

**GENERAL CONDITIONS OF**  
**THE STANDARD FORM CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT**  
**BETWEEN COUNTY AND CONTRACTOR**

(LONG FORM)

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**GENERAL CONDITIONS OF**  
**THE STANDARD FORM CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT**  
**BETWEEN COUNTY AND CONTRACTOR**

(LONG FORM)

**ARTICLE 1**  
**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**1.1 DEFINITIONS**

1.1.1 **Acceptance.** "Acceptance" means the point that the Project is formally accepted by the Board of Supervisors and a Notice of Completion is recorded by County.

1.1.2 **Act of God.** "Act of God" means earthquake, natural flood, tornado or other unusually severe natural or weather phenomenon occurring at the Site and causing Delay to performance of the Work at the Site; provided, however, that precipitation and winds shall not be an Act of God unless it exceeds in any given month the 10-year average of monthly levels as established by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ("NOAA") according to NOAA's records of measurable precipitation and winds taken at NOAA's recording station located within the Riverside County basin area that is nearest to the Site.

1.1.3 **Addendum.** "Addendum" means written or graphic information (including, without limitation, Drawings or Specifications) issued prior to the Bid Closing Deadline, which modifies or interprets the Bidding Documents by additions, deletions, clarifications or corrections.

1.1.4 **Admitted Surety.** "Admitted Surety" means a surety insurer that is duly certified pursuant to California Insurance Code §995.120 to transact business as a surety in the State of California.

1.1.5 **Allowable Costs.** "Allowable Costs" means those costs listed in Paragraph 7.7.3, below, that are used in calculating Contract Adjustments to the Contract Price.

1.1.6 **Allowable Markups.** "Allowable Markups" means those percentage markups listed in Paragraph 7.7.5, below, used in calculating Contract Adjustments to the Contract Price.

1.1.7 **Alternate.** "Alternate" means a proposed alternative described in the Bidding Documents adding to, or deleting from, the Bidding Documents a particular material, system, product or method of construction.

1.1.8 **Applicable Laws.** "Applicable Laws" means all statutes, ordinances, rules, regulations, policies and guidelines enacted by Governmental Authorities (including, without limitation, Environmental Laws and Disability Laws), codes adopted or promulgated by Governmental Authorities (including, without limitation, building and health and safety codes), lawful orders of Governmental Authorities and common law, including, but not limited to, principles of equity applied by the courts of the State of California, which are in effect at the time the Work is performed.

1.1.9 **Application for Payment.** "Application for Payment" means Contractor's itemized application for Progress Payment or Final Payment prepared, submitted and substantiated in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents.

1.1.10 **Architect.** "Architect" means the design professional retained by County that is primarily responsible for the preparation of the Drawings and Specifications for the Project.

1.1.11 **Assistant CEO/EDA.** "Assistant CEO/EDA" means the Assistant CEO for the Economic Development Agency, or his/her designee.



1.1.12 **Award.** "Award" means either (1) a minute order duly adopted by the Board of Supervisors approving County's entering into the Construction Contract with Contractor or (2) execution of the Construction Contract by the Clerk of the Board.

1.1.13 **Base Bid.** "Base Bid" means the sum of money stated in a Bid for which the Bidder proposes to perform the Work, exclusive of adjustments for Alternates.

1.1.14 **Bid.** "Bid" means the completed and signed Bid Form and other Bid Submittals submitted by a Bidder to County in response to the Notice Inviting Bids and in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

1.1.15 **Bid Amount.** "Bid Amount" means the dollar amount that is used as the basis for determining which Bidder has submitted the lowest Bid price for purposes of Award pursuant to the County's chosen method of Award set forth in Paragraph 4.5.3 of the Instructions to Bidders.

1.1.16 **Bid Bond.** "Bid Bond" means alternative form of Bid Security submitted by a Bidder that consists of a surety bond issued by a Surety.

1.1.17 **Bid Closing Deadline.** "Bid Closing Deadline" means the deadline (date and time) for receipt of Bids by County that is stated in the Bidding Documents, as adjusted by Addendum.

1.1.18 **Bid Form.** "Bid Form" means the form prescribed by the Bidding Documents to be completed and signed by a Bidder showing the dollar amount(s) of its Bid.

1.1.19 **Bid Security.** "Bid Security" means a deposit of cash, certified or cashier's check or bond submitted by a Bidder in accordance with the Bidding Documents guaranteeing that if Award is made to the Bidder, the Bidder will enter into the Construction Contract and furnish the Performance Bond and Payment Bond and other Post-Award Submittals.

1.1.20 **Bid Submittal.** "Bid Submittal" means a document that Bidder is required by the Bidding Documents to submit with or as part of its Bid.

1.1.21 **Bidder.** "Bidder" means a person or entity submitting a Bid for Award of the Construction Contract.

1.1.22 **Bidding Documents.** "Bidding Documents" means the following collection of documents prepared and issued by County relating to the Project:

- .1 Notice Inviting Bids;
- .2 Instructions to Bidders;
- .3 Bid Form;
- .4 Standard Form of Construction Contract Between County and Contractor (unsigned);
- .5 General Conditions to Standard Form of Construction Contract Between County and Contractor (Long Form);
- .6 Specifications;
- .7 Plans and Drawings;
- .8 Addenda;
- .9 Reference Documents;
- .10 Safety Program; and

.11 those documents, or those portions or provisions of documents, that, although not listed in Subparagraph 1.1.22.2 through Subparagraph 1.1.22.10, above, are expressly cross-referenced therein or attached thereto, including, without limitation, all documents submitted by Contractor as part of its Bid or Post-Award Submittals.

1.1.23 **Board of Supervisors.** "Board of Supervisors" means the Board of Supervisors for the County of Riverside.

1.1.24 **Change.** "Change" means a modification, change, addition, substitution or deletion in the Work or in Contractor's means, methods, manner, time or sequence of performing the Work arising from any cause or circumstances, including, without limitation, either directly at the request of County or constructively by reason of other circumstances. Use of the term "Change," in any context, in the Contract Documents shall not be interpreted as implying that Contractor is entitled to a Contract Adjustment on any basis other than as permitted by the terms of the Contract Documents for Compensable Change, Deleted Work or Compensable Delay.

1.1.25 **Change Order.** "Change Order" means a written instrument, signed in accordance with the requirements of the General Conditions, setting forth the agreement of County and Contractor on the terms of a Contract Adjustment.

1.1.26 **Change Order Request.** "Change Order Request" means Contractor's written request for a Contract Adjustment pursuant to Paragraph 7.6.2, below.

1.1.27 **Claim.** "Claim" means a written demand or assertion by Contractor seeking, as a matter of right, an interpretation of contract, payment of money, recovery of damages or other relief. A Claim does not include the following: (1) tort claims for personal injury or death; (2) stop payment notice claims; (3) a determination of the right of County to specific performance or injunctive relief to compel performance; (4) a determination of the right of County to suspend, revoke or limit the Contractor's Prequalification status or rating or to debar Contractor from bidding or contracting with County; or (5) a determination of the right of County under Applicable Laws to terminate the Construction Contract and/or recovery of penalties imposed upon Contractor for violation of statutory obligations under Public Contract Code §4100 *et seq.*

1.1.28 **Close-Out Documents.** "Close-Out Documents" means all Record Documents, warranties, guarantees, technical information, operations manuals, replacement parts, excess and attic stock and other documents (including, without limitation, electronic versions and hard copies) and things required to be submitted by Contractor under the Contract Documents as a condition of Final Completion or Final Payment.

1.1.29 **Compensable Change.** "Compensable Change" means circumstances involving the performance of Extra Work:

.1 that are the result of

(1) Differing Site Conditions,

(2) amendments or additions to Applicable Laws, which amendments or additions are enacted after the Bid Closing Deadline,

(3) a Change requested by County in accordance with the conditions of authorization applicable to Compensable Changes set forth in Article 7, below, or

(4) other circumstances involving a Change in the Work for which Contractor is given under the Contract Documents a specific and express right to a Contract Adjustment to the Contract Price;

.2 that are not caused, in whole or in part, by an act or omission of Contractor or a Subcontractor, of any Tier, constituting negligence, willful misconduct, or violation of an Applicable Law, or by a failure of Contractor of a Subcontractor, of any Tier, to comply with the Contract Documents;

.3 for which a Contract Adjustment is neither prohibited by nor waived under the terms of the Contract Documents; and

.4 that if performed would require Contractor to incur additional and unforeseeable Allowable Costs that would not have been required to be incurred in the absence of such circumstances.

1.1.30 **Compensable Delay.** "Compensable Delay" means a Delay to the critical path of activities affecting Contractor's ability to achieve Substantial Completion of the entirety of the Work within the Contract Time:

.1 that is the result of

(a) a Compensable Change,

(b) the active negligence of County, Architect, a County Consultant or a Separate Contractor,

(c) a breach by County of an obligation under the Contract Documents, or

(d) other circumstances involving Delay for which Contractor is given under the Contract Documents a specific and express right to a Contract Adjustment adjusting the Contract Price;

.2 that is not caused, in whole or in part, by an act or omission of Contractor or a Subcontractor, of any Tier, constituting negligence, willful misconduct, or a violation of an Applicable Law, or a failure by Contractor or any Subcontractor, of any Tier, to comply with the Contract Documents; and

.3 for which a Contract Adjustment to the Contract Time is neither prohibited by nor waived under the terms of the Contract Documents.

1.1.31 **Construction Change Directive.** "Construction Change Directive" means a written instrument signed in accordance with the requirements of Article 7, below, that: (1) directs the performance of a Change that does not involve a Contract Adjustment; (2) establishes a mutually agreed basis for compensation to Contractor for a Compensable Change under circumstances where performance of the Compensable Change needs to proceed in advance of the County performing a full evaluation of the Contractor's rights relative to a Contract Adjustment; or (3) directs performance of Work or a Change with respect to which there exists a dispute or question regarding the terms of a Contract Adjustment.

1.1.32 **Construction Contract.** "Construction Contract" means the written form of Standard Form of Construction Contract Between County and Contractor included in the Bidding Documents signed by County and Contractor.

1.1.33 **Construction Schedule.** "Construction Schedule" means the detailed, critical path schedule prepared by Contractor in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents showing Contractor's plan for performance of the Work within the Contract Time.

1.1.34 **Contract Adjustment.** "Contract Adjustment" means an adjustment, additive or deductive, to the Contract Price or Contract Time that is permitted by the Contract Documents due to circumstances constituting a Compensable Change, Compensable Delay or Deleted Work.

1.1.35 **Contract Documents.** "Contract Documents" means the following collection of documents:

.1 Construction Contract;

.2 Addenda;

.3 General Conditions;

- .4 Specifications;
- .5 Plans and Drawings;
- .6 Modifications;
- .7 Reference Documents;
- .8 Change Orders;
- .9 Unilateral Change Orders;
- .10 Construction Change Directives;
- .11 Safety Program;

.12 other documents that comprise exhibits, attachments or riders to the documents listed in preceding Subparagraph 1.1.35.1 through Subparagraph 1.1.35.11, above;

- .13 executed Declaration of Sufficiency of Funds;
- .14 executed Non-Collusion Declaration; and

.15 if the Bidding Documents limit bidding to Prequalified Bidders, those written representations, obligations or responsibilities made, acknowledged or assumed by the Bidder as part of the applicable Prequalification conducted by County, including, without limitation, any continuing obligations assumed by Contractor to disclose false or misleading information, report changes in ownership or management and comply with minimum safety requirements.

1.1.36 **Contract Price.** "Contract Price" means the dollar amount set forth in the Construction Contract as the total compensation payable by County to Contractor for complete performance by Contractor in accordance with the Contract Documents of the Work and other obligations assumed by Contractor under the Contract Documents.

1.1.37 **Contract Time.** "Contract Time" means the total number of Days set forth in the Construction Contract within which Contractor is obligated to achieve Substantial Completion and/or Final Completion of the Work, as extended or shortened by Contract Adjustments.

1.1.38 **Contractor.** "Contractor" means the person or entity identified by County as the Bidder receiving Award of the Construction Contract.

1.1.39 **Contractor Amount.** "Contractor Amount" means the component amount calculated on behalf of Contractor pursuant to Paragraph 15.1.5, below, that is used to determine the total net amount payable to Contractor or County in the event of a partial or full termination or discontinuance of the Work.

1.1.40 **Contractor's Own Expense.** "Contractor's Own Expense" means that Contractor agrees to assume sole responsibility to pay and be responsible for any resulting or associated Loss and Delay, without any Contract Adjustment and without any other form of compensation or reimbursement, of any kind, by County.

1.1.41 **County.** "County" means the County of Riverside, a political subdivision of the State of California.

1.1.42 **County Amount.** "County Amount" means the component amount calculated on behalf of County pursuant to Paragraph 15.1.5, below, that is used to determine the total net amount payable to Contractor or County in the event of a partial or full termination or discontinuance of the Work.

1.1.43 **County Consultant.** "County Consultant" means a consultant, other than Architect, engaged by County (or engaged as a subconsultant to the Architect or a County Consultant) to provide professional advice to County with respect to the design, construction or management of the Project.

1.1.44 **County Review Date.** "County Review Date" means an end date set forth in the Construction Schedule or Submittal Schedule within which County, Architect or a County Consultant is to provide information, review documents or render decisions, approvals or disapprovals.

1.1.45 **County Review Period.** "County Review Period" means a period of time set forth in the Construction Schedule or Submittal Schedule within which County, Architect or a County Consultant is to provide information, review documents or render decisions, approvals or disapprovals.

1.1.46 **County Risk Manager.** "County Risk Manager" means the individual employee of the County acting as its risk manager.

1.1.47 **County Website.** "County Website" means the website maintained by County at <http://www.rivcoeda.org>.

1.1.48 **Date of Commencement.** "Date of Commencement" means the starting date used for calculation of the Contract Time, and is the date, no earlier than the first working day following issuance of the Notice to Proceed, that is fixed in the Notice to Proceed issued by the County or, if no Notice to Proceed is issued, the Day that the Contractor actually commences Work at the Site in accordance with Paragraph 8.1.1, below.

1.1.49 **Day.** "Day", whether capitalized or not, and unless otherwise specifically provided, means calendar day, including weekends and Holidays.

1.1.50 **Declaration of Sufficiency of Funds.** "Declaration of Sufficiency of Funds" means the declaration, in the form included in the Bidding Documents, required to be submitted by Contractor under circumstances where Contractor has not executed a collective bargaining agreement covering the workers who will be employed to perform the Work.

1.1.51 **Defective Work.** "Defective Work" means materials, equipment, labor, workmanship, construction services or other construction work comprising the Work by Contractor or a Subcontractor that (1) is faulty, omitted, incomplete, or deficient, or (2) does not conform to Applicable Laws, the Contract Documents, or the requirements of any inspection, reference standard, test, code or approval specified in the Contract Documents.

1.1.52 **Delay.** "Delay" means any circumstances involving delay, disruption, hindrance or interference.

1.1.53 **Deleted Work.** "Deleted Work" means Work that is eliminated or its scope or cost reduced pursuant to a Change Order or Unilateral Change Order.

1.1.54 **Department of Industrial Relations.** "Department of Industrial Relations" means The Department of Industrial Relations of the State of California.

1.1.55 **Design Discrepancy.** "Design Discrepancy" means an error, omission, conflict, ambiguity, lack of coordination or noncompliance with Applicable Laws contained in the Bidding Documents, Contract Documents, Reference Documents or other information made available by County to Contractor prior to or after the Bid Closing Deadline.

1.1.56 **Design Documents.** "Design Documents" means all originals, copies and drafts of plans, drawings, tracings, specifications, programs, reports, calculations, presentation materials, models, building information models and other writings or materials containing designs, specifications or engineering information related to the Work or Project prepared by Architect, County Consultants, Contractor, Separate Contractors or Subcontractors including, without limitation, computer aided design materials, electronic data files and paper copies. The term "Design Documents" includes both the written documents and all building and other designs depicted therein.

1.1.57 **Design Intent.** "Design Intent" means the general intended design objectives of the Design Documents prepared by Architect and County Consultants, as described in Paragraph 1.2.1, below.

1.1.58 **Designation of Subcontractors.** "Designation of Subcontractors" means the list of proposed Subcontractors prepared by the Bidder pursuant to California Public Contract Code §§4100 et seq.

1.1.59 **Differing Site Condition.** "Differing Site Condition" means an unforeseen condition that constitutes a basis for Contract Adjustment pursuant to Paragraph 4.3.8, below.

1.1.60 **Disability Laws.** "Disability Laws" means applicable federal, state, local or municipal laws, rules, orders, regulations, statutes, ordinances, codes, decrees, or requirements of any Government Authority, which regulate, relate to or impose liability or standards of conduct with respect to, or accessibility for, persons with disabilities, including, without limitation, the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 USCA §§ 12101 et seq.) and the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 (42 USCA §§ 3604 et seq.).

1.1.61 **Discovery Date.** "Discovery Date", generally used in reference to Contractor's obligation to give written notice of certain facts, conditions or circumstances, means the earlier of the dates that Contractor or any Subcontractor either: (1) discovered such facts, conditions or circumstances; or (2) should have discovered such facts, conditions or circumstances in the exercise of the level of care required by the terms of the Standard of Performance.

1.1.62 **Drawings.** "Drawings" means graphic and pictorial documents showing the design, location and dimensions of the Project, and generally includes plans, elevations, subparagraphs, details, schedules and diagrams. The term "Drawings" is used interchangeably with "Plans".

1.1.63 **EDA.** "EDA" means the Economic Development Agency for the County of Riverside.

1.1.64 **Environmental Laws.** "Environmental Laws" means all applicable federal, state, local or municipal laws, rules, orders, regulations, statutes, ordinances, codes, decrees and permits or other requirements of any Governmental Authority, which regulate, relate to, or impose liability or standards of conduct concerning any Hazardous Substance (including, without limitation, the use, handling, transportation, production, disposal, discharge or storage thereof), occupational or environmental conditions on, under, or about the Site or Existing Improvements (including, without limitation, soil, groundwater, and indoor and ambient air conditions), environmental protection (natural or manmade resources), or occupational health or industrial hygiene (but only to the extent related to Hazardous Substances on, under, or about the Site or Existing Improvements), as now or may at any later time be in effect, including without limitation, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 [42 U.S.C.A. §§ 9601 et seq.]; the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 [42 U.S.C.A. §§ 6901 et seq.]; the Clean Water Act (also known as the Federal Water Pollution Control Act) [33 U.S.C.A. §§ 1251 et seq.]; the Toxic Substances Control Act [15 U.S.C.A. §§ 2601 et seq.]; the Hazardous Substances Transportation Act [49 U.S.C.A. §§ 1801 et seq.]; the Insecticide, Fungicide, Rodenticide Act [7 U.S.C.A. §§ 136 et seq.]; the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act [42 U.S.C.A. §§ 6901 et seq.]; the Clean Air Act [42 U.S.C.A. §§ 7401 et seq.]; the Safe Drinking Water Act [42 U.S.C.A. §§ 300f et seq.]; the Solid Waste Disposal Act [42 U.S.C.A. §§ 6901 et seq.]; the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act [30 U.S.C.A. §§ 1201 et seq.]; the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act [42 U.S.C.A. §§ 11001 et seq.]; the Occupational Safety and Health Act [29 U.S.C.A. §§ 655 and 657]; the Residential Lead-Based Paint Exposure Act (Title X of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992) [15 U.S.C.A. §§ 2681 et seq.]; the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act [42 U.S.C.A. §§ 4821 et seq.]; the Federal Endangered Species Act, the California Endangered Species Act, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, the California Environmental Quality Act, Porter Cologne Water Quality Act (California Water Code §§ 13000 et seq), and all similar federal, state or local laws, rules, orders, regulations, statutes, ordinances, codes, decrees, or requirements.

1.1.65 **Escrow Agent.** "Escrow Agent" means an entity serving as escrow agent pursuant to California Public Contract Code §22300 in connection with the deposit of securities or retention.

1.1.66 **Escrow Bid Documents.** "Escrow Bid Documents" means all written documentation and electronic files reflecting the basis for and calculation of a Bid, including, without limitation, estimates, quantity take-offs, price quotations, product data, pricing data, memoranda, narratives, add/deduct sheets and reports (including, without limitation, reports on conditions at, under, or in the vicinity of the Site). The term "Escrow Bid Documents" does not include copies of Bidding Documents if they are not needed to comply with the requirements of the Bidding Documents applicable to submission of Escrow Bid Documents.

1.1.67 **Event of Contractor Default.** "Event of Contractor Default" means any of the events constituting default by Contractor as set forth in Paragraph 15.1.1, below.

1.1.68 **Evidence of Insurance.** "Evidence of Insurance" means the statement, completed by Bidder in the form included in the Bidding Documents, evidencing the Bidder's compliance with the insurance requirements of the Bidding Documents.

1.1.69 **Excusable Delay.** "Excusable Delay" means a Delay, other than a Compensable Delay, to Contractor's ability to achieve Substantial Completion or Final Completion of the Work within the Contract Time that is: (1) not caused, in whole or in part, by an act or omission of Contractor or a Subcontractor, of any Tier, constituting negligence, willful misconduct, a violation of an Applicable Law or a failure by Contractor or any Subcontractor, of any Tier, to comply with the Contract Documents; (2) unforeseeable, unavoidable and beyond the control of Contractor and the Subcontractors, of every Tier; and (3) the result of a Force Majeure Event. Without limitation to the foregoing, neither the bankruptcy, insolvency nor financial inability of Contractor or a Subcontractor, of any Tier, nor any failure by a Subcontractor, of any Tier, to perform any obligation imposed by contract or Applicable Laws shall constitute a ground for Excusable Delay.

1.1.70 **Existing Improvements.** "Existing Improvements" means all improvements located on the Site as of the Bid Closing Deadline, whether above or below the surface of the ground, including, but not limited to, existing buildings, utilities, infrastructure improvements and other facilities.

1.1.71 **Extra Work.** "Extra Work" means labor, materials, equipment, services or other work, not reasonably inferable by Contractor or its Subcontractors from the design and other information set forth in the Bidding Documents, the performance of which requires the expenditure by Contractor of additional and unforeseen Allowable Costs. References to Extra Work shall not be interpreted to mean or imply that Contractor is entitled to a Contract Adjustment unless such Extra Work constitutes a Compensable Change.

1.1.72 **Final Completion, Finally Complete.** "Final Completion" and "Finally Complete" mean the point at which the following conditions have occurred with respect to the entire Work:

- .1 the Work is fully completed, including all minor corrective, or "punch list," items;
- .2 all permits, approvals and certificates by Governmental Authorities, such as, but not necessarily limited to, a permanent or temporary certificate of occupancy required to occupy and use the Work have been issued free of any conditions that are the result of an act or omission of Contractor or a Subcontractor, of any Tier, constituting negligence, willful misconduct, a violation of an Applicable Law or a failure by Contractor or any Subcontractor, of any Tier, to comply with the Contract Documents;
- .3 the Work and the related portions of the Site have been thoroughly cleared of all construction debris and cleaned in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents, including, but not necessarily limited to where applicable, the following: removal of temporary protections; removal of marks, stains, fingerprints and other soil and dirt from painted, decorated and natural-finished woodwork and other Work; removal of spots, plaster, soil and paint from ceramic tile, marble and other finished materials; all surfaces, fixtures, cabinet work and equipment are wiped and washed clean and in an undamaged, new condition; all aluminum and other metal surfaces are cleaned in accordance with recommendations of the manufacturer; and all stone, tile and resilient floors are cleaned thoroughly in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations and buff dried by machine to bring the surfaces to sheen;
- .4 all conditions set forth in the Contract Documents for Substantial Completion of the Work have been, and continue to be, fully satisfied;
- .5 all conditions pertaining to the Work and required for the release of County's obligations (including, but not limited to, release of County's bond obligations) to Governmental Authorities (including, but not limited to, matters involving grading, flood control, public works, transportation and traffic) have been satisfied; and
- .6 Contractor has delivered to County all Close-Out Documents.

1.1.73 **Final Completion Punch List.** "Final Completion Punch List" means the list of minor items of Work to be completed or corrected by Contractor for Final Completion.

1.1.74 **Final Payment.** "Final Payment" means payment by County to Contractor of the entire unpaid balance of the Contract Price due to Contractor following Final Completion.

1.1.75 **Force Majeure Event.** "Force Majeure Event" means, and is restricted to, any the following: (1) Acts of God occurring at the Site; (2) terrorism or other acts of a public enemy; (3) orders of Governmental Authorities (including, without limitation, unreasonable and unforeseeable Delay in the issuance of permits or approvals by Governmental Authorities that are required for the Work); (4) epidemics or quarantine restrictions; (5) strikes and other organized labor action occurring at the Site and the effects thereof on the Work to the extent such strikes and other organized labor action are beyond the control of Contractor and its Subcontractors, of every Tier, and to the extent the effects thereof cannot be avoided by use of replacement workers or implementation of a dual gate system of entry to the Site; or (6) unusual shortages in materials that are supported by documented proof that (a) Contractor made every effort to obtain such materials from all available sources, (b) such shortage is due to the fact that such materials are not physically available from single or multiple sources or could have been obtained only at exorbitant prices entirely inconsistent with current rates taking into account the quantities involved and the usual industry practices in obtaining such quantities, and (c) such shortages and the difficulties in obtaining alternate sources of materials could not have been known or anticipated as of the Bid Closing Deadline.

1.1.76 **Fragnet.** "Fragnet" means a contemporaneous, fragmentary scheduling network, which graphically identifies the sequencing of all critical and non-critical new activities and/or activity revisions affected by a Compensable Delay or Excusable Delay with logic ties to all affected existing activities noted on the Construction Schedule, that isolates and quantifies a time impact of a specific issue, determines and demonstrates any such specific Delay in relation to past and/or other current Delays and provides a method for incorporating all Contract Adjustments to the Contract Time into an update of the approved Construction Schedule.

