b>\$ 27,881.00</b>
<b>Year 2 Total Cost</b>	<b>\$ 17,297.00</b>
<b>Year 3 Total Cost</b>	<b>\$ 15,386.00</b>
<b>TOTAL CONTRACT COST</b>	<b>\$ 60,564.00</b>