1.1.77 **General Conditions.** "General Conditions" means the herein set forth general terms and conditions governing performance of the Work.

1.1.78 **General Requirements.** "General Requirements" means the portion of the Specifications so titled setting forth additional requirements for administration of the Work.

1.1.79 **Good Faith Determination.** "Good Faith Determination" means a determination made by the Assistant CEO/EDA or other authorized representative of County, which he/she believes in good faith to be a proper exercise of County's rights and to have a reasonable basis in fact, whether or not such determination is in fact proper, reasonable or correct or adjudged to be so.

1.1.80 **Governmental Authority.** "Governmental Authority" means the United States, the State of California, the County of Riverside (acting in its regulatory, rather than proprietary, capacity), the City in which the Project is located, any other local, regional, state or federal political subdivision, authority, agency, department, commission, board, bureau, court, judicial or quasi-judicial body, and any legislative or quasi-legislative body, or instrumentality of any of them, which exercises jurisdiction over the Project, Work, Site, Contractor or County, including, without limitation, any Governmental Authority having jurisdiction to review and approve or reject the Contract Documents or the Work based on compliance or non-compliance with Applicable Laws.

1.1.81 **Governmental Authority Review Period.** "Governmental Authority Review Period" means a period of time set forth in the Construction Schedule or Submittal Schedule for Governmental Authority review, and/or approval, of the Work.

1.1.82 **Guarantee To Repair Period.** "Guarantee To Repair Period" means the period of time set forth in Section 13.3, below, for repair or replacement of Defective Work.

1.1.83 **Hazardous Substance.** "Hazardous Substance" means either of the following: (1) any chemical, material or other substance defined as or included within the definition of "hazardous substances," "hazardous wastes," "extremely hazardous substances," "toxic substances," "toxic material," "restricted hazardous waste," "special waste," "contamination" or words of similar import under any Environmental Law, including, without limitation, the following:



petroleum (including crude oil or any fraction thereof), asbestos, asbestos-containing materials, polychlorinated biphenyls ("PCBs") and PCB-containing materials, whether or not occurring naturally; or (2) any substance that because of its quantity, concentration or physical or chemical characteristics poses a significant present or potential hazard to human health and safety or to the environment, and which has been determined by any Governmental Authority to be a hazardous waste or hazardous substance.

1.1.84 **Holiday.** "Holiday" means a Day recognized by County as being a legal holiday for its staff and employees.

1.1.85 **Indemnitees.** "Indemnitees" means those persons or entities listed in Paragraph 3.18.1, below, as the "Indemnitees".

1.1.86 **Inspector of Record.** "Inspector of Record" means a person designated by the County to perform inspections on behalf of the County, who may be an employee or an independent consultant to County.

1.1.87 **Installation Subcontractor.** "Installation Subcontractor" means a Subcontractor who performs a portion of the Work that includes providing substantial, rather than minor and incidental, services for the installation of temporary or permanent materials, equipment or facilities at the Site.

1.1.88 **Instructions to Bidders.** "Instructions to Bidders" means the portion of the Bidding Documents setting forth the requirements to be followed by Bidders in preparing and submitting Bids.

1.1.89 **Intellectual Property Rights.** "Intellectual Property Rights" means all intellectual property rights, including, without limitation, patent, trademark, trade dress, copyright, industrial design rights, priority rights and trade secrets.

1.1.90 **Key Personnel, Key Persons.** "Key Personnel" and "Key Persons" mean those individuals employed by Contractor as described in Paragraph 3.8.1, below, and any replacements thereto approved by County, whose personal performance is deemed of the essence to the Construction Contract.

1.1.91 **Loss, Losses.** "Loss" and "Losses" mean any and all economic and non-economic losses, costs, liabilities, claims, damages, cost escalations, actions, judgments, settlements, expenses, fines, penalties and punitive damages including, without limitation, actual attorney's fees, expert and non-expert witness fees, arbitrator and arbitration fees, court costs (statutory and non-statutory), and mediation and mediator fees.

1.1.92 **Modification.** "Modification" means a document, other than a Change Order or Construction Change Directive, approved and signed by County and Contractor after execution of the Construction Contract, agreeing to alter, amend or modify the Contract Documents.

1.1.93 **Mold.** "Mold" means mold, mildew, spores or other microorganisms of any type, nature or description, or any by-product thereof, the presence of which poses an actual or potential threat to human health, including, without limitation, any species of organisms of the kingdoms of fungi or mycota, including yeasts, smuts, ruts, mildews, mold and mushrooms, or any microbial contamination, either airborne or surface, which arises out of or is related to the presence of fungi or spores (including, without limitation, aspergillus, cladosporium, penicillium and stachybotrys chartarum).

1.1.94 **Non-Collusion Declaration.** "Non-Collusion Declaration" means the form, so titled, required by California Public Contract Code §7106 and the Bidding Documents to be submitted by Bidder with its Bid.

1.1.95 **Notice Inviting Bids.** "Notice Inviting Bids" means the notice issued by or on behalf of County inviting submission of Bids for the Project.

1.1.96 **Notice Inviting Prequalification Statements.** "Notice Inviting Prequalification Statements" means the formal notice issued by County inviting contractors to participate in County's process for Prequalification of Bidders.

1.1.97 **Notice of Change.** "Notice of Change" means a formal written notice required to be submitted by Contractor pursuant to Paragraph 7.6.1, below, notifying County of circumstances that Contractor believes may give rise to a Contract Adjustment.

1.1.98 **Notice of Completion.** "Notice of Completion" means a "notice of completion" as defined in California Civil Code §9204.

1.1.99 **Notice of Delay.** "Notice of Delay" means a formal written notice prepared and submitted by Contractor pursuant to Paragraph 8.2.2, below, notifying County of circumstances that Contractor believes may give rise to a Contract Adjustment to the Contract Time for Excusable Delay or Compensable Delay or a Contract Adjustment to the Contract Price for Compensable Delay.

1.1.100 **Notice of Final Completion.** "Notice of Final Completion" means the written notice by County confirming the date of actual Final Completion.

1.1.101 **Notice of Intent to Award.** "Notice of Intent to Award" means the written notice by or on behalf of County stating County's intent to Award the Construction Contract.

1.1.102 **Notice of Substantial Completion.** "Notice of Substantial Completion" means the written notice by County confirming the date of actual Substantial Completion.

1.1.103 **Notice to Proceed.** "Notice to Proceed" means the written notice issued by County to Contractor to begin the Work.

1.1.104 **Payment Bond, Performance Bond.** "Payment Bond" and "Performance Bond" mean the surety bonds required to be provided by Contractor pursuant to Article 12, below.

1.1.105 **Plans.** "Plans" means the graphic and pictorial portions of the Contract Documents prepared by Architect or its Subconsultants showing the design, location and dimensions of the Work, including, without limitation, plans, elevations, details, schedules and diagrams. The term "Plans" is used interchangeably with "Drawings".

1.1.106 **Post-Award Submittals.** "Post-Award Submittals" means the documents described in the Bidding Documents that the apparent successful Bidder is required to submit after opening of Bids as a condition of Award.

1.1.107 **Pre-Bid Conference.** "Pre-Bid Conference" means the conference, specified in the Notice Inviting Bids as either mandatory or optional, held prior to the Bid Closing Deadline for the purpose of, without limitation, introducing the Bidders to the Project, and which conference may, or may not, include a review of the Site.

1.1.108 **Prequalification.** "Prequalification" means a process for Prequalification of contractors for bidding that is conducted by County pursuant to California Public Contract Code §20101 or as otherwise permitted by Applicable Laws.

1.1.109 **Prequalification Documents.** "Prequalification Documents" means the collection of documents issued to and submitted by individuals or entities pursuant to a Prequalification conducted by County.

1.1.110 **Prequalified Bidder.** "Prequalified Bidder" means a contractor that is prequalified as part of a Prequalification conducted by County pursuant to Public Contract Code §20101.

1.1.111 **Product Data.** "Product Data" means illustrations, standard schedules, charts, instructional brochures, diagrams and other information furnished by Contractor to illustrate a material, product or system for the Work.

1.1.112 **Progress Payment.** "Progress Payment" means a monthly payment of a portion of the Contract Price prior to Final Completion based on Contractor's progressed performance of the Work.

1.1.113 **Project.** "Project" means the improvements comprising, or necessary or appurtenant to the use of, the work of improvements described generally in the Bidding Documents, of which the Work may be the entirety of such improvements or only a part.

1.1.114 **Project Documents.** "Project Documents" means all writings (hard copy and electronic) in the possession of Contractor at the Site or elsewhere that relate in any way to the Project or Work.

1.1.115 **Project Team.** "Project Team" means County, Architect, County Consultants, Contractor, the Subcontractors, the Separate Contractors, Inspectors of Record and other firms or individuals retained by County, or retained by others with County's approval, participating in the planning, programming, design, construction or inspection of the Work.

1.1.116 **Reasonable Order of Magnitude Estimate.** "Reasonable Order of Magnitude Estimate" means a general estimate prepared by Contractor, or jointly by Contractor and County, without the benefit of complete or definitive pricing by Subcontractors, of the projected additional cost and time associated with Contractor's performance of a particular item or items of Extra Work or Deleted Work described in a Construction Change Directive. Unless otherwise agreed to in writing between County and Contractor, a Reasonable Order of Magnitude Estimate does not constitute either an authorization or agreement by County to any Contract Adjustment or a guarantee or promise by Contractor with respect to the amount of any Contract Adjustment that may be associated with a Compensable Change or Deleted Work.

1.1.117 **Record Documents.** "Record Documents" means the collection of documents assembled and prepared by Contractor (including, without limitation, the Record Drawings and Specifications) showing the condition of the Work as actually built.

1.1.118 **Record Drawings, Record Specifications.** "Record Drawings" and "Record Specifications" mean the Drawings and Specifications marked by Contractor to show the condition, location and placement of the Work as actually built, including, without limitation, the locations of mechanical, electrical, plumbing or similar portions of the Work that are depicted diagrammatically in the Drawings.

1.1.119 **Reference Documents.** "Reference Documents" means reports, studies, surveys and other information provided by County for Contractor's review and consideration in preparing its Bid, including, without limitation, information describing the Site (including surface or subsurface conditions), Existing Improvements or Hazardous Substances at the Site.

1.1.120 **Request for Extension.** "Request for Extension" means a formal written request submitted by Contractor pursuant to Paragraph 8.2.3, below, setting forth the justification and support for Contractor's request for a Contract Adjustment to the Contract Time.

1.1.121 **Request for Information.** "Request for Information" means a written request by Contractor for clarification of what it perceives to be a discrepancy in the Contract Documents (including, without limitation, information in the Contract Documents constituting a Design Discrepancy or a variance between the information in the Bidding Documents or Contract Documents and conditions at the Site or in Existing Improvements).

1.1.122 **Safety Program.** "Safety Program" means the formal, written program prepared by Contractor setting forth detailed procedures and precautionary measures for protecting persons and property from injury or damage.

1.1.123 **Samples.** "Samples" means physical examples that, when approved by County and Architect, illustrate materials, equipment or workmanship by which the Work is to be evaluated and judged as part of the Submittal process.

1.1.124 **Schedule of Values.** "Schedule of Values" means a detailed, itemized breakdown of the Contract Price, which provides for an allocation of the dollar values to each of the various parts of the Work.

1.1.125 **Self-Performed Work.** "Self-Performed Work" means Work related to a Compensable Change or Deleted Work that is performed or to be performed by Contractor's own laborers who are employed by Contractor, rather than by the employees of a Subcontractor, using materials and equipment purchased by Contractor directly from a supplier or manufacturer.

1.1.126 **Separate Contractor.** "Separate Contractor" means a contractor, subcontractor, supplier or vendor under contract directly to County to provide services, materials, labor, equipment or other work to the Project.

1.1.127 **Shop Drawing.** "Shop Drawing" means a drawing, diagram, schedule and other data specially prepared for the Work by Contractor or a Subcontractor to illustrate some portion of the Work.

1.1.128 **Site.** "Site" means: (1) the parcel of land owned by County on which the Project is to be constructed and such additional parcels as may be purchased by County for such construction; (2) all areas adjacent to such parcels that may be used by Contractor or the Subcontractors for staging, storage, parking or temporary offices; and (3) all land areas, both private and public, adjacent to such parcels on which Work is required to be performed under the Contract Documents, Applicable Laws or permits relating to the Project.

1.1.129 **Specifications.** "Specifications" means the portion of the Contract Documents consisting of the written requirements for materials, equipment, standards and workmanship for the Work and performance of related services.

1.1.130 **Standard of Performance.** "Standard of Performance" means the general standard governing Contractor's performance of its obligations under the Construction Contract and General Conditions as set forth in Section 2.2 of the Construction Contract.

1.1.131 **State Water Resources Control Board.** "State Water Resources Control Board" means the State Water Resources Control Board of the State of California.

1.1.132 **Storm Water Permit.** "Storm Water Permit" means any applicable storm water, urban runoff or statewide general NPDES permit issued by the State of California or the United States pursuant to the provisions of the Clean Water Act (Title 33U.S.C.§§1251 et seq.) and/or Porter Cologne Water Quality Control Act (California Water Code §§13000 et seq.) and including any related regulations issued by the State of California or the United States.

1.1.133 **Sub-Bidder.** "Sub-Bidder" means a person or entity that submits a bid to a Bidder for some portion of the Work that is to be performed by that person or entity acting as a first-Tier Subcontractor.

1.1.134 **Subcontractor.** "Subcontractor" means a person or entity that has a contract to perform a portion of the Work, including without limitation, subcontractors, sub-subcontractors, suppliers, equipment operators, manufacturers and vendors, of any and every Tier.

1.1.135 **Submittal.** "Submittal" means a Shop Drawing, Product Data, Sample, detailed design, exemplar, fabrication and installation drawing, list, graph, operating instruction or other document required to be submitted by Contractor under the Contract Documents.

1.1.136 **Submittal Schedule.** "Submittal Schedule" means the schedule prepared by Contractor showing the timing for submission and review of Submittals during construction.

1.1.137 **Substantial Completion, Substantially Complete.** "Substantial Completion" and "Substantially Complete" mean the point at which the following conditions have occurred with respect to the entire Work or a portion of the Work designated by County in writing to be Substantially Completed prior to Substantial Completion of the entire Work:

.1 such Work is sufficiently and entirely complete in accordance with Contract Documents so that such Work can be fully enjoyed and beneficially occupied and utilized by County for its intended purpose (except for minor items which do not impair County's ability to so occupy and use such Work);

.2 all permits, approvals and certificates by Governmental Authorities, such as, but not necessarily limited to, a permanent or temporary certificate of occupancy required to occupy and use such Work have been issued free of any conditions that are the result of an act or omission of Contractor or a Subcontractor, of any Tier, constituting negligence, willful misconduct, a violation of an Applicable Law or a failure by Contractor or any Subcontractor, of any Tier, to comply with the Contract Documents; and

.3 all building systems included in such Work are operational as specified, all designated or required inspections and certifications by Governmental Authorities have been made and posted and instruction of County's personnel in the operation of the systems has been completed.

1.1.138 **Substantial Completion Punch List.** "Substantial Completion Punch List" means the list of items of Work to be completed or corrected by Contractor for Substantial Completion.

1.1.139 **Substitution.** "Substitution" means a material, product or item of material or equipment proposed by the Bidder or Contractor in place of that specified in the Bidding Documents or Contract Documents.

1.1.140 **Substitution Request Form.** "Substitution Request Form" means the form, so titled, that is included in the Bidding Documents for use by the Bidders when requesting a Substitution.

1.1.141 **Supplementary Conditions.** "Supplementary Conditions" means those portions of the Specifications that supplement, by addition, modification or deletion, a specific portion of the General Conditions.

1.1.142 **Surety.** "Surety" means Contractor's surety(ties) issuing the Bid Bond, Performance Bond or Payment Bond.

1.1.143 **Tier.** "Tier" means the contractual level of a Subcontractor with respect to Contractor. For example, a "first-tier" Subcontractor is under contract with Contractor. A sub-subcontractor under contract with a first-tier Subcontractor is in the "second tier," and so on. Use of the phrase "of every Tier", or similar phraseology, in the Contract Documents shall not be interpreted as implying that other provisions of the Contract Documents, where such phrase is not used, are intended to be limited in application to only the first Tier or to only certain other Tiers of Subcontractors.

1.1.144 **Time Impact Analysis.** "Time Impact Analysis" means a written report evaluating the impact of an Excusable or Compensable Delay, which shall include, at a minimum, the following: (1) a narrative description of the Delay and its impact on the critical path to achievement of a Substantial Completion or Final Completion of the Work or a portion of the Work designated by County within the Contract Time; (2) a Fragnet; (3) the number of Days of extension sought by Contractor as a Contract Adjustment to the Contract Time; (4) a computation of the Days of Compensable Delay multiplied times the liquidated damages payable to Contractor pursuant to Section 3.3 of the Construction Contract, if any, sought by Contractor; (5) a statement that Contractor has complied with the requirements of the General Conditions for written notice of Delays, along with the dates and copies of such notices; (6) the measures taken by Contractor and Subcontractors to prevent or minimize the Delay; and (7) Contractor's recommendations for reordering or re-sequencing the Work to avoid or minimize further Delay.

1.1.145 **Unexcused Delay.** "Unexcused Delay" means any Delay that is not a Compensable Delay or Excusable Delay or that constitutes a Compensable Delay or Excusable Delay for which Contractor is not entitled to a Contract Adjustment to the Contract Time, including, without limitation, the following: (1) Delay caused by an act or omission of Contractor or a Subcontractor, of any Tier, constituting negligence, willful misconduct, a violation of an Applicable Law or a failure by Contractor or any Subcontractor, of any Tier, to comply with the Contract Documents; (2) Delay for which Contractor has failed to provide a timely and complete Notice of Delay or Request for Extension; or (3) Delay associated with any circumstances where the costs or risk associated with such circumstances are designated in the Contract Documents as being at Contractor's risk or Contractor's Own Expense.

1.1.146 **Unilateral Change Order.** "Unilateral Change Order" means a writing signed by County in accordance with Article 7, below, in which County unilaterally sets forth its Good Faith Determination of the undisputed portion of an otherwise disputed Contract Adjustment.

1.1.147 **Work.** "Work" means all labor, materials, equipment, services, permits, licenses, taxes and other things necessary for Contractor to perform its obligations under the Contract Documents, including, without limitation, any Changes requested by County, in accordance with the Contract Documents and all Applicable Laws. The Work may constitute the whole or a part of the Project.

1.1.148 **Worker's Compensation Certificate.** "Worker's Compensation Certificate" means the statement, completed by Bidder in the form included in the Instruction to Bidders, evidencing the Bidder's compliance with the worker's compensation insurance requirements of the Bidding Documents and Applicable Laws.

## 1.2 CORRELATION, INTERPRETATION AND INTENT OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

1.2.1 **Design Intent.** The intent of the Contract Documents is for Contractor to provide all items necessary to produce a work of improvement that is complete as a whole and that is, in all of its parts, suitable for use and occupancy for its intended purpose, including, without limitation, all equipment, casework, mechanical, electrical and similar devices of whatever nature, completely installed, hooked-up and made fully operational and functional.

1.2.2 **Complementary.** Contract Documents are complementary, and what is called for by one shall be as binding as if called for by all. Any Work called for on the Drawings and not mentioned in the Specifications, or vice versa, shall be performed as though fully set forth in both.

1.2.3 **Technical Words.** Unless otherwise stated in the Contract Documents, technical words and abbreviations contained in the Contract Documents are used in accordance with commonly understood construction industry meanings and non-technical words and abbreviations are used in accordance with their commonly understood meanings.

1.2.4 **Trade Names.** It is not the intention of the Contract Documents to go into detailed descriptions of any materials or methods commonly known to the trade under a "trade name" or "trade term." The mere mention or notation of such "trade name" or "trade term" shall be considered a sufficient notice to the Contractor that it will be required to complete the Work so named with all its appurtenances according to first-class practices of the trade.

1.2.5 **Incidental Items.** The naming of any material or equipment shall mean furnishing and installing of same, including all incidental and accessory items thereto and labor therefor, in accordance with first-class practices of the trade involved, unless specifically noted otherwise.

1.2.6 **Drawing Dimensions.** Figured, derived or numerical dimensions on scale Drawings shall govern over Drawings without figured dimensions. The Drawings shall not be scaled to determine dimensions, and (except in the case of diagrammatic Drawings) dimensions shall be calculated from figures shown on the Drawings. Obvious discrepancies between scale and figured dimensions, not marked "not to scale," must be brought to the Architect's attention before proceeding with the Work affected by the discrepancy. Contractor shall carefully check and compare all portions of the Drawings and Specifications so as to correctly interpolate the intended dimensions for any portion of the Work that is not explicitly dimensioned in the Contract Documents.

1.2.7 **Drawings, Specifications.** In general, the Drawings will show dimensions, positions, and kind of construction and the Specifications will define materials, quality and standards. Work not particularly shown, detailed, marked or specified shall be the same as similar parts that are shown, detailed, marked or specified.

1.2.8 **Typical Work.** Work not particularly shown, detailed, marked or specified shall be the same as similar parts that are shown, detailed, marked or specified.

1.2.9 **Divisions of the Work.** All the Work mentioned or indicated in the Contract Documents shall be performed by Contractor as part of the Work unless specifically indicated in the Contract Documents to be done by others. The organization of the Specifications into divisions, sections and articles and the arrangement of the Drawings shall not control Contractor in dividing the Work among the Subcontractors or in establishing the extent of the Work to be performed by the Subcontractors.

1.2.10 **Applicable Laws.** Compliance with Applicable Laws shall be considered as a part of the Work.

1.2.11 **Interpretations of Laws.** In the event of a conflict between or among Applicable Laws governing performance of the Work, the more stringent shall govern. Contractor assumes, at Contractor's Own Expense, sole responsibility for, and the risk associated with, interpretations of Applicable Laws made by Contractor not predicated on written orders issued by Governmental Authorities that by their terms are applicable to the Project, including, without limitation, interpretations or assumptions made by Contractor based on decisions, orders or approvals (written or unwritten) issued by or on behalf of Governmental Authorities in connection with work on other projects or properties near or in the general vicinity of the Site.

1.2.12 **Modifiers.** The Contract Documents may omit modifying words such as "all" and "any," and articles such as "the" and "an." If a modifier or an article is not included in one statement and appears in another, it is not intended to affect the interpretation of either statement. The use of the word "including," when following any general statement, shall not be construed to limit such statement to specific items or matters set forth immediately following such word or to similar items or matters whether or not non-limiting language (such as "without limitation," "but not limited to," or words of similar import) is used with reference thereto, but rather shall be deemed to refer to all other items or matters that could reasonably fall within the broadest possible scope of such general statement.

1.2.13 **Singular, Gender, Captions.** When appropriate to the context, the use of the singular number shall be deemed to include the plural and vice versa. Each gender shall be deemed to include any other gender, and each shall include corporation, partnership, trust or other legal entity whenever the context so requires. The captions and headings of the various subdivisions of the Contract Documents are intended only as a matter of reference and convenience and in no way define, limit, or prescribe the scope or intent of the Contract Documents or any subdivision thereof.

1.2.14 **Cross-References.** Any cross-references indicated between various paragraphs or other portions of the Specifications, Drawings or other Contract Documents are provided for the convenience of Contractor and shall not be deemed to be all-inclusive.

1.2.15 **Diagrammatic Design.** Drawings and diagrams for mechanical, plumbing, electrical, fire sprinkler, fire alarm and low voltage Work shall be considered as diagrammatic only and shall not be used for any structural guidance or physical layout. Because such Drawings are diagrammatic, Contractor shall be responsible to provide any and all numbers and lengths of fittings, wire, conduit, connections, attachments or similar materials or devices needed to complete the Work, without Contract Adjustment, whether or not they exceed the numbers of pieces or the lengths indicated by such Drawings. Contractor is solely responsible to carefully plan and coordinate in advance, by means of coordination drawings prepared by Contractor or a Subcontractor, the installation of any Work shown diagrammatically and shall do so in such a manner as to make maximum use of the space available and anticipate and avoid wherever possible conflict and interferences among such portions of the Work and with other portions of the Work, including structural members.

1.2.16 **Demolition.** Existing Improvements at the Site of which no specific description is made in the Contract Documents, but which could be reasonably assumed to interfere with the satisfactory completion of the Work, shall be removed and disposed of by Contractor without Contract Adjustment. If Contractor is unsure whether a specific Existing Improvement at the Site which is not specifically described in the Contract Documents should be removed and disposed of, Contractor shall promptly ask the County whether such Existing Improvement is to be removed or remain in place, and shall comply with any directive given in response.

1.2.17 **Omissions.** Items missing from the Contract Documents shall nevertheless be provided by the Contractor, without Contract Adjustment, to the extent reasonably inferable from the Contract Documents as being necessary to satisfy the Design Intent.

1.2.18 **Conflicts.** Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph 1.2.19, below, in the event of conflict between any of the Contract Documents, the provision placing a more stringent requirement or greater burden on the Contractor or requiring the greater quantity or higher quality material or workmanship shall prevail, unless otherwise directed by the County in writing.

1.2.19 **Order of Precedence.** Conflicts that cannot be resolved in accordance with the rules of interpretation set forth elsewhere in this Section 1.2, shall be interpreted in accordance with the following order of precedence (the first being the highest order of precedence):

.1 Applicable Laws (provided, however, and notwithstanding Subparagraph 1.2.19.10, below, where the Contract Documents or manufacturer's recommendations or specifications require standards higher than those of Applicable Laws, the Contract Documents or manufacturer's recommendations or specifications shall control);

.2 Change Orders, Unilateral Change Orders and Construction Change Directives;

.3 Addenda;

.4 Construction Contract;

.5 Supplementary Conditions;

.6 General Conditions;

.7 General Requirements;

.8 Specifications;

.9 Drawings, subject to the following: (1) large scale plans and details take precedence over small scale Drawings in all cases; (2) full scale Drawings have precedence over both large and small scale Drawings in all cases; (3) detailed Plans and/or Drawings shall have precedence over general Plans and/or Drawings; (4) architectural and structural Drawings take precedence over electrical and mechanical Drawings in regard to location and arrangement of fixtures, outlets, and equipment; and (5) electrical and mechanical Drawings take precedence in describing and specifying equipment and in describing the diagrammatic requirements;

.10 standard and reference specifications which include industry norms, such as, but not limited to, ANSI and ASTM; and

.11 Reference Documents.

1.2.20 **Conditions Precedent.** Wording used in the Contract Documents indicating that a right of the Contractor or an obligation of the County is subject to or conditioned upon the occurrence of a condition or event, whether or not such condition or event is within the control of Contractor, County or others and whether or not such condition or event is expressly stated to be a "condition precedent", shall be understood and interpreted to mean that the stated condition or event is a condition precedent to the existence, arising, performance and exercise of such right or obligation.

### 1.3 OWNERSHIP AND USE OF DRAWINGS, SPECIFICATIONS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS

1.3.1 **Property of County.** Subject to the provisions of Paragraph 2.4.4, below, all Design Documents, Contract Documents and Project Documents that are prepared by Contractor or a Subcontractor, of any Tier, for use in connection with the Project, including any designs, building designs or other depictions underlying or shown in them, and the Intellectual Property Rights thereto, shall be deemed the sole and exclusive property of County and ownership thereof is irrevocably vested in County, whether the Project is executed or not.

1.3.2 **Assignment of Rights.** Contractor shall, without further consideration, obtain any and all Intellectual Property Rights in the Project Documents and Design Documents prepared by Contractor or any Subcontractor, of any Tier, for use in connection with the Project, including any designs, building designs or other depictions underlying or shown in them, free and clear of any liens or other encumbrances, claims or rights of third parties, transfer such rights, if necessary in writing, to County and cooperate with County in securing and registering such rights, such that County shall own all Intellectual Property Rights and any other tangible and/or intangible property rights associated therewith. Such transfer and assignment will be effective for the entire duration of the copyrights and include, but are not be limited to, all rights in related plans, specifications, documentation, derivative works and moral rights.

1.3.3 **Contractor's Warranty.** Contractor represents and warrants that the Project Documents and Design Documents prepared by Contractor or any Subcontractor for use on the Project, and the use of such Project Documents in the ordinary course, are free of any claim of infringement or any other violation of any Intellectual Property Right or other right of any third party.

1.3.4 **Non-Exclusive License.** Without derogation of County's rights under this Section 1.3, Contractor and Subcontractors, of every Tier, are granted a limited, non-exclusive license, revocable at will of County, to use and reproduce applicable portions of the Design Documents, Contract Documents and Project Documents as appropriate to and for use in the execution of the Work and for no other purpose.



1.3.5 **Reproduction.** Contractor shall do all reproduction and distribution of such reproducible prints of Contract Documents and Design Documents as are necessary for the complete pricing and performance of the Work, including, without limitation, all Changes. The costs of such reproduction shall be at Contractor's Own Expense.

1.3.6 **Delivery to County.** All Design Documents and Contract Documents (including originals and copies), and one (1) copy of all other Project Documents, in the possession of Contractor or Subcontractors shall be delivered to County upon the earlier of Final Completion of the Work or termination of the Construction Contract; provided, however, that Contractor shall have the right to retain one (1) copy of the Contract Documents and Submittals as a permanent record.

1.3.7 **Subcontractors.** Contractor shall take all necessary steps to ensure that a provision is included in all contracts with Subcontractors, of every Tier, who perform Work on the Project protecting and preserving County's rights as set forth in this Section 1.3.

## ARTICLE 2 COUNTY RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

### 2.1 INFORMATION, APPROVALS AND SERVICES REQUIRED OF COUNTY

2.1.1 **Legal Descriptions.** County shall furnish, within a reasonable time after written request by Contractor, a legal description of the Site and information describing legal limitations affecting the Site that are recorded with applicable Governmental Authorities, such as, but not limited to, easements.

2.1.2 **Permits and Fees.** County shall secure and pay for only those permits and fees which are expressly stated to be the responsibility of County under the Contract Documents. County shall pay for all hook-up fees (not including "tap fees", which are the responsibility of Contractor pursuant to Paragraph 3.14.3, below) in order to establish a new account with a utility provider.

2.1.3 **County Approvals.** Information, approvals and decisions required of County or a County Consultant for which a County Review Period or County Review Date is included in the Construction Schedule that is approved by County shall be provided in accordance with the Construction Schedule. If a County Review Period or County Review Date is not set forth in the Construction Schedule approved by County, then such information, approvals and decisions shall be provided upon written request by Contractor without unreasonable Delay. Notwithstanding the foregoing, failure by County, Architect or a County Consultant to provide any information, approvals or decisions shall not be considered as a basis for Contract Adjustment to the Contract Time unless and until, and in calculating a Contract Adjustment any Delay or extension of the Contract Time resulting from a late-issuance of such information, approval or decision shall not commence until after:

.1 in the case of information, approval or decision for which there is a County-approved County Review Period or County Review Date in the County-approved Construction Schedule, seven (7) Days have passed since the County and the individual from whom such information, approval or decision is sought have received from Contractor a written notice containing all the following:

- (1) a detailed description of the information, approval or decision required;
- (2) a statement that the County Review Period or County Review Date has expired or passed; and
- (3) a statement, prominently displayed, that: "PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 2.1.3 OF THE GENERAL CONDITIONS, THE FAILURE TO PROVIDE THE REQUESTED INFORMATION, APPROVAL OR DECISION WITHIN 7 CALENDAR DAYS FROM THIS NOTICE MAY RESULT IN A REQUEST FOR A CONTRACT ADJUSTMENT"; or

.2 in the case of information, approval or decision for which there is no County Review Period or County Review Date set forth in the County-approved Construction Schedule, thirty (30) Days have passed since the County and the individual from whom such information, approval or decision is sought have received from Contractor a

written notice that includes the statements set forth Clauses (1) and (2) of Subparagraph 2.1.3.1, above, and that includes a statement, prominently displayed, that: "PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 2.1.3 OF THE GENERAL CONDITIONS, THE FAILURE TO PROVIDE THE REQUESTED INFORMATION, APPROVAL OR DECISION WITHIN 30 CALENDAR DAYS FROM THIS NOTICE MAY RESULT IN A REQUEST FOR A CONTRACT ADJUSTMENT".

**2.1.4 Approvals.** Contractor shall not be relieved of its obligations to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents either by the activities or duties of County, Architect or any other Project Team member, or by tests, inspections or approvals required or performed by persons other than the Contractor.

**2.1.5 Non-Specified Items.** County reserves the right to approve materials and sources of supply of materials that are not specified in the Contract Documents and that are used for the performance of the Work.

## **2.2 COUNTY'S RIGHT TO STOP THE WORK**

If Contractor fails to correct Defective Work as required by Section 13.2 of these General Conditions, fails to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents or violates any Applicable Law, County may immediately order Contractor to stop the Work, or any portion thereof, until the cause for such direction has been eliminated by Contractor. Contractor shall immediately comply with such notice at Contractor's Own Expense. Nothing stated herein or elsewhere in the Contract Documents shall be interpreted as placing upon County a duty or responsibility to Contractor or any other party to exercise its right to stop the Work.

## **2.3 COUNTY'S RIGHT TO CARRY OUT THE WORK**

If Contractor fails to carry out the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents, fails to provide sufficient labor, materials, equipment, tools and services to maintain the Construction Schedule, or otherwise fails to comply with any requirement of the Contract Documents, and fails to cure such failure in the manner required by Subparagraph 15.1.1.4, below, County may correct such failure. In such case, County shall be entitled to recover from Contractor or deduct from payments then or thereafter due Contractor for any Loss resulting from such failure, including compensation for the additional services and expenses of County, County Consultants and others whose services are reasonably required and made necessary thereby. If payments then or thereafter due Contractor are not sufficient to cover such amounts, Contractor shall promptly pay the amount of the shortfall to County.

## **2.4 ACCOUNTING, RECORDS AND AUDIT**

**2.4.1 Accounting System.** Contractor shall exercise such controls as may be necessary for proper financial management of the Work. Such accounting and control systems shall comply with prevailing custom and practice for similar projects, be satisfactory to County and shall include preservation of the books and records described in Paragraph 2.4.2, below, subject to Contractor's obligations under Paragraph 1.3.6, above, for a period of ten (10) years after Final Completion of the Work, or for such longer period as may be required by Applicable Laws.

**2.4.2 Books and Records.** Contractor shall keep, and shall require provisions to be included in all contracts entered into by Subcontractors, of every Tier, requiring the Subcontractors, of every Tier, to keep, full and detailed books, records, information, materials and data, of every kind and character (hard copy, as well as computer readable data if it exists) that have any bearing on or pertain to any matters, rights, duties or obligations relating to the Project, Work or Construction Contract, including, without limitation, agreements, purchase orders, leases, contracts, commitments, arrangements, notes, change orders, change order requests, estimates, field orders, construction change directives, schedules, requests for information, diaries, logs, reports, shop drawings, samples, exemplars, drawings, specifications, invoices, delivery tickets, receipts, vouchers, cancelled checks, memoranda, accounting records; job cost reports, job cost files (including complete documentation of negotiated settlements), backcharges, general ledgers; documentation of cash and trade discounts earned, insurance rebates and dividends, and other documents relating in any way to any claims, charges or time extensions asserted by Contractor or any of the Subcontractors, of any Tier, or relating to any credits, rebates or discounts owing to County.

**2.4.3 Inspection and Copying.** Contractor shall allow, and shall require provisions to be included in all contracts entered into by Subcontractors, of every Tier, allowing, County and the auditor for the State of California (and the authorized representative(s), auditors, attorneys and accountants of each) upon twenty-four (24) hours notice to Contractor, full access to inspect and copy all its aforesated books and records at a location within the Southern

California area. Such right of audit may be exercised by either County or the auditory for the State of California as often as reasonably necessary to verify Contractor's continuing compliance with the Contract Documents.

**2.4.4 Confidential Information.** Nothing stated in this Section 2.4 or elsewhere in the Contract Documents shall be interpreted as a waiver by Contractor or any Subcontractor of any rights of privilege or confidentiality that are provided for by Applicable Law nor as authorizing the inspection of books and records that contain information concerning estimating means or methods that is not, in whole or part, relevant to a charge or demand being asserted by Contractor or a Subcontractor involving Extra Work, Deleted Work, Delay or a Claim.

**2.4.5 Withholding of Payment.** In addition to and without limitation upon County's other rights and remedies for breach, including any rights of County to withhold payment that are set forth elsewhere in the Contract Documents, County shall have the right, exercised in its sole discretion, to withhold from any payment due to Contractor under an Application for Payment a sum of up to ten percent (10%) of the total amount set forth in such Application for Payment until Contractor and the Subcontractors have complied with any outstanding and unsatisfied obligation under this Section 2.4. Upon compliance with this Section 2.4, any such monies withheld shall be released to Contractor.

**2.4.6 Specific Performance.** Contractor agrees that any failure to provide access to books and records as required by this Section 2.4 will result in irreparable harm and prejudice to County and shall, without the necessity of posting of any bond or undertaking, be specifically enforceable by means of a mandatory injunctive order (temporary, preliminary, provisional or otherwise) issued by a court of competent jurisdiction, which order the County and Contractor hereby consent to being issued based upon affidavits and without the necessity of oral testimony.

## **2.5 COUNTY FURNISHED MATERIALS**

**2.5.1 Supply by County.** County shall have the right to furnish materials, products or equipment directly for processing and incorporation by Contractor in lieu of Contractor providing materials, products or equipment specified in the Contract Documents to be provided by Contractor as part of the Work.

**2.5.2 Deleted Work.** If the materials, products or equipment provided by County pursuant to Paragraph 2.5.1, above, then a Change Order shall be executed deleting such materials, products or equipment from the Work along with a Contract Adjustment reducing the Contract Price in the manner provided for in Article 7, below, applicable to Contract Adjustments for Deleted Work.

**2.5.3 Delivery Deadlines.** Without limitation to Contractor's obligations under Article 8, below, upon receipt of written instruction by County of its intent to provide materials, products or equipment pursuant to this Section 2.6, Contractor shall notify County promptly in writing of any deadlines within which such materials, products or equipment must be received at the Site in order to avoid Delay.

**2.5.4 Delivery to Site.** Contractor shall, upon their delivery to the Site, properly receive and unload materials, products or equipment furnished by County pursuant to this Section 2.5.

**2.5.5 Care, Custody and Control.** Contractor assumes full and unconditional responsibility for care, custody and control of the materials, products or equipment that are furnished by County pursuant to this Section 2.5, whether or not they have been accepted by County, and assumes sole responsibility for any subsequent loss, injury or damage thereto occurring prior to Final Completion.

**2.5.6 Notice of Deficiencies.** Contractor shall carefully inspect any materials, products or equipment furnished by County pursuant to this Section 2.5 and immediately notify County of any defect or deficiency in such materials, products or equipment or any nonconformity in such materials, products or equipment with the requirements of the Contract Documents or with the requirements of the other documentation provided to Contractor setting forth the conditions of County's purchase. Contractor shall not accept any materials, products or equipment furnished by County with respect to which Contractor has provided such notice of defect, deficiency or non-conformity unless and until instructed to do so in writing by County.

**2.5.7 Incorporation in Work.** Contractor shall, as part of the Work and without Contract Adjustment, provide any and all processing, fabrication, cutting, shaping, fitting, assembly and installation of materials, products or

equipment furnished by County pursuant to this Section 2.5 in full compliance with the requirements of the Contract Documents and the manufacturer's instructions and recommendations.

## 2.6 COUNTY INSTALLED ITEMS

Contractor shall notify County, a reasonable time in advance, of the Contractor's scheduled dates for installation of items that are specified in the Contract Documents to be placed on, attached to or incorporated into the Work by County or Separate Contractors. In the event that Contractor fails to do so or if due to Unexcused Delay the County is unable after such notice by Contractor to so place, affix or incorporate such items, then Contractor shall be responsible, in addition to any amounts due to County for liquidated damages, to reimburse County for costs of storage or rental of temporary replacement items until such time as the Work is in a condition suitable for such items to be placed, affixed or incorporated.

## 2.7 COUNTY'S ADDITIONAL RIGHTS

The rights stated in this Article 2 are in addition to and not in limitation of any other rights of County granted elsewhere in the Contract Documents or under Applicable Laws.

# ARTICLE 3 CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE

## 3.1 CONTRACTOR STATUS

**3.1.1 Independent Contractor.** Contractor is, and shall at all times be deemed to be, an independent contractor and is wholly responsible for the performance of the obligations required of it by the terms of the Contract Documents.

**3.1.2 Agents, Employees.** Contractor wholly assumes responsibility for the acts and omissions of its agents and employees and the agents and employees of each Subcontractor, of every Tier, as they relate to the Work. Contractor, its agents and employees, shall not be entitled to any rights or privileges of County's employees and nothing contained in the Contract Documents and no course of conduct shall be construed as creating the relationship of employer and employee, or principal and agent, between County and any agent or employee of Contractor or any Subcontractor. County shall have the right, but not the obligation, to monitor the employment and other activities of Contractor and the Subcontractors to determine compliance with the terms of the Contract Documents.

**3.1.3 Licenses.** Contractor and the Subcontractors, of every Tier, shall maintain, such contracting, professional and business licenses as may be required by Applicable Laws for the duration of time that Contractor is performing the Work under the Contract Documents, including the period of any warranty provided covering all or any portion of the Work.

**3.1.4 Subcontractors.** Contractor is responsible to County for acts and omissions of the Subcontractors and their agents and employees and other persons performing portions of the Work under a contract with a Subcontractor, of any Tier.

**3.1.5 Design Services.** Contractor shall provide professional services if such services are expressly, or by reasonable implication, required by the Contract Documents for a portion of the Work or are required in order for Contractor to carry out the Contractor's responsibilities for construction means, methods, techniques, sequences and procedures. Professional design services or certifications so required of Contractor shall be furnished by design professionals exercising the highest standard of care and utilizing designs and engineering that comply with all systems, materials or equipment, performance and design criteria set forth in the Contract Documents. Certification by a properly licensed design professional, including such professional's signature and seal, shall appear on all drawings, calculations, specifications, certifications and other documents prepared by such professional. Submittals related to the Work designed or certified by such professional, if prepared by others, shall bear such professional's written approval when submitted. County, Architect and County Consultants shall be entitled to rely upon the adequacy, accuracy and completeness of the services, certifications or approvals performed by such design professionals.

## 3.2 REVIEW OF DOCUMENTS, SITE AND EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS

3.2.1 **Contractor's Duty of Review.** Contractor's submission of its Bid and execution of the Construction Contract constitutes its representation, acknowledgement and agreement that it had sufficient time, access and opportunity prior to the Bid Closing Deadline to conduct a careful and thorough examination, to its satisfaction, of:

.1 the Bidding Documents, Contract Documents, Reference Documents and other information provided by County to Contractor prior to the Bid Closing Deadline concerning the Project, Site or Existing Improvements;

.2 the visible conditions at the Site and its surroundings, visible conditions of Existing Improvements and their existing uses by County or the public, routes of ingress and egress, and local conditions in the vicinity of the Site (including, without limitation, sources and availability of labor, materials and equipment);

.3 the status of any construction at the Site concurrently under construction; and

.4 all information concerning visible and concealed conditions above and below the surface of the ground at the Site and in Existing Improvements (including, without limitation, surveys, reports, data, as-built drawings of Existing Improvements and utility sources, capacities and locations) that was either (1) provided by County to Contractor or other Bidders (including, but not limited to, the Bidding Documents and Reference Documents) or (2) reasonably available to Contractor for review in the public records of the County of Riverside or the City in which the Project is located.

### 3.2.2 Contract Adjustments.

.1 **Differing Site Conditions.** Except as otherwise provided in Subparagraph 3.2.3, below, the Contractor's right to a Contract Adjustment in the event Contractor encounters conditions at the Site or in Existing Improvements that vary from those indicated by the Contract Documents or other information that was either reviewed by Contractor or that Contractor was given the opportunity to review prior to the Bid Closing Deadline shall be governed exclusively by Paragraph 4.3.8, below, pertaining to Differing Site Conditions.

.2 **Design Discrepancies.** Except as otherwise provided in Subparagraph 3.2.3, below, and subject to the Contractor's compliance with the other provisions of the Contract Documents governing the Contractor's right to a Contract Adjustment (including, without limitation, Article 7 and Article 8, below), Contractor shall be entitled to a Contract Adjustment due to Design Discrepancies, subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) **Compensable Change.** There shall be no Contract Adjustment to the Contract Price for Extra Work that the Contractor is required to perform as a result of a Design Discrepancy unless all of the following conditions have been met prior to Contractor or any Subcontractor performing any portion of the Work involving or affected by such Design Discrepancy:

(a) the circumstances giving rise to such Extra Work conform to all of the requirements of Subparagraph 1.1.29.2 through Subparagraph 1.1.29.4, above, applicable to Compensable Changes;

(b) Contractor has submitted to County and Architect a Request for Information in compliance with Paragraph 3.2.5, below, seeking clarification of such Design Discrepancy;

(c) Contractor has submitted to County a timely and complete Notice of Change in accordance with Article 7, below, describing such Extra Work in detail;

(d) Contractor has received a Construction Change Directive signed by County in accordance with Article 7, below, directing that Contractor perform the portion of the Work in question; and

(e) unless otherwise provided in such Construction Change Directive, Contractor has submitted to County a Change Order Request in accordance with the requirements of Article 7, below, setting forth the particulars of its request for Contract Adjustment on account of such Extra Work.

(2) **Compensable Delay.** There shall be no Contract Adjustment to the Contract Price or Contract Time for Delay as a result of a Design Discrepancy unless all of the following conditions have been met prior to Contractor or any Subcontractor performing any portion of the Work involving or affected by such Design Discrepancy:

(a) if the Delay is the result, in whole or in part, of Extra Work, all of the requirements of Subparagraph 3.2.2.2 (1), (a) through (e), above, have been met;

(b) the circumstances giving rise to such Delay conform to all of the requirements of Subparagraph 1.1.30.2 and Subparagraph 1.1.30.3, above, applicable to Compensable Delay; and

(c) Contractor has submitted to County a timely and complete Notice of Delay and a timely and complete Request for Extension in accordance with Article 8, below, setting forth the particulars of its request for Contract Adjustment on account of such Compensable Delay.

(3) **Differing Site Conditions.** The Contractor's right to a Contract Adjustment as a result of variances between (a) the Contract Documents or other documents or information described in Paragraph 3.2.1, above, that, prior to the Bid Closing Deadline was either reviewed by Contractor or was available to Contractor for review prior to the Bid Closing Deadline and (b) conditions at the Site or in Existing Improvements shall, notwithstanding the fact that the circumstances asserted by Contractor as a basis for such Contract Adjustment may involve, relate to or arise out of a Design Discrepancy, be governed by the provisions of the Contract Documents setting forth the Contractor's right to Contract Adjustments on the grounds of Differing Site Conditions.

### **3.2.3 WAIVER BY CONTRACTOR.**

**CONTRACTOR AGREES THAT IT SHALL NOT BE ENTITLED TO, AND HEREBY CONCLUSIVELY WAIVES, ANY RIGHT TO CONTRACT ADJUSTMENT, AS WELL AS THE RIGHT TO ANY OTHER OR FURTHER RECOURSE OR RIGHT OF RECOVERY FROM COUNTY, ON ACCOUNT OF LOSSES OR DELAYS THAT ARE A RESULT OF EITHER A DIFFERING SITE CONDITION OR A DESIGN DISCREPANCY, IF PRIOR TO THE BID CLOSING DEADLINE SUCH DIFFERING SITE CONDITION OR DESIGN DISCREPANCY WAS:**

(1) **DISCOVERED BY CONTRACTOR AND CONTRACTOR, NOTWITHSTANDING SUCH DISCOVERY, FAILED TO REPORT SUCH DIFFERING SITE CONDITION OR DESIGN DISCREPANCY TO COUNTY IN WRITING PRIOR TO THE BID CLOSING DEADLINE;**

(2) **ALTHOUGH NOT ACTUALLY DISCOVERED BY CONTRACTOR PRIOR TO THE BID CLOSING DEADLINE WAS REASONABLY DISCOVERABLE BY CONTRACTOR UNDER THE STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE SPECIFIED IN THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, A DIFFERING SITE CONDITION OR DESIGN DISCREPANCY THAT WAS OVERLOOKED BY CONTRACTOR DUE TO A FAILURE BY CONTRACTOR TO FULLY FAMILIARIZE ITSELF PRIOR TO THE BID CLOSING DEADLINE WITH ANY OF THE DOCUMENTS, INFORMATION OR CONDITIONS REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 3.2.1, ABOVE.**

**3.2.4 Continuing Obligation.** In addition and without limitation to Contractor's obligations under Paragraph 3.2.1, above, or elsewhere in the Contract Documents, Contractor shall have the continuing obligation until Final Completion to promptly report to County, by means of submission by Contractor of a Request for Information that complies with the requirements of Paragraph 3.2.5, below, any and all of the following:

.1 information contained in the Bidding Documents, Contract Documents, Reference Documents or other documentation that was either reviewed by Contractor or that Contractor was given the opportunity to review prior to the Bid Closing Deadline, as well as any visible conditions at the Site, in Existing Improvements or in the vicinity of the Project, that Contractor knows, or in the exercise by Contractor of its duties under the Standard of Performance should have known, may render a portion of the Work in any respect, wholly or partially, unsuitable or incomplete to meet the requirements of the Contract Documents, the Design Intent or Applicable Laws, and

.2 conditions in the Work that constitute Defective Work or that cause or are likely to cause any other portion of the Work to be Defective Work.

Without limitation to County's other rights under the Contract Documents, any portion of the Work, Existing Improvements or the work of Separate Contractors or County's own forces requiring replacement, repair or correction due to a failure by Contractor or any Subcontractor, of any Tier, to comply with its continuing obligation under this Paragraph 3.2.4 shall be promptly replaced, repaired or corrected to County's satisfaction, at Contractor's Own Expense.

### 3.2.5 Requests for Information.

**.1 Time for Submittal.** Requests for Information shall be submitted no later than three (3) Days after the date Contractor learns of the circumstances giving rise to the question contained in the Request for Information. Requests for Information shall be submitted by or through the Contractor and not directly by Subcontractors.

**.2 Content.** Each Request for Information shall, in addition to the Contractor's specific question or request, include the following:

(1) a detailed description of the circumstances giving rise to the Contractor's request or question, including, without limitation, any related Design Discrepancy;

(2) Contractor's request for clarification, including, without limitation, any request for further detailing or correction of the Contract Documents; and

(3) a statement of whether Contractor believes it is entitled to a Contract Adjustment by reason of the circumstances described.

**.3 Form.** Contractor shall submit Requests for Information using forms provided or approved by County.

**.4 Unnecessary, Multiple Requests.** Contractor shall carefully review, coordinate and consolidate (where appropriate to prevent piecemeal submission) Requests for Information (whether originating with Contractor or the Subcontractors) prior to submitting them in order to eliminate unnecessary or duplicative requests.

**.5 Responses.** Responses to Requests for Information shall be furnished with reasonable promptness so as to not unreasonably Delay progress of the Work; provided, however, that the timing of a response by the Architect, County or a County Consultant to a Request for Information shall not constitute grounds for a Contract Adjustment unless Contractor has complied with the requirements set forth in this Paragraph 3.2.5 and, if applicable, Paragraph 2.1.3, above.

**.6 Back Charges by County.** County shall have the right to deduct from payments due to Contractor sums expended by County for the services of the Architect, Inspectors of Record or County Consultants due to a failure by Contractor to comply with this Paragraph 3.2.5.

### **.7 WAIVER BY CONTRACTOR.**

**FAILURE BY CONTRACTOR TO SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION WAS REQUIRED BY THIS PARAGRAPH 3.2.5 SHALL RESULT IN CONTRACTOR WAIVING ITS RIGHT TO A CONTRACT ADJUSTMENT ON ACCOUNT OF ANY LOSS OR DELAY THAT COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED IF SUCH REQUEST FOR INFORMATION HAD BEEN PROPERLY PREPARED AND TIMELY SUBMITTED.**

**3.2.6 Correction of Work.** Contractor shall, at Contractor's Own Expense, correct or replace in accordance with the direction of County any portion of the Work that is performed by Contractor or a Subcontractor knowing that it involves, or that Contractor or Subcontractor in the exercise of reasonable care and diligence should have known involves, a portion of the Contract Documents that contains an error, omission, conflict, ambiguity, lack of coordination or noncompliance with Applicable Laws, without first notifying and obtaining the written approval of County and Architect.

### 3.3 SUPERVISION AND CONSTRUCTION PROCEDURES

3.3.1 **General Obligation.** Contractor shall provide competent, fully qualified personnel to supervise, administer, manage and direct the Work, competently and efficiently, at all times devoting their best skill and attention to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents.

3.3.2 **Supervisory Staff.** Contractor shall employ a competent project manager, superintendent, scheduler, forepersons and necessary assistants during performance of the Work. Contractor's superintendent and forepersons shall be present at the Site at all times that the Work is in progress and at any time that any employee of Contractor or a Subcontractor is present at the Site. Contractor's project manager and superintendent shall, unless excused from attendance by the County, attend all job meetings. Contractor's project manager and superintendent must be able to fluently read and write in English. Contractor's superintendent shall not perform the Work of any trade, pick up materials, or perform any Work not directly related to the supervision of the Work and shall be available twenty-four (24) hours a Day, seven (7) Days a week, to respond to emergencies.

3.3.3 **County Supplementary Personnel.** Without limitation upon any of the rights or remedies of the County under the Contract Documents or under Applicable Laws, in the event that Contractor fails to have personnel on Site to supervise the Work, the County shall have the right, but not the obligation, upon twenty-four (24) hours' telephonic or email notice by the County to Contractor, to provide such supervision on a temporary basis and to deduct from the sums owing to Contractor the actual costs of such temporary supervision. Contractor shall, notwithstanding the County's providing such temporary supervision, remain solely responsible for all actions and omissions of its personnel and of the Subcontractors.

3.3.4 **Means, Methods, Procedures.** Contractor shall be solely responsible for and have control over construction means, methods, techniques, sequences and procedures and coordinating all portions of the Work, unless the Contract Documents specify other specific instructions concerning these matters. If the Contract Documents give specific instructions concerning construction means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures, Contractor shall nonetheless be fully and solely responsible for the adequacy and safe implementation of such means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures. If Contractor believes that such specified means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures may not be safe or adequate, Contractor shall give written notice to County and Architect and shall not proceed with that portion of the Work without further written instruction from County or Architect. In response to such notice, County may order Contractor to improve the character or increase the efficiency of the means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures employed, and Contractor shall conform to such order; but the failure of County to order such improvement or increase of efficiency will neither relieve Contractor from its sole responsibility for safety at the Site nor relieve Contractor from its obligation to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents and Applicable Laws.

### 3.4 LABOR, MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT

3.4.1 **Costs of Work.** Contractor shall provide and pay for labor, materials, tools, equipment, machinery, water, heat, utilities, transportation, facilities and services necessary for proper execution and completion of the Work, whether temporary or permanent and whether incorporated or to be incorporated into the Work.

3.4.2 **Coordination.** Contractor shall provide supervision sufficient to ensure proper coordination for the timely and efficient performance and completion of the Work.

3.4.3 **Field Conditions.** Before commencing the Work or any activities on the Site, Contractor shall take field measurements and verify field conditions and carefully compare such field measurements and conditions with the information in the Contract Documents and other information obtained by or available to Contractor.

3.4.4 **Layout.** Contractor is solely responsible for (1) the accurate layout of all portions of the Work, (2) the accuracy of the Project lines and levels, (3) erection of the Work square, plumb, level, true to line and grade, in the exact plane, and to the correct elevation and (4) sloping of surfaces to drain as indicated by the Contract Documents, or, if not indicated, as needed to provide for adequate drainage.

#### 3.4.5 **Materials, Equipment**



**.1 Delivery, Storage, Inventory.** Materials and equipment shall be: (1) furnished in ample quantities and at such times as to ensure uninterrupted progress of the Work; and (2) if located on the Site, properly stored and protected as reasonable and necessary, or as directed by County, to prevent Loss from any foreseeable cause, including, without limitation, theft. In the event that County gives direction as to the location for storage or protection of materials or equipment on the Site, Contractor shall nonetheless remain solely responsible for its safe and secure storage and protection. No part of any such stored materials and equipment shall be removed from its place of storage except for immediate installation in the Work. Contractor shall keep an accurate inventory of all such stored materials and/or equipment in a manner satisfactory to County.

**.2 Purchases.** Contractor shall place orders for materials and/or equipment as specified so that delivery of same may be made without Delay to the Work. Contractor shall, upon request from County, furnish to County documentary evidence showing that orders have been placed. County reserves the right in the event Contractor fails, within three (3) Days after receipt of written notice by County to Contractor to comply with the requirements of this Subparagraph 3.4.5.2, to comply with the requirements of this Subparagraph 3.4.5.2, to deduct the costs paid or payable by County associated with such purchases from payments otherwise owing to Contractor. Contractor shall, if requested by County, accept assignment of any such contracts entered into by County without a Contract Adjustment.

**.3 Title.** No material, supplies or equipment for the Work shall be purchased subject to any chattel mortgage or under a conditional sale or other agreement by which an interest therein or in any part thereof is retained by seller or supplier. Contractor warrants good title to all material, supplies and equipment installed or incorporated in the Work and agrees upon Final Completion to deliver the Work, including the premises, land, improvements and appurtenances on or to which the Work is placed, located or affixed, to County free from any claims, liens, or charges. Contractor further agrees that neither it nor any person, firm, or corporation furnishing any materials or labor for any of the Work shall have any right of lien upon the Site, or any Existing Improvement or appurtenance thereon, except that (1) nothing stated in this Subparagraph 3.4.5.3 shall be interpreted as a waiver by Contractor or any Subcontractor of its right under Applicable Laws to serve a stop payment notice for Work that is not paid for by County as required under the terms of the Contract Documents; and (2) Contractor may install metering devices or other equipment of utility companies or political subdivisions, title to which may be retained by such utility company or political subdivision, provided that in the event of installation of any such metering device or utility equipment, Contractor shall advise County as to the owner, and the precise location, thereof.

**.4 Substitutions.** No substitution of materials, equipment, articles, processes or other items of the Work required under the Contract Documents will be made without written approval of County, which approval may be granted or denied in the sole and absolute discretion of County. With respect to any such substitution made or requested by Contractor, neither the occurrence of a substitution made or requested by Contractor nor the approval or disapproval by County of a substitution that is made in accordance with this Subparagraph 3.4.5.4 shall give rise to any right of Contractor to a Contract Adjustment. Contractor shall, notwithstanding County's or Architect's approval, remain solely responsible for the sufficiency and suitability of all substitutions requested by Contractor and approved, or otherwise made, by Contractor.

**.5 Parts List.** Contractor will provide a printed parts list for all items which might be subject to replacement and for which parts lists are either expressly required by the Contract Documents or customarily provided according to usual commercial practices.

**.6 Manuals.** As part of its obligation for submission of Record Documents, four (4) hard copies and one (1) electronic version of operations and maintenance manuals shall be prepared and transmitted by Contractor to County prior to and as a condition of Final Completion. Final Payment will not be due until County has received all such manuals and all other manuals covering the Work that are either required to be provided by the terms of the Contract Documents or if not required are customarily provided according to usual commercial practices applicable to the portion of Work involved. Operating instructions will be included within the equipment manuals and will state all information necessary for County to operate, use, maintain and service the equipment fully and efficiently.

**.7 Start Up.** Contractor will be responsible for start-up of all systems and equipment purchased as part of the Work and has included sufficient amounts in its Bid to cover contingencies arising out of the start-up of such systems and equipment. Contractor will comply fully with each manufacturer's specifications and instructions. Systems and equipment specified to be furnished with manufacturer's supervision of start-up will be placed in operation only under such supervision.

### 3.5 CONTRACTOR'S WARRANTY

3.5.1 **General Warranty.** In addition to other warranties and guarantees required by the Contract Documents, Contractor shall, and hereby does, warrant and guarantee that: (1) the Work will conform to the requirements of Contract Documents, including, without limitation, any performance standards that are part thereof; (2) all Work for which there is not a specific requirement, criteria, specification or standard set forth in the Contract Documents will conform to the Standard of Performance; (3) all labor, equipment, materials and other items of Work will be when installed new and free of liens, claims and security interests; (4) without limitation to the other requirements of this warranty, all labor, installation and workmanship will be performed in a good and workmanlike manner; and (5) all labor, materials, equipment, services and work shall be free of defects for a period of one (1) year after Final Completion. If required by County, Contractor shall furnish satisfactory evidence as to the kind and quality of services, labor, installation, materials and equipment used. Manufactured items installed in the Work, unless otherwise specifically stated in the Contract Documents, are to be installed in strict accordance with manufacturer's current printed instructions.

3.5.2 **Repair, Replacement.** Without limitation upon the County's other rights or remedies under the Contract Documents or Applicable Laws, any and all Work that, for reasons other than (1) ordinary wear and tear or (2) abuse or neglect by persons or entities other than the Contractor or the Subcontractors, is not in conformance with the warranties or guarantees required by the Contract Documents or Applicable Laws shall be repaired or replaced, together with the repair or replacement of any other Work, Existing Improvements or the work of the Separate Contractors, the County's own forces or others, which may be removed, displaced or damaged in so doing. The Contractor shall notify the County in writing upon completion of such repair or replacement. In the event of failure by the Contractor to commence and pursue with diligence said replacement or repair within ten (10) Days after being notified by the County, the County is hereby authorized to proceed with such replacement and repair as the County deems necessary and expedient and to charge such costs to Contractor at Contractor's Own Expense.

3.5.3 **Not a Limitation.** The warranties stated in this Section 3.5 are in addition to any other warranties or guarantees that are required under any other provision of the Contract Documents or Applicable Laws. Nothing stated in this Section 3.5 shall be interpreted as a limitation upon the County's rights under any warranties or guarantees provided for under any other provision of the Contract Documents or under Applicable Laws that afford the County greater rights than the rights afforded to County under this Section 3.5.

3.5.4 **Assignment.** Contractor does hereby unconditionally and irrevocably assign to County all warranties and guarantees issued or made by any Subcontractor, of any Tier (including, without limitation, any manufacturer, supplier and distributor) in connection with the Work. Such assignment shall not relieve Contractor of, or otherwise limit, any of its obligations contained in the Contract Documents, including, without limitation, the general responsibility and liability of Contractor for a breach by a Subcontractor (including, without limitation, any manufacturer, supplier and distributor, of any Tier) of a warranty or guarantee given by such Subcontractor in connection with the Work.

3.5.5 **Close-Out.** Unless sooner requested by County, Contractor shall furnish to County, as part of the Close-Out Documents and as a condition to Final Payment, all written guarantees or warranties that are required by the terms of the Contract Documents. All such guarantees and warranties shall be: (1) in writing; (2) indexed and bound; (3) accompanied by such certifications and instruction materials as may be required by the Contract Documents; and (4) issued to County or assignable by their terms, and in fact assigned, to County.

### 3.6 TAXES

3.6.1 **Payment by Contractor.** Contractor shall pay, at Contractor's Own Expense, all local, state and federal taxes, including, without limitation, all sales, consumer, business license, use and similar taxes on materials, labor or other items furnished for the Work or portions thereof provided by Contractor or the Subcontractors, of all Tier, all taxes arising out of its operations under the Contract Documents and all benefits, insurance, taxes and contributions for social security and unemployment insurance which are measured by wages, salaries or other remuneration paid to Contractor's employees. If under federal excise tax law any transaction hereunder constitutes a sale on which a federal excise tax is imposed, and the sale is exempt from such excise tax because it is a sale to a state or local government, then County, upon request, will execute documents necessary to show: (1) that County is a political subdivision of the State for the purposes of such exemption; and (2) that the sale is for the exclusive use of County. No excise tax for

such materials shall be included in any price (including, without limitation, the Bid) submitted by Contractor for the Work or for Changes in the Work.

**3.6.2 Tax Exempt Projects.** If applicable to the Project, Contractor shall comply with Applicable Laws concerning tax-exempt construction projects.

**3.6.3 Records of Taxes.** Contractor and the Subcontractors shall keep sufficient records to verify the amount of sales and use taxes paid. Copies shall be submitted with each monthly Application for Payment. Failure to keep or submit such records, resulting in the inability of County to claim a refund for taxes for such materials, shall render Contractor liable to County for the amount of such tax refund.

### **3.7 PERMITS, FEES AND LEGAL NOTICES**

**3.7.1 Permits.** Contractor shall obtain and pay for all permits and approvals that are not stated in the Contract Documents to be the responsibility of the County. Such permits and approvals that are the responsibility of the Contractor may include local building or land use permits, California Department of Fish and Game Streambed Alteration Agreements (Section 1600 et seq.), California Department of Fish and Game collection permits, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 404 fill and dredge authorization, Clean Water Act Section 401 authorization (managed by the local California Regional Water Quality Control Boards) land owner agreements, or other regulatory permits or approvals required for the implementation of the Project. All permits, licenses and certificates obtained by Contractor shall be delivered to County prior and as a condition to Final Completion and Contractor's right to Final Payment.

**3.7.2 Applicable Laws, Notices.** Contractor shall comply with, and give notices required by, Applicable Laws bearing on performance of the Work.

**3.7.3 Bonds, Undertakings.** Contractor shall, without Contract Adjustment, procure and obtain all bonds required of the County or the Contractor by the municipality in which the Project is located or by any other public or private body with jurisdiction over the Project. In connection with such bonds, the Contractor shall prepare all applications, supply all necessary back-up material and furnish the surety with any required personal undertakings. The Contractor shall also obtain and pay, without Contract Adjustment, all charges for all approvals for street closings, parking meter removal and other similar matters as may be necessary or appropriate from time to time for the performance of the Work.

**3.7.4 Notice of Violations.** Contractor shall immediately notify County in writing of any instruction received from County, or any other Project Team member that, if implemented, would cause a violation of any Applicable Law.

**3.7.5 Governmental Authority Approvals.** Where the Contract Documents state, or Applicable Laws require, that materials, processes or procedures must be approved by a Governmental Authority, Contractor shall be responsible for satisfying the requirements and obtaining the approval of such Governmental Authority.

### **3.8 CONTRACTOR'S PERSONNEL**

**3.8.1 Key Persons.** Contractor's employees acting as project manager, scheduler and superintendent constitute Key Persons. Individuals acting as Key Persons who are not already identified in Contractor's Post-Award Submittals shall be identified in writing to County prior to commencement of the Work.

**3.8.2 Background Check.** Contractor shall perform, prior to commencing Work on the Site, a thorough background check of each of the Key Persons and shall not, without prior written approval of County, employ any person to act as a Key Person if such background check, or other information known to Contractor, discloses a felony conviction or other matter which casts any reasonable doubt on the competency, reliability or honesty of such person.

**3.8.3 Project Manager.** The Key Person acting as project manager shall be deemed to have full authority to contractually bind Contractor, including, without limitation, the authority to bind Contractor to the terms of Contract Adjustments.

3.8.4 **Transfer.** Contractor's Key Personnel are deemed of essence to the Construction Contract. No Key Person shall, for so long as he/she is employed by Contractor, be transferred to any other project nor any of his/her responsibilities reassigned at any time during performance of the Work without the prior written approval of County, which approval may be granted or withheld in County's sole and absolute discretion.

3.8.5 **Removal.** County shall have the right, at any time, to direct the removal and replacement of any Key Person if his/her performance is determined by County, in its sole and absolute discretion, to be unsatisfactory.

3.8.6 **Replacement.** Any individual proposed by Contractor as a replacement for a Key Person must be approved in advance by County, such approval not to be unreasonably withheld, after submission by Contractor to County of complete information concerning such individual's experience and qualifications.

3.8.7 **Communications.** Important communications by Key Persons shall be confirmed in writing by Contractor. Other communications by Key Persons shall be confirmed on written request in each case.

3.8.8 **Contact Information.** Contractor shall provide to County, prior to the start of the Work, telephone numbers where Key Persons can be reached 24-hours a day, 7 Days a week.

3.8.9 **Signatures.** Prior to commencing the Work, Contractor shall submit to County a facsimile of the signatures of the Key Person acting as project manager, as well as any other representatives of Contractor with authority to sign on behalf of and contractually bind Contractor.

3.8.10 **Exclusion from Site.** Contractor shall at all times maintain good discipline and order at the Site among its employees and the employees of the Subcontractors. Any person in the employ of Contractor or any of the Subcontractors, of any Tier, whom County deems, in its sole and absolute discretion, incompetent, unfit, intemperate, troublesome or otherwise undesirable shall be excluded from the Site and shall not again be employed on the Site except with written approval of County.

### 3.9 **CONTRACTOR'S CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE**

3.9.1 **Preparation.** Within twenty-one (21) Days after issuance by County of the Notice of Intent to Award, the Contractor shall prepare and submit a Construction Schedule for the Work, both in hard copy and electronically, for the County's approval. The Construction Schedule shall in all respects conform to and be consistent with the time requirements for the Project set forth in the Construction Contract.

3.9.2 **Format.** The Construction Schedule shall be in the form of a critical path progress schedule that shows, in graphic form, a plan for performance of the Work within the Contract Time. It shall be prepared, using Primavera P3, as a time-scaled bar chart showing: (1) continuous flow from left to right and activities and milestones that are critical to Substantial Completion and Final Completion of the Work; (2) identification of "float"; and (3) a clearly highlighted critical path. Durations and specific calendar days shall be clearly and legibly shown for the early and late start and finish of each activity. With the exception of County Review Periods and Governmental Authority Review Periods, any activity with more than fifteen (15) Days in duration will be segmented into fifteen (15) Day increments. No more than ten percent (10%) of the activities shall be shown as critical. Techniques or methods designed to suppress depiction of available float are strictly prohibited.

3.9.3 **Detail.** Activities shown in the Construction Schedule shall be in sufficient detail to demonstrate a practical plan to complete the design, engineering, fabrication and construction within the Contract Time and shall, at a minimum, include the following:

- .1 the start and finish date of each activity;
- .2 the anticipated percent of completion at the end of each month;
- .3 the weighted labor value expressed as a percentage of the total labor cost of the Work for each activity;

- .4 the final manpower curves by trade;
- .5 the anticipated purchase and delivery of major materials and equipment;
- .6 the County's occupancy requirements;
- .7 receipt and incorporation of materials, products or equipment to be furnished by County (if any);
- .8 County Review Periods and County Review Dates that are acceptable to and approved by County;
- .9 Governmental Authority Review Periods; and
- .10 the activities identified as being on the critical path to Substantial Completion and Final Completion of the Work.

3.9.4 **Updates.** Throughout the performance of the Work, weekly updates shall be delivered, in hard copy and, if required by County, in an electronic form satisfactory to County. In addition, Contractor shall regularly prepare and submit to County short term, three (3) week "look-ahead" schedules generated from the Construction Schedule approved by County. Except to the extent permitted by Contract Adjustment to the Contract Time approved by County in a duly executed Change Order or Unilateral Change Order, in no event shall the Contractor's updates or "look ahead" schedules alter the dates for Substantial Completion or Final Completion set forth in the Construction Schedule approved by County.

3.9.5 **Governing Schedule.** The governing schedule for the Work shall be the updated Construction Schedule approved by the County. Unless otherwise directed in a writing signed by County, no other schedule shall be used or relied upon by the Contractor or its Subcontractors in planning or performing the Work or in connection with any request for a Contract Adjustment to the Contract Time.

3.9.6 **Submittal Schedule.** Within twenty-one (21) Days after the receipt by the Contractor of the Notice of Intent to Award, the Contractor shall prepare and submit, in accordance with the Contract Documents, a Submittal Schedule for the County's approval. The Submittal Schedule shall be coordinated with the Construction Schedule and allow time for review of the Submittals as may be required by the Contract Documents, or if none is required, a reasonable time for such review. Contractor shall keep the Submittal Schedule current and updated in the same manner as required for updating of the Construction Schedule.

3.9.7 **Schedule Responsibility.** Contractor is and shall remain solely responsible, notwithstanding the County's review or approval thereof, for the accuracy, suitability and feasibility of all schedules it prepares for the Project, including, without limitation, the Construction Schedule, Submittal Schedule, "look ahead" schedules, recovery schedules and any updates thereof.

3.9.8 **Condition of Payment.** Compliance by Contractor with the requirements of this Section 3.9 and the other provisions of the Contract Documents pertaining to preparing, submitting, revising and updating the Construction Schedule and Submittal Schedule is a condition to County's obligation to make payment to Contractor. Recognizing that scheduling is a continuing, cumulative and recurring obligation, failure by County or to assert a right to withhold payment under this Paragraph 3.9.8 due to a noncompliance by Contractor with its schedule obligations shall not waive or diminish the County's right to withhold or disapprove of future payments on account of such prior, or any other past or future, noncompliance of the same or similar nature.

3.9.9 **Scheduling by County.** Without limitation to County's other rights under the Contract Documents, if Contractor fails after written notice by County to perform any part of its obligations relating to scheduling, County shall have the right, but not the obligation, to retain one or more schedule consultants to perform, in whole or in part, the Contractor's obligations or supplement the scheduling services provided by Contractor and to reimburse County for the costs of such consultant services by withholding such costs from payments to Contractor.

### 3.10 DOCUMENTS AT SITE, REPORTING, MEETINGS

#### 3.10.1 Documents at Site

**.1 Contract Documents, Submittals.** Contractor shall at all times while performing Work at the Site maintain, in good order, at the Site: (1) one legible set of the permitted Contract Documents; (2) one legible copy of the current version of the other Contract Documents; (3) one legible and current version of approved Shop Drawings, Product Data, Samples and other Submittals; (4) one approved Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP); and (5) one copy of all reports prepared pursuant to the Mitigation, Monitoring, and Reporting Program (MMRP) requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.

**.2 Record Documents.** Contractor shall maintain Record Drawings and Specifications in a satisfactory record condition by posting, on a weekly basis (or, in the case of building or site mechanical, electrical, plumbing or fire sprinkler systems, as soon thereafter as is reasonable and practical), thoroughly and neatly, on the Drawings and Specifications all Changes to the Work and the location of the Work, including, without limitation, the location of portions of the Work shown diagrammatically, as occurs in the actual construction of the Work. The Record Drawings and Specifications and other Record Documents shall be prepared or converted, if requested by County, to electronic form (such as, AutoCAD, Adobe Acrobat or other software satisfactory to County). All Record Drawings and Specifications and other Record Documents shall be deemed the sole property of County and, at the earlier of Final Completion or termination of the Construction Contract, shall be turned over to County. At the time they are so turned over to County, they shall be manually signed by Contractor's superintendent certifying that, to the best of his/her knowledge, they are true and accurate and that the indications thereon represent the actual condition of the Work.

**.3 Availability for Review.** Copies or originals of all documents required to be maintained by Contractor at the Site or required to be submitted to County or the Architect shall be available at all times at the Site while Work is being performed for review by County, Inspector of Record, Architect and Governmental Authorities.

**.4 Condition of Payment.** Compliance by Contractor with the requirements of this Paragraph 3.10.1 shall be deemed a condition to Contractor's right to payment upon its Applications for Payment.

#### 3.10.2 Daily Reports.

**.1 Delivery.** At the end of each Day that Contractor performs the Work on the Site, Contractor shall submit a daily report to County (on the form provided or approved by County) together with applicable delivery tickets for all labor, materials and equipment furnished that Day. If requested by County, daily reports shall be delivered electronically.

**.2 Content.** Daily Reports shall include the following information:

(1) Labor - The names of the workers, and for each such worker his/her classification and hours worked.

(2) Material - A list of the different materials used and for each different material the quantity used.

(3) Equipment - The type of equipment, size, identification number, and hours of operation, including loading and transportation, if applicable.

(4) Inspection and Testing Activities – A list of inspections performed by name of inspector and testing company and the type of inspection, items of the Work involved and a description of the outcome of such inspection or test.

(5) Visitors, Guests, Dignitaries – A list of visitors and guests by name, title, company and purpose of visit.

(6) Areas of the Work – A statement of the areas of the Site on which the Work was performed and a detailed description of the stage, status and progress of the Work in each such area at the beginning and end of the Day.

(7) Accidents, Delays, Defective Work – A description in detail of any injuries to the workers, accidents or delays that occurred or Defective Work that was encountered.

(8) Other Services and Expenditures – A description of other services and expenditures in such detail as County may require.

.3 **Payment.** Timely and complete submission of daily reports by Contractor shall be a condition to Contractor's right to payment under the Construction Contract.

3.10.3 **Progress Meetings.** Contractor shall attend all progress meetings at the Site, at which meetings progress of the Work shall be reported in detail with reference to the then-current updated Construction Schedule approved by the County. Progress meetings shall be held weekly, or at such other time or frequency as County, in its sole and absolute discretion, deems necessary. A representative of each Subcontractor then actively performing Work, or immediately scheduled to become active, shall have a competent and knowledgeable representative present at such progress meeting to report on the condition of the Work of such Subcontractor and to receive relevant information. Meeting notes shall be taken by the County or Architect and distributed to all meeting attendees and all other affected parties.

3.10.4 **Notice Requirements.** Under no circumstances shall information contained in Contractor's daily job reports, monthly reports or job meeting minutes relieve Contractor of its obligations to comply with, serve as a substitute for, nor constitute a waiver by County of its right to insist upon, Contractor's compliance with the provisions of the Contract Documents relative to timely and complete notice to County of Changes, Delays, Claims or other matters for which written notice is required by the Contract Documents.

3.10.5 **Availability for Review.** Copies or originals of all Record Documents, daily reports, job meeting minutes and other documents required to be maintained or actually maintained by Contractor at the Site or required to be submitted to County or Architect shall be available at the Site for review by County, Architect, Inspectors of Record, County Consultants and Governmental Authorities.

### 3.11 SUBMITTALS

3.11.1 **Not Contract Documents.** Shop Drawings, Product Data, Samples and other Submittals are not Contract Documents. Their purpose is to demonstrate for those portions of the Work for which Submittals are required the way Contractor proposes to conform the Work to the designs and other information in the Contract Documents.

3.11.2 **Coordination with Others.** Contractor shall cooperate in the coordination of Contractor's Shop Drawings, Product Data, Samples and other Submittals with related documents submitted by the Separate Contractors.

#### 3.11.3 **Submission by Contractor.**

.1 **Submission.** All Shop Drawings, Product Data, Samples and other Submittals required by the Contract Documents shall be submitted to Architect for its review and approval, with a copy to County and to such of County's Consultants or Separate Contractors as County may direct in writing. Informational submittals (i.e., Submittals upon which no responsive action is expected) shall be limited to those Submittals so identified in the Contract Documents. Submittals made by Contractor which are not required by the Contract Documents may be returned without action.

.2 **Contractor Approval.** The Contractor shall review, stamp "approved" and submit Contractor's Shop Drawings, Product Data, Samples and other Submittals to the Architect, in accordance with the latest Submittal Schedule approved by the County. The Contractor's approval and submission of Submittals constitutes a representation that the Contractor has determined or verified materials and field measurements and conditions related thereto, and that it has checked and coordinated the information contained within such Submittals with the requirements of the Contract Documents and with the Submittals for related Work. Submittals without evidence thereon of the

Contractor's approval shall be returned, without further consideration, for resubmission in accordance with these requirements.

**.3 Transmittal.** All Submittals shall be accompanied by an accurately completed transmittal in the form required by County. With respect to Submittals of documents, the transmittal shall give a list of the numbers of the sheets submitted. All sheets shall be marked with the name of the Project and the name of Contractor shall be numbered consecutively and referenced to the sheets or paragraphs of the Drawings and Specifications affected. A separate transmittal form shall be used for each specific item or class of material or equipment for which a Submittal is required. Transmission of Submittals of various items using a single transmittal form will be permitted only when the items taken together constitute a manufacturer's "package" or are so functionally related that expediency dictates review of the group or package as a whole. Any Submittal not accompanied by such transmittal form, or where all applicable items on the form are not completed, may be returned for re-submittal without review.

**.4 Timing.** Submittals shall be provided within the time frame specified in the Contract Documents, in accordance with the Construction Schedule and Submittal Schedule and at a time sufficiently early to allow review of the same by the Architect without causing Delay to construction progress. Contractor will be responsible to pay, at Contractor's Own Expense, additional services fees and costs incurred by County to the Architect, Inspectors of Record and County Consultants in order to expedite review of Submittals which are not submitted in a timely fashion.

**.5 Content.** Submittals shall consist of the appropriate combination of catalog sheets, material lists, manufacturer's brochures, technical bulletins, specifications, diagrams and product samples, necessary to describe a system, product or item. Submittals shall show in detail the size, sections and dimensions of all members, the arrangement and construction of all connections, joints and other pertinent details, and all holes, straps and other fittings for attaching the Work. When required by the Architect or the Contract Documents, engineering computations shall be submitted.

**.6 Professional Certifications.** When professional certification of performance criteria of materials, systems or equipment is required by the Contract Documents, Architect shall be entitled to rely upon the accuracy and completeness of such calculations and certifications.

**.7 Multiple Submittals.** Except where the preparation of a Submittal is dependent upon the approval of a prior Submittal, all Submittals pertaining to the same class or portion of the Work shall be submitted simultaneously.

**.8 Notation of Revisions.** Contractor shall direct specific attention, in writing or on resubmitted Shop Drawings, Product Data, Samples or other Submittals, to revisions other than those requested and approved by Architect on previous Submittals.

**.9 Duplicates.** Contractor shall be responsible for delivering duplicates of Submittals to all other persons whose work or services are dependent thereon.

**3.11.4 Review of Submittals.** Review of Submittals by Architect, County or County Consultants is subject to the limitations of Paragraph 4.2.6, below. Contractor shall, notwithstanding any review or approval thereof by County, Architect or a County Consultant, be solely responsible for the content of all Submittals. Without limitation to the foregoing, deviations in Submittals from requirements of the Contract Documents shall remain the sole responsibility of Contractor unless Contractor has specifically informed Architect in writing of such deviation at the time of submission of the Submittal and Architect has given specific written approval thereof.

**3.11.5 Contract Adjustments.** Subject to Contractor's rights and obligations under Article 7, below, revisions indicated on Shop Drawings, Product Data, Samples or other Submittals shall not be considered as a basis for Contract Adjustments.

**3.11.6 Compliance with Contract.** Contractor shall perform no portion of the Work requiring submittal and review of Shop Drawings, Product Data, Samples or other Submittals until the respective Submittal has been returned by the Architect with an indication that it has been reviewed and that the Work addressed by the Submittal may proceed. Such Work shall be in accordance with such Submittals, unless such Submittal indicates that there are corrections to



be made. If corrections are indicated to be made then the Work shall be in accordance with the re-submitted and corrected Submittal that is reviewed and returned to the Contractor by the Architect.

### 3.12 USE OF SITE

3.12.1 **Staging Area.** Contractor will be assigned staging space on or adjacent to the Site, and all field offices, materials and equipment shall be kept within this area. Unless otherwise required by the Contract Documents, Contractor shall be responsible for restoring such areas and surrounding areas to the condition they were in prior to Contractor's commencement of the Work.

3.12.2 **Existing Improvements.** During the installation of the Work, Contractor shall ensure that Existing Improvements are adequately protected. Upon Final Completion of the Work, all Existing Improvements not required by the Contract Documents to be demolished as part of the Work that have been damaged by the actions or inactions of Contractor or its Subcontractors shall be restored to the condition they were in prior to Contractor's commencement of the Work.

3.12.3 **Operations at Site.** Contractor shall confine its activity, access and parking at the Site to areas permitted by Applicable Laws and County and shall not unreasonably encumber the Site with materials or equipment. Contractor acknowledges that it is experienced in performing construction within limited and confined areas and spaces such as those that are anticipated to exist on this Project and agrees to assume responsibility, without a Contract Adjustment, to take all special measures (including, without limitation, those related to protection, storage, staging and deliveries) as may be necessary to adapt its performance to the constraints of the Site.

3.12.4 **Coordination.** Contractor shall coordinate Contractor's operations with, and secure the approval of, County before using any portion of the Site.

3.12.5 **Unauthorized Use.** Personnel of Contractor and the Subcontractors shall not occupy, live upon or otherwise make use of the Site during any time that the Work is not being performed at the Site, except as otherwise approved by County.

3.12.6 **Site Security.** Contractor is responsible for the security of the Site and all of the Work, as well as the work of the Separate Contractors or County's own forces that occurs on the Site. Fences, barricades and other perimeter security shall be maintained in good condition and secured with locking devices. Damage to fences, barricades or other perimeter security, regardless of the cause, shall be repaired immediately at Contractor's Own Expense. Graffiti and unauthorized postings shall be removed or painted over so as to maintain a clean and neat appearance. Mobile equipment and operable machinery shall be kept locked or otherwise made inoperable whenever left unattended.

3.12.7 **Persons on Site.** Contractor shall not allow any person, other than the workers on the Project, authorized representatives of a union, or other individuals authorized by County, to come upon any portion of the Site where the Work is being performed. Only authorized personnel will be permitted on the Site. Contractor shall at all times maintain good discipline and order among its employees and the employees of the Subcontractors. Any person in the employ of Contractor or of any Subcontractors whom County may deem, in its sole and absolute discretion, incompetent, unfit, intemperate, troublesome or otherwise undesirable shall be excluded from the Site and shall not again be employed on the Site except with written approval of County and all Losses to Contractor or County associated therewith shall be borne by Contractor at Contractor's Own Expense.

3.12.8 **County Uses and Activities.** Contractor shall, prior to performing the Work at an operating or occupied County facility, become informed and take into specific account the uses by County and others of the Site and Existing Improvements, including, without limitation, business operations, public uses, employee uses, visitor uses, planned functions and ceremonies, and coordinate its planning, staging, scheduling, barricading and other performance of the Work so as to cause the minimum amount of interference or disturbance, whether before or after operating hours.

3.12.9 **Dust, Fumes, Noise.** Contractor shall take preventive measures to minimize, and eliminate wherever reasonably possible, generation of dust, fumes and noise.

**3.12.10 Confinement of Operations.** Contractor shall confine apparatus, the storage of materials and the operations of the workers to limits indicated by Contract Documents or as otherwise directed by County in writing.

**3.12.11 Prohibited Substances.** Contractor shall not permit (1) the possession or use of alcohol or controlled substances on the Site or (2) smoking in other than designated smoking areas approved by County.

**3.12.12 Survey Markers.** Contractor shall not disturb or cover any survey markers, monuments or other devices marking property boundaries or corners. If such markers are covered they shall be uncovered and if disturbed they shall be replaced by Contractor by means of the services of a licensed land surveyor. The costs of such uncovering and replacement shall be at Contractor's Own Expense.

**3.12.13 Drainage, Erosion.** Contractor is responsible for and shall make corrections to changes in patterns of surface water drainage resulting from, and related erosion control made necessary by, the performance of the Work.

**3.12.14 Trenches.** As required by California Labor Code §6705, if the Contract Price exceeds Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) and involves the excavation of any trench or trenches five (5) feet or more in depth, Contractor shall, in advance of commencing excavation, submit to County 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 Systems Standards established by the Construction Safety Orders of the California Division of Industrial Safety, the plan shall be prepared by a registered civil or structural engineer, employed by Contractor at Contractor's Own Expense. Nothing in this Paragraph 3.12.14 shall be deemed to allow the use of a system less effective than that required by such Construction Safety Orders. No excavation of such trench or trenches shall be commenced until such plan has been approved by County and Architect. Nothing in this Paragraph 3.12.14 shall be construed to impose any liability, including, without limitation, any tort liability, upon the County or upon any of its officers, agents, representatives or employees.

### **3.13 CUTTING AND PATCHING**

Contractor shall be responsible for all cutting, fitting or patching required to complete the Work and to make its parts fit together properly both among themselves and with any Existing Improvements and the work of the Separate Contractors and of County's own forces. In all cases, cutting shall be performed under the supervision of competent mechanics skilled in the applicable trade and openings shall be cut as small as possible to prevent unnecessary damage. Contractor shall not damage or endanger a portion of the Work, Existing Improvements or fully or partially completed construction of County's own forces or of the Separate Contractors by cutting, patching, excavating or otherwise altering such construction. Contractor shall not cut or otherwise alter such Existing Improvements or construction by Separate Contractors or by County's own forces except with the written consent of such Separate Contractors or County, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned. When asked, Contractor shall not unreasonably withhold from the Separate Contractors or County the Contractor's consent to Separate Contractors' or County's own forces' cutting or other alteration of the Work as required to complete the work of the Separate Contractors or County's own forces.

### **3.14 UTILITIES AND SANITARY FACILITIES**

**3.14.1 Contractor Responsibility.** Except as otherwise required by California Government Code §4215, Contractor shall contact all relevant utility providers and arrange for obtaining all available information, concerning location of subsurface utility lines. Prior to commencement of any digging, Contractor shall make its own investigation, including exploratory excavations, to determine the locations and type of Work which could result in damage to such utilities. In accordance with California Government Code §§4216 et seq., except in an emergency, Contractor shall contact the appropriate regional notification center at least two (2) the working days, but not more than fourteen (14) Days, prior to commencing any excavation, if the excavation will be conducted in an area which is known, or reasonably should be known, to contain sub-service installations, and shall obtain an inquiry identification number from the regional notification center. Contractor shall not assume, unless actual observed surface conditions at the Site indicate otherwise, that utilities are located in the same location as indicated on the as-built records or other information obtained by Contractor. Contractor shall conduct potholing in advance of digging in any areas where there are not apparent surface conditions at the Site indicating the actual location of underground utilities and be at all times vigilant in watching for any conditions encountered, above or below the surface of the ground, that might indicate that underground utilities are at locations other than those indicated by the as-built records or other information obtained by Contractor.

Contractor shall perform its digging operations in a slow and meticulous manner so as to avoid wherever reasonably possible damaging existing underground utilities. Contractor shall, at Contractor's Own Expense, make good any Loss to County or others as a result of Contractor's failure to perform any of its obligations under this Paragraph 3.14.1. Nothing stated in this Paragraph 3.14.1 shall be interpreted as requiring Contractor to do subsurface exploration or potholing for the purpose of locating subsurface utilities at the Site prior to the Bid Closing Deadline or as precluding the Contractor from receiving a Contract Adjustment for unknown subsurface utilities constituting Differing Site Conditions that are encountered in the course of performing the Site investigation or potholing required by this Paragraph 3.14.1.

**3.14.2 County Responsibility.** If and to the extent required by California Government Code §4215, County assumes the responsibility for removal, relocation, and protection of those existing main or trunkline utility facilities located at the Site at the time of commencement of the Work that are not identified in the Contract Documents. Provided that Contractor has exercised the Standard of Care in performing the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents, Contractor shall be entitled to a Contract Adjustment for, relocating, repairing or removing any utility facilities not indicated in the Contract Documents with reasonable accuracy, including, without limitation, equipment on the Site necessarily idled thereby. Delays caused by County's or a utility owner's failure to provide for the removal or relocation of such utility facilities shall constitute a Compensable Delay. Nothing herein shall be deemed to require County to indicate the presence of existing service laterals or appurtenances whenever the presence of such utilities on the Site can be inferred from the presence of other visible facilities, such as buildings or meter junction boxes located on or adjacent to the Site.

**3.14.3 Temporary Utilities.** All utilities, including but not limited to electricity, water, gas and telephone, used in performance of the Work (including, without limitation, meters and temporary distribution systems from distribution points to points on Site where a utility is needed and "tap fees") shall be furnished and paid for by Contractor or, if furnished by County, shall be paid for by Contractor at Contractor's Own Expense. Upon Final Completion of the Work, Contractor shall remove all temporary distribution systems. If the Work involves an addition to an existing facility, Contractor may, with written permission of County, granted or withheld in County's sole and absolute discretion, use County's existing utilities by making prearranged payments to County for utilities used by Contractor. When it is necessary to interrupt any existing utility service to make connections, a minimum of two (2) working days' advance notice shall be given to County. Interruptions shall be of the shortest possible duration and shall be scheduled during a time of Day that minimizes its impact on the operations of the existing facility. Any Loss to County or Contractor associated with interruption of a utility service as a result of Contractor's breach of, or failure to fully comply with, its obligations under this Paragraph shall be paid for by Contractor at Contractor's Own Expense.

**3.14.4 Sanitary Facilities.** Contractor shall provide sanitary temporary toilet facilities, for the use of all the workers, in no fewer numbers than required by Applicable Laws, plus such additional facilities as may be directed by County. Such facilities shall be maintained in a sanitary condition at all times. Use of existing or permanent toilet facilities shall not be permitted except by written consent of County.

### 3.15 CLEANING UP

**3.15.1 Contractor Responsibility.** Contractor at all times shall keep the Site free from debris such as waste, rubbish and excess materials and equipment caused by the performance of the Work. At the end of each Day that Work is performed, Contractor shall not leave debris under, in or about the Site but shall promptly dispose of or remove same from the Site. Without limitation to the other clean up requirements of the Contract Documents, upon Final Completion, Contractor shall: (1) clean the interior and exterior of the buildings, including fixtures, equipment, walls, floors, ceilings, roofs, window sills and ledges, horizontal projections and any areas where debris has collected so surfaces are free from foreign material or discoloration; (2) clean and polish all glass, plumbing fixtures, finish hardware and similar finish surfaces and equipment; and (3) remove temporary fencing, barricades, planking, sanitary facilities and similar temporary facilities from the Site.

**3.15.2 Cleanup by County.** If Contractor fails upon 24 hours' notice by County to perform its obligation to clean up, County may arrange to do so, and the cost thereof shall be borne by Contractor at Contractor's Own Expense.

### 3.16 ACCESS TO THE WORK

3.16.1 **County.** County, Inspectors of Record, Architect and County Consultants, and their representatives, and such other persons as authorized by County, shall at all times have access to the Work, either in preparation or in progress. Contractor shall provide safe and proper facilities for such access so that they and their representatives may perform their functions safely.

3.16.2 **Separate Contractors.** County, using its own forces or those of Separate Contractors, may, at any time during the performance of the Work, enter the Site for the purpose of performing construction or for any other purpose. Contractor shall cooperate with County, County's own forces and Separate Contractors and not interfere with other work being done by them or on their behalf.

3.16.3 **Delivery Routes.** Contractor shall arrange for delivery of material over routes designated by County.

### 3.17 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

Contractor shall pay all royalties and license fees relating to use of Intellectual Property Rights pertaining to Work performed. Contractor shall defend suits or claims for infringement of Intellectual Property Rights and shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Indemnitees from Loss on account thereof in accordance with the terms of Section 3.18, below, unless the infringement is due to a particular design, process, product or product of a particular manufacturer that is required by the Contract Documents; provided, however, that if Contractor has information leading it to believe that the use of a particular design, process or product required by the Contract Documents would constitute an infringement of an Intellectual Property Right, then Contractor shall nonetheless be responsible to provide such defense, indemnification and hold harmless if such information is not promptly furnished in writing to County.

### 3.18 INDEMNIFICATION

3.18.1 **Contractor's Indemnity Obligation.** To the fullest extent permitted by Applicable Laws, Contractor agrees to indemnify, immediately defend at its own expense and hold harmless, County, Board of Supervisors, and each of their respective members, officers, employees, agents, insurers and volunteers ("Indemnitee(s)"), through legal counsel reasonably acceptable to County, from any and all Losses, whether real or alleged, regardless of whether caused in part by such Indemnitee or its agents, servants or independent contractors who are directly responsible to such Indemnitee, arising out of or relating to any of the following:

- .1 any act or omission of Contractor or a Subcontractor, of any Tier;
- .2 the activities of Contractor or a Subcontractor, of any Tier, on the Site or on other properties related to performance of the Work or the preparation for performance of the Work;
- .3 the payment or nonpayment of any Subcontractor, of any Tier, for the Work performed, except where such nonpayment is the result of a breach by County of its payment obligations under the Contract Documents;
- .4 the existence or dispersal of any Hazardous Substances or Mold on the Site as a result of the failure of Contractor or a Subcontractor, of any Tier, to comply with its obligations under the Contract Documents;
- .5 the violation by Contractor or a Subcontractor, of any Tier, of an obligation under Section 3.17, above, involving infringement of an Intellectual Property Right; or
- .6 the violation by Contractor or a Subcontractor, of any Tier, of any Applicable Law, including, without limitation, the violation of any requirement of the State of California General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction Activity and subsequent amendments or orders for construction activities as applicable thereto (including, without limitation, the requirements of a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan) or the violation of any applicable requirement of any local or regional Air Quality Management District (AQMD) (including, without limitation, a violation of any of the requirements set forth in the County MOU with AQMD dated January 6, 2004 Agenda Item 3.1 (for projects in the Coachella Valley) or AQMD Rule 403 (for projects west of the Coachella Valley));

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that nothing contained herein shall be construed as obligating Contractor to indemnify an Indemnitee for Losses resulting from the sole negligence, active negligence or willful misconduct of such Indemnitee or its agents, servants or independent contractors who are directly responsible to such Indemnitee or from a defect in design furnished by such Indemnitee, where such sole negligence, active negligence, willful misconduct or design defect has been determined by agreement of Contractor and that Indemnitee or has been adjudged by the final and binding findings of a court or arbitrator of competent jurisdiction. In instances where the active negligence or willful misconduct of an Indemnitee or its agents, servants or independent contractors who are directly responsible to such Indemnitee or a defect in a design furnished by such an Indemnitee accounts for only a portion or percentage of the Loss involved, the obligation of Contractor will be for that portion or percentage of the Loss not due to such active negligence, willful misconduct or design defect.

**3.18.2 Indemnification of Adjacent Property Owners.** In the event Contractor enters into an agreement with the owners of any adjacent property to enter upon such property for the purpose of performing the Work or other activities incidental to the Work, Contractor shall fully indemnify, defend and hold harmless any person or entity which owns or has any interest in such adjacent property against any Loss resulting from the acts or omissions of the Contractor or its Subcontractors. The form and content of such indemnification agreement shall be approved by County prior to commencement of any Work on or around such property.

**3.18.3 Insurance and Employment Benefits.** The indemnification, defense and hold harmless obligations of Contractor under this Section 3.18, as well as any such obligations stated elsewhere in the Contract Documents: (1) shall not be limited by the amounts or types of insurance (or the deductibles or self-insured retention amounts of such insurance) which any Indemnitee, Contractor or any Subcontractor carries or is required to carry under the terms of the Contract Documents; (2) is independent of and in addition to the Indemnitees' rights under the insurance to be provided by an Indemnitee, Contractor or any Subcontractor; and (3) shall not be limited, in the event of a claim against an Indemnitee by an employee of Contractor, a Subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by them or anyone for whose acts they may be liable, by a limitation on amount or type of damages, compensation or benefits payable by or for Contractor or Subcontractor under any worker's compensation act, disability benefit act or other employee benefit program.

**3.18.4 Subcontractor Indemnity Agreements.** Contractor agrees to obtain or cause to be obtained executed defense and indemnity agreements with provisions identical to those set forth in this Section 3.18 from each and every Subcontractor, of every Tier.

**3.18.5 Implied Indemnity Rights.** Notwithstanding anything stated in this Section 3.18 or elsewhere in the Contract Documents to the contrary, an Indemnitee's right to seek equitable indemnity and contribution from Contractor is in no way diminished, limited or precluded by any agreement by Contractor to provide express contractual indemnity to such Indemnitee. Contractor's obligations under this Section 3.18 shall be deemed to completely eliminate and preclude any right by Contractor to seek contractual or equitable indemnity or contribution from any Indemnitee for any Loss covered by the Contractor's express indemnification obligations under this Section 3.18.

**3.18.6 Obligation to Defend.** The Contractor's obligation to defend under this Section 3.18 includes, without limitation, the obligation to immediately reimburse an Indemnitee for any attorney's fees, court costs (statutory and non-statutory), arbitration and mediation expenses, professional, expert and consultant fees, investigative costs, postage costs, document copying costs, telecopy costs and any and all other costs and expenses associated with defense of such Indemnitee as and when incurred by any Indemnitee in defense of a claim by any third person or entity as a result of Contractor's failure or refusal to comply with its immediate defense obligation to such Indemnitee. Nothing stated in this Section 3.18 or elsewhere in the Contract Documents shall be interpreted as providing or implying that the obligation of Contractor to defend an Indemnitee against an alleged Loss that is within the scope of the Contractor's indemnification obligation under this Section 3.18 or under any other provision of the Contract Documents is to any extent released, excused, limited or relieved by a finding, determination, award or judgment by a court or arbitrator that the alleged Loss was due to circumstances not within the scope of such indemnification obligation.

### **3.19 LABOR, WAGES, PAYROLL RECORDS**

**3.19.1 Public Work.** This Work is a "public work" as defined in Labor Code §1720 and must be performed in accordance with the requirements of Labor Code §§1720 to 1850 and Title 8 California Code of Regulations §§16000 to 17270, which govern the payment of prevailing wage rates on public works projects.

**3.19.2 Prevailing Wage Rates.** Pursuant to the provisions of Article 2 (commencing at §1770), Chapter 1, Part 7, Division 2 of the Labor Code of California, the Board of Supervisors has obtained the general prevailing rate of per diem wages and the general prevailing rate for holiday and overtime Work in the locality in which the Work is to be performed for each craft, classification or type of worker needed to execute the Work from the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations. These rates are on file with County and copies will be made available to any interested party on request. Contractor shall post a copy of such wage rates at the Site. The adoption of such wage rates is not a representation that labor can be obtained at these rates. It is the responsibility of Contractor to inform itself as to the local labor conditions. Holiday and overtime Work, when permitted by Applicable Laws, shall be paid for at a rate of at least one and one-half times the adopted rate of per diem wages, unless otherwise specified. Holidays shall be defined in the collective bargaining agreement applicable to each particular craft, classification or type of worker employed.

**3.19.3 Unclassified Workers.** Any worker employed to perform the Work not covered by any classification listed in the general prevailing wage rate of per diem wages determined by the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations shall be paid not less than the minimum rate of wages specified therein for the classification which most nearly corresponds to the Work to be performed by him/her, and such minimum wage rate shall be retroactive to time of initial employment of such person on the Project in such classification.

**3.19.4 Per Diem Wages.** Contractor shall pay or shall cause to be paid each worker engaged in the Work not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages determined by the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations, regardless of any contractual relationship which may be alleged to exist between Contractor or any of the Subcontractors and such workers. Pursuant to California Labor Code §1773.1, per diem wages are deemed to include employer payments for health and welfare, pension, vacation, travel time and subsistence pay.

**3.19.5 Applicable Laws.** Contractor represents and warrants that the Contractor's Bid and the Contract Price includes funds sufficient to allow Contractor to comply with all Applicable Laws governing the labor or services to be provided. Contractor shall defend and indemnify the Indemnitees in accordance with Section 3.18, above, for any violation of any Applicable Law, including but not limited to California Labor Code §2810, and agrees to pay all assessments, including wages and penalties, made against County in relation to such violations.

**3.19.6 Posting at Site.** Contractor shall post at appropriate conspicuous points on the Site the prevailing wage rates of the Department of Industrial Relations in accordance with 8 California Code of Regulations 16100(b).

**3.19.7 Worker Hours.** As provided in Article 3 (commencing at §1810), Chapter 1, Part 7, Division 2 of the California Labor Code, eight (8) hours of labor shall constitute a legal day's work. The standard work day of any worker employed at any time by Contractor or any of the Subcontractors performing the Work, or any part of the Work, shall, except as hereinafter provided, be limited and restricted by Contractor to eight (8) hours per day, between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. (unless otherwise required by Applicable Laws), plus one-half hour unpaid lunch approximately midway through the shift, provided that Contractor or any of the Subcontractors may establish a four day/ten-hour schedule consistent with Applicable Laws pertaining to payment of prevailing wages and the provisions any applicable collective bargaining agreement. A regular-work week shall constitute forty (40) hours during any one week. Notwithstanding the provisions hereinabove set forth, the parties hereto may agree to changes in the work day or the work week as permitted by Applicable Laws, and Contractor and all Subcontractors must pay the appropriate prevailing wage rate for those hours and days worked.

**3.19.8 Overtime.** Overtime work performed by employees of Contractor or any of the Subcontractors shall be compensated according to the applicable general prevailing rate established by the Department of Industrial Relations for holiday and overtime work for each craft, classification or type of worker in the locality in which the Work is to be performed.

**3.19.9 Payroll Records.** It shall be the sole responsibility of Contractor to ensure compliance with the provisions of Applicable Laws and the Contract Documents relating to maintenance and submission of payroll records. Pursuant to the provisions of California Labor Code §1776, Contractor shall keep, and shall cause each Subcontractor performing any portion of the Work to keep, accurate certified payroll records, showing the name, address, social security number, worker classification and 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 Contractor in connection with the Work. Certified payroll records must be in the payroll reporting format prescribed by the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement. If there is no work by Contractor or a Subcontractor in a given week, Contractor must keep

and submit a certified "Nonperformance" payroll record, indicating "no work" for that week. Contractor shall submit all certified payroll records to County in complete, unredacted form with an original signature on the Statement of Compliance, along with, and as a condition to, its Applications for Payment. Additionally, payroll records shall be available for inspection at all reasonable hours at the principal office of Contractor on the following basis:

.1 a certified copy of an employee's payroll record shall be made available for inspection or furnished to such employee or his or her authorized representative on request;

.2 a certified copy of all such payroll records shall be made available for inspection or furnished upon request to County, the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement and/or the Division of Apprenticeship Standards of the Department of Industrial Relations or such other person or entity as designated by County;

.3 a certified copy of all such payroll records shall be made available upon request by the public for inspection or the copying thereof, provided that (1) such request is made by the public through either County, the Division of Apprenticeship Standards or the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement of the Department of Industrial Relations, (2) such requested payroll records have not previously been provided pursuant to Subparagraph 3.19.9.2, above, then the requesting individual or entity shall, prior to being provided the records, reimburse the costs of preparation by Contractor, the Subcontractors and the entity through which the request was made, and (3) the public shall not be given access to records at the principal office of Contractor;

.4 Contractor and each Subcontractor shall within ten (10) Days after receipt of a written request file a certified copy of such payroll records with the person or entity that requested the records;

.5 Contractor shall provide, and shall cause each Subcontractor to provide, payroll records as defined in Title 8 California Code of Regulations §16000 to County within ten (10) Days after receipt of written request, at no cost to County;

.6 any copy of such payroll records made available for inspection by, and copies furnished to, the public shall be redacted in a manner so as to prevent disclosure of an individual's name, address, and social security number, except that any copy made available for inspection by, and copies furnished to, a joint labor-management committee established pursuant to the federal Labor Management Cooperation Act of 1978 (29 U.S.C. Section 175a) shall be marked or redacted only to prevent disclosure of an individual's name and social security number, and in either event, the name and address of Contractor or the Subcontractor performing the Work shall not be so obliterated; and

.7 any copy made available to an agency included in the Joint Enforcement Strike Force on the Underground Economy established pursuant to Section 329 of the Unemployment Insurance Code and other law enforcement agencies investigating violations of law shall, upon request, be provided nonredacted copies of certified payroll records;

.8 Contractor shall inform County concurrently with the submission of its initial Application for Payment, of the location of such payroll records, including the street address, city and county, and thereafter shall, within five (5) working days, provide a notice of any change of location and address of such payroll records.

**3.19.10 Apprentices.** Contractor acknowledges that, even if performance of the Work involves a dollar amount greater than or a number of working days greater than that specified in California Labor Code §1777.5, it shall be the sole responsibility of Contractor, for all apprentice occupations, to ensure compliance with California Labor Code §1777.5, including, without limitation, the following provisions:

.1 Apprentices of any crafts or trades may be employed and, when required by California Labor Code §1777.5, shall be employed provided they are properly registered in full compliance with the provisions of the California Labor Code.

.2 Every such apprentice shall be paid the prevailing rate of per diem wages for apprentices in the trade to which he or she is registered and shall be employed only at the work of the craft or trade to which he or she is registered.

.3 Only apprentices, as defined in California Labor Code §3077, who are in training under apprenticeship standards and written apprentice agreements under Chapter 4 (commencing at §3070), Division 3 of the California Labor Code, are eligible to be employed at the apprentice wage rate on Public Works. The employment and training of each apprentice shall be in accordance with either: (1) the apprenticeship standards and apprentice agreements under which he or she is training, or (2) the rules and regulations of the California Apprenticeship Council.

.4 Contractor and any of the Subcontractors employing workers in any apprenticeable craft or trade in performing any of the Work shall apply to the applicable joint apprenticeship committee for a certificate approving Contractor or the Subcontractor under the applicable apprenticeship standards and fixing the ratio of apprentices to journeymen employed in performing the Work.

.5 Prior to commencing the Work, Contractor shall submit contract award information to an applicable apprenticeship program that can supply apprentices to the Site of the Work. The information submitted shall include an estimate of journeyman hours to be performed under the Construction Contract, the number of apprentices proposed to be employed, and the approximate dates the apprentices would be employed. A copy of this information shall also be submitted to County if requested by County.

.6 The ratio of the Work performed by apprentices to journeymen employed in a particular craft or trade on the Work may be no higher than the ratio stipulated in the apprenticeship standards under which the apprenticeship program operates, where Contractor or the Subcontractor agrees to be bound by those standards, but, except as otherwise provided in this Paragraph, in no case shall the ratio be less than one (1) hour of apprentice work for every five (5) hours of journeyman work. Apprentices may comprise up to thirty percent (30%) of the work force of each particular craft, classification or type of worker employed, unless the applicable joint apprenticeship committee establishes a lower percentage. To the extent possible, fifty percent (50%) of the apprentice work force shall consist of first-year apprentices.

.7 The interpretation and enforcement of California Labor Code §1777.5 shall be in accordance with the rules and procedures of the California Apprenticeship Council.

.8 Contractor and all the Subcontractors shall comply with California Labor Code §1777.6, which forbids certain discriminatory practices in the employment of apprentices.

.9 Contractor shall become fully acquainted with the law regarding apprentices prior to commencement of the Work, paying special attention to California Labor Code §§1777.5, 1777.6, and 1777.7 and Title 8, California Code of Regulations, §§200 et seq. Questions may be directed to the State Division of Apprenticeship Standards, 455 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California.

**3.19.11 Pre-Construction Meetings, Interviews.** Contractor shall attend any pre-construction meetings held by County to discuss labor requirements. Contractor and the Subcontractors shall allow County, County Consultants and the Department of Industrial Relations, and designated representatives of each, to conduct, at their discretion, interviews of workers at the Site during working hours.

**3.19.12 Penalties for Violations.**

**.1 Prevailing Wage Violations.** Pursuant to California Labor Code §1775, Contractor and any of the Subcontractors shall, as a penalty, pay an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) for each Day, or portion thereof, for each worker paid less than the prevailing rates, determined by the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations, for the trade or craft in which such worker is employed by Contractor or, except as provided by said §1775, by any of the Subcontractors, of any Tier, for performance of the Work. The amount of this penalty shall be determined by the Labor Commissioner and shall be based on consideration of both: (1) whether the failure of Contractor or the Subcontractor to pay the correct rate of per diem wages was a good faith mistake and, if so, whether the error was promptly and voluntarily corrected upon being brought to the attention of Contractor or the Subcontractor; and (2) whether Contractor or the Subcontractor has a prior record of failing to meet its prevailing wage obligations. The difference between the amount owed to each worker pursuant to such prevailing wage rates, and the amount paid to each worker for each Day or portion thereof for which each worker was paid less than the prevailing wage rate, shall be paid to each worker by Contractor.



**.2 Working Hour Violations.** Pursuant to Labor Code §1813, Contractor shall pay a penalty of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25) per worker employed in the performance of the Work by Contractor or by any of the Subcontractors for each Day during which such worker is required or permitted to work more than eight (8) hours in any Day and forty (40) hours in any one calendar week in violation of the provisions of Article 3 (commencing at §1810), Chapter 1, Part 7, Division 2 of the California Labor Code.

**.3 Payroll Record Violations.** Pursuant to California Labor Code §1776, Contractor shall in the event of a failure to comply within ten (10) Days with any written notice requesting the records enumerated in subdivision (a) of said §1776, pay a penalty of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) for each Day, or portion thereof, for each worker, until Contractor has strictly complied with such request. Upon the request of the Division of Apprenticeship Standards or the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement, these penalties shall be withheld from progress payments then due.

**.4 Apprenticeship Violations.** Pursuant to California Labor Code §1777.7, if Contractor or the Subcontractor is determined by the Chief of the Division of Apprenticeship Standards (the "Chief") to have knowingly committed a first-time violation of California Labor Code §1777.5, Contractor or the Subcontractor shall pay, as a civil penalty, an amount not exceeding One Hundred Dollars (\$100) for each full Day of noncompliance, provided that the amount of this penalty may be reduced by the Chief if the penalty would be disproportionate to the severity of the violation. In lieu of this penalty, the Chief may, for a first-time violation and with the concurrence of the joint apprenticeship committee, order Contractor or the Subcontractor to provide apprentice employment equivalent to the work hours that would have been provided for apprentices during the period of noncompliance. If such violation by Contractor or the Subcontractor is a second or subsequent violation committed within a three (3) year period from a previous violation of §1777.5, Contractor or the Subcontractor shall pay, as a civil penalty, to County the sum of not more than Three Hundred Dollars (\$300) for each full Day of noncompliance. County shall withhold the amount of the civil penalty from contract progress payments then due or to become due. In addition, if Contractor or the Subcontractor is determined to have knowingly committed a serious violation of any provision of §1777.5, the Chief may deny to Contractor or the Subcontractor, and to its responsible officers, the right to bid on or be awarded a contract to perform work as a subcontractor on any subsequent project for County for a period of up to one (1) year for the first violation and for a period of up to three (3) years for a second or subsequent violation.

**3.19.13 Subcontractor Provisions.** Contractor shall include, and shall require the Subcontractors to include, contractual provisions in all contracts they enter into for the performance of the Work requiring compliance with the provisions of this Section 3.19 at no additional cost.

**3.19.14 Condition of Payment.** Compliance by Contractor with the requirements of this Section 3.19 and each of its Paragraphs shall be a condition to Contractor's right to payment under its Applications for Payment. Without limitation to the foregoing, payments to Contractor shall not be made when payroll records are delinquent or inadequate.

## **3.20 LABOR CODE §2810**

**3.20.1 Application.** The provisions of this Section 3.20 apply only if the Contractor has not executed a collective bargaining agreement covering the workers who will be employed to perform the Work.

**3.20.2 Declaration by Contractor.** If a Declaration of Sufficiency of Funds has not been submitted by Contractor as a Post-Award Submittal, then it must be submitted prior to Award. In executing the Construction Contract, Contractor warrants and represents that all of the statements contained in its Declaration of Sufficiency of Funds remain true and correct as of the date of execution of the Construction Contract and may be relied upon by County in determining whether there appears to be sufficient funds in the Contractor's Bid to allow the Contractor to comply with all Applicable Laws governing the labor or services to be provided for the performance of the Work. The truth and accuracy of the statements contained in said Declaration and in this Paragraph 3.20.2 constitute a material part of the Contractor's consideration for, and a material inducement to the County's entering into, the Construction Contract.

**3.20.3 Continuing Duty.** To the extent that any of the information provided in the Declaration of Sufficiency of Funds submitted by Contractor relating to numbers of workers or independent contractors that will be employed or utilized for performance of the Work was or is based upon a best estimate, rather than actual figures or information, then the Contractor assumes the continuing duty to the County to ascertain the actual figures and information requested in the Declaration of Sufficiency of Funds and to provide such actual figures and information to the County in the form

of a revised and updated Declaration of Sufficiency of Funds once the actual figures and information become known.

### 3.21 URBAN RUNOFF AND STORM WATER COMPLIANCE

**3.21.1 Contractor's Responsibility.** If and to the extent storm water permitting, control, mitigation or discharge control is required by Applicable Laws, the Contractor shall: (1) prior to starting any Work at the Site, sign and implement the Storm Water Management Plans or Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plans as previously prepared by the County's Consultant for civil engineering or by others; (2) take all necessary steps to monitor, report, enforce and otherwise implement and comply with the requirements of the Storm Water Permit, Storm Water Management Plans and Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plans and all Applicable Laws pertaining to the elimination or mitigation of storm water pollutant discharge to separate storm sewer systems or other watercourses, including without limitation, applicable requirements of the State Water Resources Control Board, Santa Ana, San Diego, and/or Colorado Region Water Quality Control Boards and municipal storm water management programs; (3) adhere to and implement the Special Provisions for Urban Runoff and Water Pollution Control set forth in the Specifications; and (4) ensure that the Work is constructed in conformance with those post-construction best management practices (BMPs) identified within the project-specific Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP).

**3.21.2 Inspections, Reports.** Contractor shall immediately notify the person identified to Contractor as the County's "project manager" for the Project of all inspections by Government Authorities (including, but not limited to, any regional board staff) and, if practicable, arrange for participation by such Governmental Authorities in any other pertinent inspections conducted at the Site. Contractor shall provide to County copies of all reports and monitoring information related to the matters covered by this Section 3.21.

**3.21.3 Violations.** The Contractor recognizes and understands that failure to comply with the requirements of any applicable storm water-related permit issued by the State of California of the United States pursuant to the Clean Water Act (Title 33 U.S.C. §§ 1251 et seq) and/or the Porter Cologne Water Quality Control Act (California Water Code §§13000 et seq.) is a violation of Applicable Laws. Contractor shall be responsible for all Losses and for any liability (including, without limitation, fines, penalties and other administrative liabilities and costs) imposed by Applicable Laws as a result of the Contractor's failure to comply with Applicable Laws, including, without limitation, the requirements of this Section 3.21.

**3.21.4 Condition of Payment.** Compliance by the Contractor with the requirements of this Section 3.21 shall be a condition to the Contractor's right to payment under its Applications for Payment.

**3.21.5 Costs of Compliance.** The Contractor represents and warrants that it has included in its Bid all costs of compliance with the requirements of this Section 3.21.

### 3.22 SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Contractor shall comply with all provisions of Applicable Laws (including, without limitation, the requirements of the California Public Resources Code, rules and regulations of the California Integrated Waste Management Board and provisions of any Site-specific plans adopted by County) that are applicable to the activities of contractors performing construction or related activities on the Site. Compliance by Contractor with the requirements of this Section 3.22 shall be a condition to Contractor's right to payment under its Applications for Payment.

### 3.23 CEQA COMPLIANCE

No Work that is subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) shall proceed by Contractor until Contract Documents satisfying the CEQA process are reviewed and approved by the County. Contractor shall comply with all applicable CEQA requirements. If there is a federal nexus (e.g. a source of federal funding) to the Project, compliance by Contractor with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) will be required in addition to and in conjunction with compliance with requirements of CEQA. The Contractor shall comply with the conditions identified on the Plans and Specifications for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act, including, without limitation, all requirements pertaining to Mitigation, Monitoring, and Reporting Program (MMRP).

### 3.24 AQMD COMPLIANCE

Contractor is responsible for full and complete compliance with, as applicable: (1) AQMD Rule 403.1, County Ordinance 742, the County MOU with AQMD dated January 6, 2004 Agenda Item 3.1 (for projects in the Coachella Valley); or (2) AQMD Rule 403 (for projects west of the Coachella Valley). Any fines imposed by AQMD on the County, as well as any other Loss to County, as a result of non-compliance by Contractor with the applicable provisions of the foregoing requirements are the responsibility of Contractor and upon request by County will be paid to County by Contractor or may be withheld by County from amounts due to Contractor under its Applications for Payment.

## ARTICLE 4 CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION

### 4.1 ARCHITECT

4.1.1 **Scope of Authority.** The Architect shall have the authority to act on behalf of County only as expressly provided in the Contract Documents and subject to such limitations on authority as set forth in Paragraph 4.1.2, below. As clarification of the foregoing, if the Contract Documents provide that the Architect has the right to approve of, consent to or direct that Contractor take or forbear from taking an action, such authority shall be limited to issuing such approval, consent or direction and shall not include, or be interpreted to include, authority to bind County with respect to any of the matters set forth in Paragraph 4.1.2, below. If Contractor's compliance with such approval, consent or direction of the Architect would involve or require authorization by County within the scope of the matters set forth in Paragraph 4.1.2, below, Contractor has the obligation, in addition to complying with the Architect's approval, consent or direction, to take steps in accordance with the Contract Documents to obtain such authorization of County as may be required and failing to do so shall not have any right to recourse or recovery from County on account of Contractor's action taken or Work performed in response to such approval, consent or direction by Architect.

4.1.2 **Limitations on Authority.** Without limitation to the other limitations on the Architect's authority expressed or implied under Paragraph 4.1.1, above, and notwithstanding anything else set forth in the Contract Documents to the contrary, Architect does not have authority to: (1) obligate or commit County to any payment of money; (2) obligate County to any adjustment to the Contract Price or Contract Time; (3) relieve Contractor of any of its obligations under the Contract Documents; (4) approve or order any Work involving Delay or Extra Work; or (5) perform any act, make any decision or give any direction or approval that is described in these General Conditions as an act, decision, direction or approval that is to be performed, made or given by any person or entity other than Architect.

4.1.3 **Work Stoppage.** Architect's authority includes, without limitation, the authority to stop the Work whenever such stoppage may be necessary, in Architect's opinion, for the proper execution of the Work. Any Work that is stopped or disapproved by order of Architect shall be resumed if and when County so directs in writing, with or without the concurrence of the Architect.

4.1.4 **Replacement.** County may, in its sole discretion, substitute another person or entity, or add persons or entities, to perform the functions of Architect or to exercise some or all of the authority of Architect provided for in the Contract Documents.

4.1.5 **County Rights.** All rights and authority conferred upon Architect under the Contract Documents constitute rights that County may, in its sole and absolute discretion, exercise in writing on its own behalf, irrespective of whether the County has ordered the removal, replacement or a change in the authority of the Architect.

### 4.2 ADMINISTRATION OF THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

4.2.1 **Observations of the Work.** Architect will visit the Site as appropriate to the stage of the Work to observe the Work in progress. Observations shall be for the purpose of ascertaining the progress of the Work and that the character, scope, quality and detail of construction (including workmanship and materials) comply with the Contract Documents, the Architect's directives, approved Submittals and clarifications issued by Architect. Observations shall be separate from any inspections which may be provided by others.

4.2.2 **Means, Methods.** Construction means, methods, techniques, sequences, procedures and safety precautions and programs in connection with the Work are solely the responsibility of Contractor. Neither County nor

Architect: (1) has control over or charge of, nor are they responsible for, Contractors or any Subcontractor's construction means, methods, techniques, sequences, procedures, safety precautions or programs in connection with the Work, all of which are, as between Contractor and County, solely Contractor's responsibility; (2) is responsible for Contractor's failure to carry out the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents; or (3) has control over, charge of, or responsibility for acts or omissions of Contractor, the Subcontractors or their agents or employees, or of any other persons performing portions of the Work.

**4.2.3 Communications by Contractor.** County shall be provided by Contractor with copies of all communications from Contractor or the Subcontractors to Separate Contractors or the Architect. Contractor shall not rely on oral or other non-written communications.

**4.2.4 Review of Applications for Payment.** If requested by County, Architect will review and certify all Applications for Payment by Contractor, including Applications for Payment requesting Progress Payments and Final Payment. In such cases, if the Architect and County do not concur in respect to the amount to be paid to Contractor, County's determination of the amount due will prevail.

**4.2.5 Rejection of the Work.** Architect will have authority to reject Work that does not conform to the Contract Documents and to require additional inspection or testing, in accordance with Article 10, below, whether or not such Work is fabricated, installed or completed. Whenever Architect considers it necessary or advisable for implementation of the intent of the Contract Documents, Architect will have authority to require additional inspection or testing of the Work in accordance with Article 10, below, whether or not such Work is fabricated, installed or completed. Neither Architect's authority to act under this Paragraph 4.2.5 nor a decision made in good faith either to exercise or not to exercise such authority, shall give rise to a duty or responsibility of Architect to Contractor, the Subcontractors, their agents or employees, or other persons performing any of the Work. County shall have the right, notwithstanding a recommendation by the Architect pursuant to this Paragraph 4.2.5 to reject a portion of the Work, to elect to accept the Work rejected by Architect and to direct in writing the manner in which the Work is to be performed and Contractor shall comply therewith.

**4.2.6 Review of Submittals.** Architect and such other County Consultants as Architect or County determines appropriate will review, approve or take other appropriate action upon the Contractor's Submittals. Such review, approval and other action taken in regard to a Submittal is for the limited purpose of checking for conformance with information given and the design concept expressed in the Contract Documents and is not conducted for the purpose of determining the technical accuracy and completeness of the Submittal, checking details such as dimensions and quantities, or for substantiating instructions for installation or performance of equipment or systems, all of which remain the sole responsibility of Contractor. Actions by Architect and County Consultants in connection with review of a Submittal by Contractor will be taken with such promptness as to cause no unreasonable Delay in the Work of Contractor or in the activities of the Separate Contractors or County, while allowing sufficient time in their judgments to permit adequate review. Whether or not County has identified a particular Submittal for review by Architect or a County Consultant, Contractor shall in all cases submit Submittals sufficiently in advance to allow time to permit adequate review by Architect and other County Consultants. Neither Architect's nor any County Consultant's review of a Submittal shall: (1) relieve Contractor of its obligations under Section 3.11, above; (2) constitute approval of safety precautions or, unless otherwise specifically stated in writing by the Architect or County Consultant at the time such Submittal is returned to Contractor; (3) be construed as an approval of any construction means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures; and (4) if it involves review or approval of a specific item, be construed as indicating approval of an assembly of which such item is a component.

**4.2.7 Changes.** After consultation with the Architect, County will prepare the Change Orders, Unilateral Change Orders and Construction Change Directives for execution and take appropriate action thereon in accordance with Article 7, below.

#### **4.3 CLAIMS**

**4.3.1 Submission of Claims.** All Claims by Contractor shall be submitted in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Section 4.3.

**4.3.2 Arising of Claim.**

**.1 Changes.** A Claim by Contractor involving a Contract Adjustment due to a Compensable Change or Deleted Work arises upon issuance of a decision denying, in whole or in part, Contractor's Change Order Request. Such Claim shall be prepared and submitted in accordance with the requirements of this Section 4.3, including, without limitation, Paragraphs 4.3.3 through 4.3.5, below.

**.2 Other Claims.** Claims by Contractor other than those described in Subparagraph 4.3.2.1, above, arise at the time that County receives written notice by Contractor of Contractor's intent to file the Claim. Such notice of intent shall be given no later than five (5) Days after the Discovery Date relative to such circumstances (even if Contractor has not yet experienced a Loss or Delay due to such circumstances) and shall state the event or condition giving rise to the Claim and its probable effect, if any, upon the Contract Price and Contract Time. **FAILURE BY CONTRACTOR TO SUBMIT A NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE CLAIM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBPARAGRAPH 4.3.2.2 SHALL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 4.6 OF THE GENERAL CONDITIONS, CONSTITUTE A WAIVER BY CONTRACTOR OF THE RIGHT TO FURTHER RECOURSE OR RECOVERY UPON SUCH CLAIM.**

**4.3.3 Content of Claims.** A Claim must include the following:

**.1** a statement that it is a Claim and a request for a decision on the Claim;

**.2** a detailed description of the act, error, omission, unforeseen condition, event or other circumstance giving rise to the Claim;

**.3** supporting documentation as follows: (1) if the Claim involves a Contract Adjustment due to Compensable Change or Deleted Work, documentation demonstrating that a complete Notice of Change and Change Order Request were timely and properly submitted as required by Article 7, below; (2) if the Claim involves an adjustment to the Contract Time, documentation demonstrating that a complete Notice of Delay and Request for Extension were timely and properly submitted as required by Article 7 and Article 8, below; and (3) if the Claim does not involve a Contract Adjustment on the basis of Compensable Change or Deleted Work, documentation demonstrating that a notice of intent to file the Claim was timely and properly submitted as required by Subparagraph 4.3.2.2, above;

**.4** a detailed justification for any remedy or relief sought by the Claim, including, without limitation, all of the following: (1) a detailed cost breakdown in the form required for submittal of Change Order Requests, which complies with the prohibition on "total cost" calculations set forth in Paragraph 7.7.15, below; and (2) job cost records substantiating the actual costs that have been incurred; and

**.5** a written certification, signed by a responsible managing officer or principal of Contractor's organization who has the authority to sign contracts on behalf of Contractor and who has personally investigated the matters alleged in the Claim, in the following form:

"I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that I am a managing officer or principal of (Contractor) and that I have reviewed the Claim presented herewith on Contractor's behalf and/or on behalf of (Subcontractor(s)) and that the following statements are, to the best of my knowledge after diligent inquiry into the circumstances of such Claim, true and correct:

**(i)** the facts alleged in or that form the basis for the Claim are true and accurate;

**(ii)** I do not know of any facts or circumstances, not alleged in the Claim, that by reason of their not being alleged render any fact or statement alleged in the Claim materially misleading;

**(iii)** I have, with respect to any request for money or damages alleged in or that forms the basis for the Claim, reviewed the job cost records (including those maintained by Contractor and by any Subcontractor, of any Tier, that is asserting all or any portion of the Claim) and confirmed with reasonable certainty that the losses or damages alleged to have been

suffered by Contractor and/or such Subcontractor were in fact suffered in the amounts and for the reasons alleged in the Claim;

(iv) I have, with respect to any request for extension of time or claim of delay, disruption, hindrance or interference alleged in or that forms the basis for the Claim, reviewed the job schedules (including those maintained by Contractor and by any Subcontractor, of any Tier, that is asserting all or any portion of the Claim) and confirmed that the delays or disruption alleged to have been suffered by Contractor and/or such Subcontractor were in fact experienced for the durations, in the manner, and with the consequent effects on the time and/or sequence of performance of the Work, as alleged in the Claim; and,

(v) Contractor has not received payment from County for, nor has Contractor previously released County from, any portion of the Claim.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

4.3.4 **Noncompliance.** Failure by Contractor to comply with Paragraph 4.3.3, above, shall give County the right, without obligation, to deny the Claim or return the Claim without any response.

4.3.5 **Submission of Claims.**

.1 **Time for Filing.** All Claims and supporting documentation and certifications required to be submitted by Contractor must be submitted to the County within thirty (30) Days after the Claim arises (as "arises" is defined in Paragraph 4.3.2, above). No Claims by Contractor are permitted after Final Payment.

.2 **Manner of Filing.** A Claim shall be submitted by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested.

.3 **Condition Precedent.** Contractor's strict compliance with the requirements of this Section 4.3 as to a Claim shall be considered a condition precedent to Contractor's right to initiate or seek determination of its rights in any legal proceedings with respect to such Claim.

4.3.6 **Response to Claims by Contractor.**

.1 **Claims Response.** County shall provide a reasonable review and issue a written Good Faith Determination within forty-five (45) Days of receipt of the Claim, unless County and Contractor have by mutual agreement extended the time period. The written Good Faith Determination shall identify which portion of the Claim is disputed by County and which portion is undisputed.

.2 **Meeting with Board.** If County should need to submit and gain approval of the Board of Supervisors prior to providing the Contractor the written statement identifying the undisputed and disputed portions of the Claim, and the governing body does not meet within the forty-five (45) days or within the mutually agreed time extension, County shall have three (3) days following the next duly publicly noticed meeting of the Board of Supervisors after the forty-five (45) day period, or agreed extension, to provide Contractor a written statement identifying the disputed portion and undisputed portion of the Claim.

**.3 Payments on Undisputed Portion(s).** Any payment due on an undisputed portion of the Claim shall be processed and made within sixty (60) days after County issues its written statement. Amounts not paid in a timely manner shall bear interest at 7 percent per annum.

**.4 Failure of County to Respond.** If County should fail to respond to a Claim from Contractor within the time periods set forth in this 4.3.6 or otherwise meet the time requirements, the Claim shall be deemed rejected in its entirety. A Claim that is denied by reasons of County's failure to have responded to the Claim, or its failure to otherwise meet the requirements of Public Contract Code §9204, shall not constitute an adverse finding with regard to the merits of the Claim or the responsibility or qualifications of the Contractor.

#### 4.3.7 Meet and Confer.

**.1 Dispute by Contractor.** If Contractor disputes County's Good Faith Determination and written response of a Claim by Contractor, or if County fails to respond within the prescribed time set forth herein, the Contractor may demand, in writing sent by registered or certified mail return receipt requested, an informal conference to meet and confer for settlement of the issues still in dispute. Upon receipt of such demand, County shall schedule a meet and confer conference within thirty (30) Days.

**.2 Conclusion of Meet and Confer.** Within ten (10) business days following conclusion of the meet and confer conference, if the Claim or any portion thereof remains in dispute, County shall provide the Contractor with a written statement identifying the portion of the Claim still in dispute and the portion that is undisputed. Any payment due on the undisputed portion shall be processed and made within sixty (60) days after such written statement is issued. Amounts not paid in a timely manner shall bear interest at 7 percent per annum.

**.3 Mediation.** Any disputed portion of the Claim as identified by the Contractor in writing, shall be submitted to non-binding mediation with the County and Contractor sharing the associated costs equally. The County and Contractor shall mutually agree to a mediator within ten (10) business days after the disputed portion of the Claim has been identified in writing. 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. Mediation includes any non-binding process, including, but not limited to, neutral evaluation or a dispute review board, in which an independent third party or board assist the parties in dispute resolution through negotiation or by issuance of an evaluation. Any mediation utilized shall conform to the timeframes in this section.

**.4** If mediation is unsuccessful, the parts of the Claim remaining in dispute shall be subject to applicable procedures outside this section.

#### 4.3.8 Subcontractor Claims.

**.1 Subcontractor Claim.** If a subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor has a claim against the County, the Contractor may present to the County a claim on behalf of a subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor. A subcontractor may request in writing, either on his or her own behalf or on behalf of a lower tier subcontractor, that the Contractor present a claim for work which was performed by the subcontractor or a lower tier subcontractor on behalf of the subcontractor. The subcontractor requesting that the claim be presented to the County shall furnish reasonable documentation to support the claim.

**.2 Contractor Response.** Within forty five (45) days of receipt of the written request by the subcontractor, the Contractor shall notify the subcontractor in writing as to whether the Contractor presented the claim to the County and, if the Contractor did not present the claim, provide the subcontractor with a statement of the reasons for not having done so.

#### 4.3.9 Claims Based on Differing Site Conditions.

**.1 Contractor Responsibility.** Save and except as hereinafter provided in this Paragraph 4.3.9 for Contract Adjustments due to Differing Site Conditions, Contractor agrees at Contractor's Own Expense to assume the risk and costs of Extra Work and Delay due to concealed or unknown conditions, surface or subsurface, at the Site or in Existing Improvements.

**.2 Differing Site Conditions.** Differing Site Conditions are those conditions at the Site or in Existing Improvements and not otherwise reasonably ascertainable by Contractor in the performance of its obligations under the Contract Documents (including, without limitation, conditions not reasonably ascertainable by Contractor from documents or information described in Paragraph 3.2.1, above, that were provided or available to Contractor for its review prior to the Bid Closing Deadline) that constitute: (1) hazardous materials that constitute hazardous waste, as defined in California Health and Safety Code §25117, that is required to be removed to a Class I, Class II, or Class III disposal site in accordance with provisions of Applicable Laws; (2) subsurface or concealed conditions at the Site or concealed conditions in Existing Improvements which differ materially from those indicated by the Contract Documents or other information that was either reviewed by Contractor or that Contractor was given the opportunity to review prior to the Bid Closing Deadline; or (3) unknown physical conditions at the Site or concealed conditions in Existing Improvements of an unusual nature, differing materially from those ordinarily encountered and generally recognized as inherent in work of the character provided for in the Contract Documents.

**.3 Notice of Change.** If Contractor encounters conditions it believes constitute Differing Site Conditions, then Contractor shall, before such conditions are disturbed, give Notice of Change as required by Paragraph 7.6.1, below, stating, without limitation, a detailed description and precise location of the conditions encountered.

**.4 Investigation by County.** Upon receipt of notice from Contractor as required by Subparagraph 4.3.9.3, above, County shall promptly investigate Contractor's report of Differing Site Conditions.

**.5 Change Order Request.** If Contractor intends to seek a Contract Adjustment based upon Differing Site Conditions, it shall submit a complete and timely Change Order Request in accordance with Paragraph 7.6.2, below, setting forth its request for a Contract Adjustment.

**.6 Contract Adjustments.** If, following Contractor's compliance with its obligations under this Paragraph 4.3.9, County finds that Differing Site Conditions exist, then, unless the Contractor's right to Contract Adjustment has been waived as pursuant to Paragraph 3.2.3, above, a Contract Adjustment shall be made for the resulting Compensable Change and Compensable Delay, in such amount and duration as County determines by issuance of a Good Faith Determination are reasonable and permitted by these General Conditions.

#### **.7 WAIVER BY CONTRACTOR.**

**FAILURE BY CONTRACTOR TO STRICTLY COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PARAGRAPH 4.3.9 PERTAINING TO CONTRACT ADJUSTMENT BASED ON A CLAIM FOR DIFFERING SITE CONDITIONS SHALL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 4.6 OF THE GENERAL CONDITIONS, CONSTITUTE A WAIVER BY CONTRACTOR OF THE RIGHT TO FURTHER RECOURSE OR RECOVERY UPON SUCH CLAIM.**

**.8 Final Completion.** No claim by Contractor for additional compensation for Differing Site Conditions shall be allowed if asserted after Final Payment.

**4.3.10 Continuous Work.** Contractor shall, notwithstanding the existence of a Claim by Contractor that is disputed by County, maintain continuous performance, without interruption, suspension or slowing, of the Work and its other obligations (1) pending issuance by County of a Good Faith Determination of the Claim and (2) thereafter in compliance with the terms of such Good Faith Determination.

#### **4.4 NOTICE OF THIRD-PARTY CLAIMS**

County shall provide notification to Contractor within a reasonable time after receipt of any third-party claim relating to the Construction Contract. County shall be entitled to recover from Contractor its reasonable costs of providing such notification.

#### **4.5 WAIVERS OF RIGHTS BY CONTRACTOR**

**COUNTY AND CONTRACTOR ACKNOWLEDGE THAT IT IS IN THE INTERESTS OF BOTH PARTIES THAT CHANGES, DELAYS AND CLAIMS BE IDENTIFIED, QUANTIFIED, EVALUATED AND FINALLY RESOLVED PROMPTLY, CONTEMPORANEOUSLY WITH THE CIRCUMSTANCES FROM WHICH THEY ARISE, AND THAT THERE BE CERTAINTY WITH RESPECT TO THE FINALITY OF ANY RESOLUTION OF RELATED DISPUTES. ON**



THOSE PREMISES, AND IN FURTHER RECOGNITION OF THE FACT THAT IT WOULD BE EXREMELY DIFFICULT OR IMPOSSIBLE TO QUANTIFY, DEMONSTRATE OR PROVE THE HARM TO COUNTY IF ANY OF THE FOREGOING PREMISES IS NOT ACHIEVED DUE TO A FAILURE BY CONTRACTOR TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS CONCERNING TIMELY NOTICE OR SUBMISSIONS OF NOTICES AND CLAIMS RELATING TO CHANGES, DELAY AND CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS, COUNTY AND CONTRACTOR AGREE THAT FAILURE BY CONTRACTOR TO CONFORM TO SUCH REQUIREMENTS OF THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS SHALL IN AND OF ITSELF CONSTITUTE SUFFICIENT CAUSE AND GROUNDS, WITHOUT THE NECESSITY OF COUNTY DEMONSTRATING ANY ACTUAL HARM OR PREJUDICE, FOR IMPOSING UPON CONTRACTOR A FULL AND UNCONDITIONAL WAIVER BY CONTRACTOR OF ITS RIGHT TO A CONTRACT ADJUSTMENT AND OF ITS RIGHTS AND RECOURSE FOR RECOVERY OF ANY RELATED LOSS BY ANY LEGAL PROCESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED FOR UNDER APPLICABLE LAWS.

#### 4.6 GOOD FAITH DETERMINATIONS

Wherever in the Contract Documents it is provided that the County may or shall make a determination or decision in the exercise of good faith (including, without limitation, provisions for a Good Faith Determination by County), any such determination or decision that the person exercising such right on behalf of County believes in good faith to be a proper exercise of County's rights and to have a reasonable basis in fact, whether or not such determination is in fact proper, reasonable or correct or adjudged to be so, shall be complied with by Contractor without Delay to Contractor's performance of the Work. However, unless the Contract Documents expressly provides otherwise, neither such good faith determination or decision nor Contractor's compliance therewith shall be interpreted as precluding the Contractor from exercising its rights to seek adjudication of its rights in the manner permitted by these General Conditions or Applicable Laws.

#### 4.7 ESCROW BID DOCUMENTS

If the Bidding Documents obligate Contractor to submit Escrow Bid Documents, then submission by Contractor of its Escrow Bid Documents shall constitute a warranty and representation by Contractor that it has no other written documents or electronic files containing any information that Contractor was required to include, but failed to include, as part of its performing such obligation and Contractor agrees it shall have no right to submit for consideration by County, or offer into evidence in legal proceedings, in support of a request for Contract Adjustment or a Claim any such documentation or electronic files that Contractor so failed to include in its Escrow Bid Documents.

### ARTICLE 5 SUBCONTRACTORS

#### 5.1 SUBSTITUTION

5.1.1 **Substitutions Allowed.** There shall be no substitution of or addition to the Subcontractors except as permitted by Chapter 4 (commencing at §4100), Division 2, Part 1 of the California Public Contract Code (the "Act").

5.1.2 **Contractor's Own Expense.** Any increase in the cost or time of performance of the Work resulting from the replacement, substitution or addition of a Subcontractor shall be borne solely by Contractor at Contractor's Own Expense.

5.1.3 **Substantiation of Compliance.** At any time during performance of the Work it shall be the responsibility and burden of Contractor, if requested by County, to present clear and convincing evidence that Contractor is, and all times during the bidding and Award of the Construction Contract was, in full compliance with all of the applicable provisions of the Act. Failure by Contractor to present such evidence when requested shall be deemed a breach of this Section 5.1 and of the Act, thereby entitling County to exercise any or all of its rights and remedies under the Contract Document or Applicable Laws, including, without limitation, the right to cancel the Construction Contract or assess any penalties provided for by the Act.

5.1.4 **Splitting Prohibited.** Any attempt by Contractor to avoid compliance with the Act, such as, but not limited to, by splitting the work of subcontracts with Subcontractors into separate contracts or changes orders so as to not exceed the monetary threshold of the Act applicable to listing of Subcontractors, is strictly prohibited.

## 5.2 SUBCONTRACTUAL RELATIONS

**5.2.1 Written Agreements.** Contractor shall, by written agreement entered into between the Contractor and Subcontractors no later than twenty (20) Days after Award, require each Subcontractor, to the extent of the Work to be performed by the Subcontractor, to be bound to Contractor by terms of the Contract Documents and to assume toward Contractor all the obligations and responsibilities which Contractor, by the Contract Documents, assumes toward County and the Architect. Each subcontract agreement shall preserve and protect the rights of County and the Architect under the Contract Documents with respect to the Work to be performed by the Subcontractor so that subcontracting thereof will not prejudice such rights, and shall allow the Subcontractor, unless specifically provided otherwise in the subcontract agreement, the benefit of all rights, remedies and redress against Contractor that Contractor, by the Contract Documents, has against County. Contractor shall require each first-Tier Subcontractor to enter into similar agreements with their sub-subcontractors. Copies of applicable portions of the Contract Documents shall be made available by Contractor to the first-Tier Subcontractors and each Subcontractor shall similarly make copies of such Contract Documents available to each Subcontractor of a lower-Tier with which it contracts. Without limitation to the foregoing, each contract that is entered into by a Subcontractor, of any Tier, shall, without limitation, require the Subcontractor:

- .1 to perform the Work in accordance with the terms of the Contract Documents;
- .2 to assume toward Contractor all the obligations and responsibilities which Contractor assumes toward County by the Contract Documents;
- .3 to preserve and protect the rights of County under the Contract Documents with respect to the Work to be performed by the Subcontractor so that subcontracting thereof will not prejudice such rights;
- .4 to waive all rights (including, without limitation, rights of subrogation) that the Subcontractor or its insurers may have against County and others required by the Contract Documents to be named as additional insureds, for Losses covered by insurance carried by Contractor or County, except for such rights as the Subcontractor may have to the proceeds of such insurance held by County or such other additional insured;
- .5 to afford County and entities and agencies designated by County the same rights and remedies afforded to them under the Contract Documents with respect to access to, and the right to audit and copy at County's cost, all of the Subcontractor's books, records, contracts, correspondence, instructions, drawings, receipts, vouchers, purchase orders, memoranda and other records and documents relating to the Work and requiring the Subcontractor to preserve all such records and other items for a period of ten (10) years after Final Completion;
- .6 to recognize the rights of the County under Section 5.3, below, including, without limitation, the County's right to (1) accept assignment of the Subcontractor's agreement, (2) accept assignment of Contractor's rights as obligee under a performance bond furnished by a first-Tier Subcontractor, (3) to retain the Subcontractor pursuant to the terms of its agreement with Contractor to complete the unperformed obligations under its agreement, and, (4) if requested by the County, to require that the Subcontractor execute a written agreement on terms acceptable to the County confirming that the Subcontractor is bound to the County under the terms of its agreement with Contractor;
- .7 to submit applications for payment, requests for change orders and extensions of time and claims, and to comply with all other notice and submission requirements of the Contract Documents, sufficiently in advance to allow Contractor time to comply with its obligations under the Contract Documents;
- .8 to purchase and maintain insurance in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents;
- .9 to defend and indemnify the Indemnitees on the same terms as provided in Section 3.18, above;
- .10 to comply with the nondiscrimination (Article 16, below) and prevailing wage (Section 3.19, above) provisions of these General Conditions;

.11 limiting the Subcontractor's right to additional compensation or extension of time due to Differing Site Conditions and Design Discrepancies in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.2, above;

.12 to provide for a right of termination for convenience by Contractor that limits the Subcontractor's right to compensation to an allocable share of the subcontract price that corresponds to the percentage of the Work properly performed by the Subcontractor, with no additional sum payable for any other Losses, including, without limitation, prospective damages, lost profits or consequential damages, of any kind; and

.13 to provide that time is of the essence to each of the Subcontractor's obligations.

5.2.2 **Copies.** Contractor shall, upon request by County made at any time, furnish to County true, complete, and executed copies of all contracts with the Subcontractors and amendments, modifications and change orders thereto. Progress payments shall not be made for items of the Work for which County has not received such documents following request therefor by County.

5.2.3 **No Brokering.** Contractor shall not permit any portion of the Work to be contracted to a firm acting as a broker, factor or other entity not actually performing a substantial portion of the Work with its own forces; provided, however, that nothing herein shall be interpreted as precluding the right of a Subcontractor who has agreed to provide all of the materials and labor for a trade to subcontract the labor portion only to a sub-subcontractor.

5.2.4 **Third-Party Rights.** Contractor acknowledges that County is an intended third-party beneficiary to all contracts between Contractor and its first-Tier Subcontractors. Notwithstanding the foregoing or anything else to the contrary in the Contract Documents, there is no intent on the part of County or Contractor to create any rights (including, without limitation, third-party beneficiary rights) in favor of any Subcontractor, of any Tier, against County and nothing contained in the Contract Documents and no course of conduct, act or omission on the part of County shall be construed as creating a direct or indirect contractual right in favor of any Subcontractor, of any Tier, and against County.

5.2.5 **All Subcontractor Tiers.** It is the Contractor's obligation to see to it that all obligations of the Contractor are assumed by (or, "flow down") to the Subcontractors, of every Tier, by the inclusion of contractual provisions requiring each of the Subcontractors, of every Tier, to bind not only themselves but their lower-Tier Subcontractors to the obligations assumed by Contractor under the Contract Documents.

### 5.3 CONTINGENT ASSIGNMENT OF SUBCONTRACTS

5.3.1 **Contingent Assignment.** Contractor hereby contingently assigns to County, or to such person or entity as County, in its sole and absolute discretion, designates, all of its interest in subcontracts entered into by Contractor with its first-Tier Subcontractors. If a first-Tier Subcontractor has provided a performance bond, then Contractor's rights under such performance bond are likewise hereby deemed contingently assigned to County or its designee and provision shall be made in the performance bond for surety's consent to such contingent assignment.

5.3.2 **Acceptance by County.** The contingent assignments provided for by this Section 5.3 will be effective only as to those subcontracts and performance bonds which County or its designee accepts in writing. Said acceptance is the sole condition upon which the effectiveness of such assignments are contingent. County or its designee may accept any such assignment at any time during the course of the Work and prior to Final Completion. Such contingent assignments are part of the consideration to County for entering into the Construction Contract with Contractor and may not be withdrawn prior to Final Completion.

5.3.3 **County Obligation.** County's or its designee's sole obligation in the event it accepts a contingent assignment of a subcontract under this Section 5.3 shall be to pay in accordance with the terms of such subcontract for Work performed after written notice of acceptance of such assignment. In the event County directs that such assignment be made to County's designee, then such designee only, and not County, shall be solely liable under such assignment for Work performed after written notice of acceptance of such assignment.

### 5.4 COMMUNICATIONS BY COUNTY

County shall have the right to communicate, orally or in writing, with the Subcontractors with respect to matters that are related to Contractor's performance of its obligations under the Contract Documents. Nothing herein shall be interpreted

as extending to County the right as part of such communications to direct the manner in which any Subcontractor performs the Work. Except as otherwise provided in the Construction Contract or these General Conditions, Contractor shall be provided with a copy of all such communications that are in writing. Such communications shall not create, or be interpreted as creating, any contractual obligation of County to any Subcontractor.

#### 5.5 DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

Contractor shall make available to each proposed Subcontractor with whom it enters into a contract for performance of any portion of the Work, prior to the execution of the subcontract agreement, copies of the Contract Documents to which the Subcontractor will be bound so as to ensure that all matters disclosed thereby are taken into consideration and included in the terms of such contracts and shall identify to such Subcontractor the terms and conditions of the proposed subcontract agreement which may be at variance with the Contract Documents. The Subcontractors shall similarly be required to make copies of applicable portions of such documents available to their respective proposed sub-subcontractors or sub-subconsultants.

#### 5.6 NO LIABILITY OF COUNTY

Nothing set forth in this Article 5, and no action taken by County with respect to review or approval of the Subcontractors or their contracts, shall impose any liability or responsibility upon County nor relieve Contractor of its responsibilities under the Contract Documents or Applicable Laws.

### ARTICLE 6 COUNTY'S OWN FORCES AND SEPARATE CONTRACTORS

#### 6.1 COUNTY'S RIGHT TO PERFORM CONSTRUCTION WITH OWN FORCES AND TO AWARD SEPARATE CONTRACTS

6.1.1 **Right of County.** County reserves the right to perform construction or operations related to the Project with County's own forces and to award other contracts to Separate Contractors in connection with other portions of the Project or other construction or operations on the Site.

6.1.2 **Separate Contractors.** Contractor shall ascertain to its own satisfaction the scope of the Project and the nature of any other contracts that have been or may be awarded by County to Separate Contractors in prosecution of the Project. Contractor shall look solely to such Separate Contractors, and County shall not be responsible, for any Losses for which Contractor is not provided a right or recovery by means of a right to Contract Adjustment for Compensable Change or Compensable Delay, that are suffered by Contractor or the Subcontractors, of any Tier, resulting directly or indirectly from the conduct of such work by the Separate Contractors.

6.1.3 **Coordination.** Nothing in the Contract Documents creates or will create any duty on the part of County to coordinate the Work of Contractor with the work of Separate Contractors. Contractor shall, when directed to do so by County, participate with the Separate Contractors and County in reviewing the Separate Contractors' construction schedules. Contractor and Separate Contractors will coordinate all work with the other so as to facilitate the general progress of the Project. Contractor agrees that any recovery of Losses for which Contractor is not provided a right or recovery by means of a right to Contract Adjustment for Compensable Change or Compensable Delay, that are suffered by Contractor due to a failure by a Separate Contractor to coordinate its work with the Work of Contractor will be sought directly against the Separate Contractors as set forth elsewhere in this Article 6.

6.1.4 **Disputes.** Contractor and County agree that Separate Contractors in direct contractual privity with County are third party beneficiaries of the Contract Documents, but only to the extent of claims and causes of action against Contractor arising out of or resulting from Contractor's performance or failure of performance under the Contract Documents or any act or omission of Contractor or the Subcontractors causing Loss to such Separate Contractors. Contractor consents to being sued by Separate Contractors for Losses caused by Contractor or any of the Subcontractors. Contractor hereby waives lack of privity of contract with such Separate Contractors as a defense to such actions.

6.1.5 **Remedy.** If Contractor as a result of the acts or omissions of one or more of the Separate Contractors suffers a Loss that is not compensated by means of a right given to Contractor under the Contract Documents to a

Contract Adjustment, then Contractor's sole remedy is to assert a claim or cause of action directly against the Separate Contractor(s) causing the Loss and Contractor hereby releases, acquits, holds harmless and forever discharges County of and from any and all liability for such Loss.

## 6.2 MUTUAL RESPONSIBILITY

6.2.1 **Use of Site.** Nothing contained in the Contract Documents shall be interpreted as granting Contractor exclusive use or occupancy of the Site. Contractor shall afford County's own forces and the Separate Contractors reasonable opportunity for introduction and storage of their materials and equipment and performance of their activities. Contractor shall not Delay the work of the Separate Contractors or County's own forces.

6.2.2 **Adjoining Work.** If part of Contractor's performance of the Work depends for proper execution or results upon construction or operations by County's own forces or Separate Contractors, Contractor shall, prior to proceeding with that portion of the Work, carefully inspect such construction and operations and promptly report in writing to the County apparent discrepancies or defects in such other construction that would render it unsuitable for such proper execution and results. Contractor will be responsible, at Contractor's Own Expense, for Losses to County resulting from any such discrepancies or defects not reported in accordance with this Paragraph 6.2.1 that were apparent or that should have been apparent to Contractor on careful inspection.

6.2.3 **Damage.** Contractor shall promptly remedy Loss caused by Contractor or its Subcontractors to completed construction or partially completed construction on the Site, or to property of County or the Separate Contractors.

6.2.4 **Disputes.** Contractor shall notify the County in writing within five (5) Days if it believes it has experienced or is experiencing any Delay or Loss due to the activities of County's own forces or the Separate Contractors or in the event of any dispute with County's own forces or a Separate Contractor.

6.2.5 **Settlement of Disputes.** If Contractor or any Subcontractor causes a Loss to a Separate Contractor, then Contractor will promptly settle the matter directly with the Separate Contractor and will defend, indemnify and hold County and the other Indemnitees harmless from any and all effects of such Loss in accordance with the terms of Section 3.18, above.

## 6.3 ALLOCATION OF CLEANUP COSTS

If a dispute arises among Contractor, the Separate Contractors and/or County as to the responsibility for maintaining the Site and surrounding area free from waste materials and rubbish, County may clean up such waste materials and rubbish and allocate the cost among those responsible as County determines in good faith to be just.

## ARTICLE 7 CHANGES IN THE WORK

### 7.1 CHANGES

7.1.1 **General.** County is authorized to make Changes in the Work in accordance with the provisions of this Article 7.

7.1.2 **Contract Adjustments.** Contract Adjustments shall only be permitted as follows: (1) the Contract Price shall only be adjusted by means of a Change Order or Unilateral Change Order for Compensable Change, Deleted Work or Compensable Delay; and (2) the Contract Time shall be adjusted by means of a Change Order or Unilateral Change Order for Excusable Delay, Compensable Delay or Deleted Work. All Contract Adjustments to the Contract Price shall conform, without limitation, to the requirements of this Article 7. All Contract Adjustments to the Contract Time shall conform, without limitation, to the applicable requirements of this Article 7 and Article 8, below.

7.1.3 **Exclusive Rights.** The rights expressly set forth in the Contract Documents for Contract Adjustments constitute Contractor's exclusive rights for additional compensation or extensions of time and are intended to be in lieu of and wholly replace any other such rights and remedies that Contractor has under Applicable Laws for recovery or

relief on account of Loss or Delay in connection with performance of the Work, it being the intent of the County and Contractor that if circumstances arise for which the Contract Documents do not provide to Contractor an express right to a Contract Adjustment, then such omission of an express right shall conclusively be deemed to mean that no right to a Contract Adjustment was intended; and, consistent with that intent, no right to a Contract Adjustment on account of such circumstances shall by any means, legal or equitable, of interpretation, construction, inference, implication or application be considered, found or adjudged to exist.

**7.1.4 Written Authorization.** Any Change performed by Contractor pursuant to any direction other than a duly authorized and executed Change Order, Unilateral Change Order or Construction Change Directive shall be at Contractor's Own Expense.

**7.1.5 Prompt Performance.** Subject to the procedures set forth in this Article 7 and elsewhere in the Contract Documents, all Changes shall be performed promptly and without Delay.

## **7.2 SIGNATURES AND AUTHORIZATIONS**

**7.2.1 Parties.** A Change Order shall be executed by County and Contractor. A Unilateral Change Order shall be executed by the County. Construction Change Directives shall be executed in accordance with Section 7.5, below.

**7.2.2 Form.** Change Orders, Unilateral Change Orders and Construction Change Directives shall be executed using forms furnished by County or, if requested by County, using forms furnished by Contractor that are approved by County.

### **7.2.3 Authorization.**

#### **.1 Compensable Changes.**

**(1) Assistant CEO/EDA.** A Compensable Change shall be performed by Contractor only if authorized by a Change Order, Unilateral Change Order or Construction Change Directive signed by the Assistant CEO/EDA in accordance with the requirements of this Article 7; provided, however, that Assistant CEO/EDA's authority to bind the County to a Contract Adjustment shall be subject to the limitations of Public Contract Code §20142.

**(2) County's Project Manager.** The person identified by County as its "project manager" for the Project shall have the right to exercise the Assistant CEO/EDA's authority under this Paragraph 7.2.3, but only if and to the extent that such authority is expressly given to such project manager in a writing signed by the Assistant CEO/EDA (and not by a designee of the Assistant CEO/EDA).

**(3) Board of Supervisors.** Except as otherwise provided in Subparagraph 7.2.3.1 (4), below, if a Contract Adjustment increasing the Contract Price would exceed the limitations of Public Contract Code §20142, then in addition to written authorization by the Assistant CEO/EDA, such Compensable Change shall be performed only if approved by a vote of the Board of Supervisors in accordance with the requirements of Applicable Laws.

**(4) Disputed Changes.** If a dispute arises between County and Contractor over (a) whether a particular portion of the Work constitutes a Compensable Change or (b) the amount of the Contract Adjustment to which Contractor is entitled on account of a Compensable Change, then, notwithstanding such dispute, the Contractor shall, if ordered to do so in a Construction Change Directive signed by Assistant CEO/EDA, perform the disputed Work without Delay. Such direction by County shall not be interpreted as an agreement or admission by County that the disputed Change constitutes Extra Work or a Compensable Change for which Contractor is entitled to a Contract Adjustment. Compliance by Contractor with such direction shall not be interpreted as a waiver of Contractor's right to a Contract Adjustment if and to the extent that Contractor is entitled to a Contract Adjustment or Claim under the terms of the Contract Documents, including, without limitation, the right of Contractor to recover upon a Claim for the amount of any excess in the event that it is adjudged that the amount of the Contract Adjustment to which Contractor is entitled exceeds the limits of Public Contract Code §20142.

.2 **WRITING OF ESSENCE.** IT IS OF THE ESSENCE TO THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT BETWEEN CONTRACTOR AND COUNTY THAT ALL CHANGES MUST BE AUTHORIZED IN ADVANCE, IN WRITING, AS REQUIRED BY THIS ARTICLE 7. ACCORDINGLY, NO VERBAL DIRECTIONS, COURSE OF CONDUCT BETWEEN THE PARTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED ACCEPTANCE OF CHANGES OR OF THE WORK, OR CLAIM THAT THE COUNTY HAS BEEN UNJUSTLY ENRICHED (WHETHER OR NOT THERE HAS BEEN SUCH ENRICHMENT) SHALL BE THE BASIS FOR A CONTRACT ADJUSTMENT IF CONTRACTOR HAS NOT OBTAINED ADVANCE WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION IN THE MANNER REQUIRED BY THIS ARTICLE 7.

### 7.3 **CHANGE ORDERS**

7.3.1 **Purpose.** The purpose of a Change Order is to establish the terms of the County's and Contractor's mutual agreement to a Contract Adjustment.

7.3.2 **Content.** A Change Order is a written instrument, prepared by the County, stating:

- .1 a Compensable Change or Deleted Work;
- .2 a Compensable Delay or Excusable Delay;
- .3 the amount of the Contract Adjustment, if any, to the Contract Price; and/or
- .4 the extent of the Contract Adjustment, if any, to the Contract Time.

### 7.4 **UNILATERAL CHANGE ORDERS**

7.4.1 **Purpose.** The purpose of a Unilateral Change Order is to establish the County's estimate of a disputed Contract Adjustment.

7.4.2 **Good Faith Determination.** The County's determination in a Unilateral Change Order of a Contract Adjustment shall be based upon a Good Faith Determination by County of the Contract Adjustment that is appropriate under the circumstances and consistent with the terms of the Contract Documents.

7.4.3 **Claim by Contractor.** If Contractor disputes any portion of the County's Good Faith Determination of a Contract Adjustment that is set forth in a Unilateral Change Order, Contractor shall file, within thirty (30) Days after issuance of the Unilateral Change Order by County, a Claim pursuant to Section 4.3, above. The amount of the Contract Adjustment requested in the Claim shall not exceed the difference between the amount (either in terms of dollar amount or number of Days) of the Contract Adjustment requested by Contractor and the amount (either in terms of dollar amount or number of Days) of the Contract Adjustment granted in the Unilateral Change Order. Contractor shall have no reserved right, and hereby waives any such right that may exist under Applicable Laws, to seek in such Claim a Contract Adjustment or recovery that is based upon any amount (either in terms of dollar amount or number of Days) that is in excess of such difference.

#### 7.4.4 **WAIVER BY CONTRACTOR.**

**FAILURE BY CONTRACTOR TO SUBMIT A CLAIM PURSUANT TO SECTION 4.3, ABOVE, WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER ISSUANCE OF A UNILATERAL CHANGE ORDER BY COUNTY SHALL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 4.6 OF THE GENERAL CONDITIONS, CONSTITUTE A WAIVER BY CONTRACTOR OF THE RIGHT TO FURTHER RECOURSE OR RECOVERY BASED ON AN ASSERTION THAT THE AMOUNT OF THE CONTRACT ADJUSTMENT ON ACCOUNT OF THE CHANGE OR DELAY DESCRIBED IN SUCH UNILATERAL CHANGE ORDER SHOULD BE DIFFERENT THAN THE AMOUNT OF THE COUNTY'S GOOD FAITH DETERMINATION OF THE CONTRACT ADJUSTMENT AS SET FORTH IN SUCH UNILATERAL CHANGE ORDER.**

## 7.5 CONSTRUCTION CHANGE DIRECTIVES

7.5.1 **Purpose.** The purpose of a Construction Change Directive is to: (1) direct the performance of a Change that does not involve a Contract Adjustment; (2) establish a mutually agreed basis for compensation to Contractor for a Compensable Change under circumstances where performance of the Compensable Change needs to proceed in advance of the County performing a full evaluation of the Contractor's rights relative to a Contract Adjustment; or (3) direct performance of Work or a Change with respect to which there exists a dispute or question regarding the terms of a Contract Adjustment.

7.5.2 **No Contract Adjustment.** A Construction Change Directive that directs the performance of Work or a Change that does not involve a Contract Adjustment to the Contract Price or Contract Time may be authorized by either the Assistant CEO/EDA or the County's project manager and shall be promptly performed by Contractor so as to not cause Delay to any other portion of the Work. A Construction Change Directive directing performance of a Change that does not contain any statement indicating that a Contract Adjustment is requested or required shall be conclusively presumed to be a Change that is not a Compensable Change and no Contract Adjustment increasing the Contract Price or Contract Time will be made on account thereof.

7.5.3 **Agreed Contract Adjustment.** A Construction Change Directive that contains a complete or partial agreement by the County and Contractor with respect to the Contractor's right to, or the amount of, a Contract Adjustment shall be authorized in accordance with, conform to the requirements of and be binding upon County and Contractor as provided for in, this Paragraph 7.5.3.

**.1 Complete Agreement.** Each Construction Change Directive involving a Compensable Change or Deleted Work with respect to which there is complete agreement on the terms of the Contract Adjustment shall comply with the following:

(1) **Statement of Agreement.** A statement shall be included that the County and Contractor are in agreement on all of the terms of the Contract Adjustment related to performance of such Compensable Change and set forth a full description of the terms of the Contract Adjustment, including, without limitation, its effect on the Contract Price and Contract Time.

(2) **Legal Effect.**

(a) **Upon Contractor.**

**THE AGREED TERMS OF THE CONTRACT ADJUSTMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THERE IS A STATEMENT OF FULL AGREEMENT ON THE TERMS OF THE CONTRACT ADJUSTMENT FOR A CHANGE IN THE WORK SHALL BE FINAL AND BINDING UPON CONTRACTOR. ANY RIGHT OR CLAIM BY CONTRACTOR FOR ANY ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION OR EXTENSION OF TIME RELATING DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY TO SUCH CHANGE SHALL BE CONCLUSIVELY DEEMED WAIVED BY CONTRACTOR, EVEN IF THE CIRCUMSTANCES GIVING RISE TO SUCH ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION OR EXTENSION OF TIME WERE NOT SUSPECTED BY OR KNOWN TO THE CONTRACTOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTION OF THE CONSTRUCTION CHANGE DIRECTIVE AND IF SUSPECTED OR KNOWN WOULD HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED BY CONTRACTOR TO HAVE BEEN MATERIAL TO CONTRACTOR'S AGREEMENT TO THE CONTRACT ADJUSTMENT SET FORTH IN THE CONSTRUCTION CHANGE DIRECTIVE.**

(b) **Upon County.** In recognition of the fact that Construction Change Directives may be issued under circumstances in which the County may not have had the access to pertinent information required for the County to fully evaluate the circumstances giving rise to the Change, it is agreed that neither the issuance nor execution of, nor any statement contained in, nor any course of conduct in connection with, a Construction Change Directive (including, without limitation, a Construction Change Directive that constitutes a full agreement by County and Contractor on the terms of a Contract Adjustment) shall be interpreted as a waiver, release or settlement of any of County's rights relating to the subject matter of the Construction Change Directive, or as creating or implying any right of Contractor to a Contract Adjustment, if it is found by County upon further investigation that circumstances existed, not known to County at the time of executing the Construction Change Directive, demonstrating that the Contractor was not in fact entitled to a Contract Adjustment or was entitled to a Contract Adjustment on different terms than those agreed to in the Construction Change Directive.



**.2 Partial Agreement.** Each Construction Change Directive involving a Compensable Change or Deleted Work with respect to which there is only agreement on a portion of the terms of a Contract Adjustment shall comply with the following:

(1) **Agreed Terms.** The Construction Change Directive shall state those terms of the Contract Adjustment as to which there is agreement.

(a) **Legal Effect.** Except to the extent of any additional open (i.e., non-agreed) terms stated or reserved in the Construction Change Directive, such agreement shall have the same legal effect set forth in Subparagraph 7.5.3.1 (2), above.

(b) **Time and Materials.** In the event that County and Contractor agree in the Construction Change Directive to the "time and materials" method of calculation set forth in Subparagraph 7.7.1.1 (4), below, but do not agree upon a maximum price, then the total cost to County for the Work covered by the Construction Change Directive shall under no circumstances exceed a price that is reasonable, competitive and fair to County given the amount and type of Work involved and the circumstances under which the Compensable Change is performed.

(2) **Open Terms.** The Construction Change Directive shall state those terms of the Contract Adjustment that are "open" or "disputed"; meaning those terms as to which the County and Contractor did not reach agreement.

(a) **ROM Estimate.** If such open terms involve the amount of the Contract Adjustment to the Contract Price or Contract Time on account of a Compensable Change, then the Construction Change Directive shall also include a Reasonable Order of Magnitude Estimate prepared by Contractor, or prepared by County and acknowledged in writing as accepted by Contractor, of the probable amount of the Contract Adjustment to the Contract Price and Contract Time associated with performance of the Compensable Change.

(b) **Legal Effect.** A Reasonable Order of Magnitude Estimate constitutes neither (i) a guarantee by Contractor that the amount of the Contract Adjustment to the Contract Price or Contract Time that may be associated with the Compensable Change or Deleted Work covered by such Construction Change Directive may not exceed the Reasonable Order of Magnitude Estimate nor (ii) authorization or agreement by County to a Contract Adjustment based on the amounts set forth in such Reasonable Order of Magnitude Estimate.

(c) **Time and Materials.** If County and Contractor state in the Construction Change Directive an agreement that the Contractor is entitled to a Contract Adjustment to the Contract Price on account of a Compensable Change, but do not state therein an agreement upon the method of calculation to be used for the Contract Adjustment from among the optional methods of calculation set forth in Paragraph 7.7.1, below, and if the County nonetheless directs Contractor to perform the Compensable Change pending future agreement on the amount of the Contract Adjustment, then it shall be conclusively presumed that County and Contractor have agreed that such Compensable Change shall be performed and compensated based upon the "time and materials" method of calculation set forth in Subparagraph 7.7.1.1 (4), below, and that the total Contract Adjustment for performance thereof shall under no circumstances exceed a price that is reasonable, competitive and fair to County given the amount and type of Work involved and the circumstances under which the Compensable Change is performed.

**7.5.4 Disputed Contract Adjustment.** Each Construction Change Directive involving a Contract Adjustment with respect to which there is a dispute or partial agreement shall, if Contractor is ordered to do so in a Construction Change Directive signed by the Assistant CEO/EDA, be performed by Contractor without Delay. Except as otherwise provided elsewhere in this Section 7.5, with respect to any open terms as to which the County and Contractor have not reached agreement both County and Contractor shall be deemed to have reserved their respective rights and defenses.

**7.5.5 Other Notices.** With respect to any Contract Adjustment or portion of a Contract Adjustment that is not fully resolved in a Construction Change Directive, neither issuance nor execution of such Construction Change Directive shall be interpreted as relieving Contractor of its obligation to comply with the requirements of these General Conditions relative to timely submission of notices required by the Contract Documents, including, without limitation, Notice of Change, Change Order Request, Notice of Delay or Request for Extension.

## 7.6 PROCEDURES

### 7.6.1 Notice of Change.

**.1 Submission.** Contractor shall submit a written Notice of Change to County if any instruction, request, drawing, specification, action, condition, omission, default or other circumstance occurs that constitutes a Compensable Change, Deleted Work, Compensable Delay or other matter that may involve or require a Contract Adjustment (additive or deductive). Such notice shall be provided prior to commencement of performance of the Work affected and no later than three (3) working days after the Discovery Date of such circumstance.

**.2 Form.** Notices of Change shall be provided using forms furnished by County or, if requested by County, using forms furnished by Contractor that are approved by County. Failure by County to request or approve a particular form shall not relieve Contractor of its obligation to provide a Notice of Change in a written form that complies with the requirements specified in Subparagraph 7.6.1.3, below.

**.3 Content.** Each Notice of Change in order to be considered complete shall include:

(1) a general statement of the circumstances giving rise to the Notice of Change (including, without limitation, identification of any related Construction Change Directive);

(2) a Reasonable Order of Magnitude Estimate by Contractor of any related Contract Adjustments (additive and deductive) to the Contract Price; and,

(3) if such circumstances involve a right to adjustment of the Contract Time due to Compensable Delay or Excusable Delay that has not been waived pursuant to Subparagraph 8.2.2.4, below, or Subparagraph 8.2.3.4, below, Contractor shall include, if not previously provided, a complete and timely Notice of Delay.

### **.4 WAIVER BY CONTRACTOR.**

**FAILURE BY CONTRACTOR TO PROVIDE A COMPLETE AND TIMELY NOTICE OF CHANGE UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE A NOTICE OF CHANGE INVOLVING A CHANGE IS REQUIRED BY THIS PARAGRAPH 7.6.1 SHALL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 4.6 OF THE GENERAL CONDITIONS, CONSTITUTE A WAIVER BY CONTRACTOR OF THE RIGHT TO A CONTRACT ADJUSTMENT ON ACCOUNT OF SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES AND A WAIVER OF ANY RIGHT TO FURTHER RECOURSE OR RECOVERY BY REASON OF OR RELATED TO SUCH CHANGE.**

**.5 Deductive Adjustments.** Failure by Contractor to submit a timely or proper Notice of Change under circumstances in which a Notice of Change is required shall in no way affect County's right to any deductive Contract Adjustment on account of such circumstances.

### 7.6.2 Change Order Request.

**.1 Submission.** With respect to any matter that may involve or require a Contract Adjustment (additive or deductive) of the Contract Price, Contractor shall, within fourteen (14) Days after receipt by the County of a Notice of Change pursuant to Paragraph 7.6.1, above, submit to the County a written Change Order Request.

**.2 Form.** Change Order Requests shall be provided using forms furnished by County or, if requested by County, using forms furnished by Contractor that are approved by County. Failure by County to request or approve a particular form shall not relieve Contractor of its obligation to provide a Change Order Request in a written form that complies with the requirements stated in Subparagraph 7.6.2.3, below.

**.3 Content.** Each Change Order Request in order to be considered complete shall include:

(1) a detailed description of the circumstances for the Compensable Change, Deleted Work or Compensable Delay;

(2) a complete, itemized cost breakdown (additive and deductive) of the Allowable Costs that form the basis for the Contractor's request for Contract Adjustment, including: (a) if the pricing is based on time and materials charges, all of Contractor's and each Subcontractor's Allowable Costs (including, without limitation, quantities, hours, unit prices, and rates) and Allowable Markups and (b) if the pricing is in the form of a lump sum price a detailed breakdown of the lump sum price into its component and individual items of Allowable Costs and Allowable Markup; and

(3) if such circumstances involve a right to a Contract Adjustment of the Contract Time due to Compensable Delay or Excusable Delay that has not been waived pursuant to Subparagraph 8.2.2.4, below, or Subparagraph 8.2.3.4, below, Contractor shall include, if not previously provided, a complete and timely Request for Extension.

#### **.4 WAIVER BY CONTRACTOR.**

**FAILURE BY CONTRACTOR TO PROVIDE A COMPLETE AND TIMELY CHANGE ORDER REQUEST UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE A CHANGE ORDER REQUEST INVOLVING A CHANGE IS REQUIRED BY THIS PARAGRAPH 7.6.2 SHALL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 4.6 OF THE GENERAL CONDITIONS, CONSTITUTE A WAIVER BY CONTRACTOR OF THE RIGHT TO A CONTRACT ADJUSTMENT ON ACCOUNT OF SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES AND A WAIVER OF ANY RIGHT TO FURTHER RECOURSE OR RECOVERY BY REASON OF OR RELATED TO SUCH CHANGE.**

**.5 Deductive Adjustments.** Failure by Contractor to submit a timely or proper Change Order Request under circumstances in which a Change Order Request is required shall in no way affect County's right to any deductive Contract Adjustment on account of such circumstances.

**7.6.3 Formal Notice of Essence.** Contractor recognizes and acknowledges that timely submission of a formal Notice of Change and Change Order Request, whether or not the circumstances of the Change may be known to the County or available to County through other means, is not a mere formality but is of crucial importance to the ability of County to promptly identify, prioritize, evaluate and mitigate the potential effects of Changes. Any form of informal notice, whether verbal or written (including, without limitation, statements in Requests for Information, statements at regular job meetings or entries on monthly reports, daily logs or job meeting minutes), that does not strictly comply with the formal requirements of Paragraph 7.6.1, above, and Paragraph 7.6.2, above, shall therefore be insufficient.

#### **7.7 PRICING**

##### **7.7.1 Basis of Calculation.**

**.1 Changes Not Involving Time.** Contract Adjustments to the Contract Price on account of Compensable Changes or Deleted Work, other than Contract Adjustments to the Contract Price for Compensable Delay, shall be calculated according to one of the following methods:

(1) **Lump Sum.** By mutual acceptance of a lump sum proposal from Contractor based solely on Allowable Costs and Allowable Markups, that is properly itemized and supported by sufficient substantiating data to permit evaluation.

(2) **Unit Prices.** By the unit prices set forth in the Construction Contract or such other unit prices as are subsequently and mutually agreed to in writing between the County and Contractor, with no amount added thereto for Allowable Markups.

(3) **Estimating Guides.** For Compensable Changes with respect to which County elects to make a unilateral and final determination pursuant to Paragraph 7.7.11, below, by the sum of all the following:

(a) **Materials.** The reasonable value of materials and equipment documented as having been actually incorporated into the Work, which reasonable value may be less but shall never be more than Contractor's actual Allowable Costs therefor.

(b) **Labor.** An estimate of the reasonable costs of labor, installation and other services using the lower of the estimated prices for the locale of the Project (or if prices are not reported for the locale of the Project, the estimated prices that are reported for the region in which the Project is located) as reported in following recognized estimating guides: (i) R. S. Means Company, Inc. Building Construction Cost Data, Western Region - Latest Edition, P.O. Box 800 Kingston, MA 02364-800; or (ii) Lee Saylor, Inc. Current Construction Costs - Latest Edition, 9420 Topanga Canyon Boulevard, Woodland Hills, CA 91311.

(c) **Allowable Markup.** The amount that results when the applicable Allowable Markup is applied to the sum of the amounts derived from preceding Clauses (a) and (b) of this Subparagraph 7.7.1.1 (3).

(4) **Time and Materials.**

(a) **Compensable Changes.**

(i) **Contract Adjustment.** With respect to Compensable Changes, if none of the methods provided for in Subparagraphs 7.7.1.1 (1) through 7.7.1.1 (3), above, is applicable, then the additive amount increasing the Contract Price shall be calculated by taking (A) the total of the reasonable expenditures by Contractor and its Subcontractors, documented in the manner required by Paragraph 7.7.2, below, for Allowable Costs that are actually and directly incurred and paid in the performance of the Compensable Change, not to exceed for any Compensable Change a price that is reasonable, competitive and fair to County given the amount and type of Work involved and the circumstances under which the Compensable Change is performed, and (B) adding thereto the amount which results when the applicable Allowable Markups are applied to such total specified in preceding Clause (A) of this Subparagraph 7.7.1.1 (4) (a) (1).

(ii) **T & M/Guaranteed Maximums.** A Contract Adjustment that is calculated pursuant to this Subparagraph 7.7.1.1 (4) shall be subject to a not-to-exceed or guaranteed maximum price if such not-to-exceed or guaranteed maximum price has been mutually agreed upon between County and Contractor.

(iii) **Lump Sum Options.** If Contractor has reason to believe that a lump sum or unit price for a Subcontractor's performance of a portion of Extra Work authorized to be performed on a time and materials basis is available and Contractor has reason to believe such price is lower than the price that would be charged by the Subcontractor pursuant to the foregoing time and materials calculation, then Contractor has an obligation to inform County of that fact (along with the provision to the County of a complete itemized breakdown in accordance with Subparagraph 7.6.2.3(2), above) so as to afford County the opportunity, on a fully informed basis as to the component Allowable Costs and Allowable Markups that comprise such price, to avail itself of such favorable pricing.

(b) **Deleted Work.** With respect to Deleted Work (whether or not the Deleted Work involves a related Compensable Change as described in Paragraph 7.7.8, below), if none of the methods provided for in Subparagraphs 7.7.1.1 (1) through 7.7.1.1 (3), above, is applicable, then, in addition to the reduction, if any, that may be due to Owner pursuant to Subparagraph 8.2.6.2, below, (pertaining to Contract Adjustments shortening the Contract Time due to Deleted Work) and any additional reductions or credits to which County may be entitled under Paragraph 7.7.5, below, the Contract Price shall be reduced by the greater of either:

(i) the value assigned to the Deleted Work in the Schedule of Values attached to the Construction Contract, inclusive of all estimated markups by Contractor and any Subcontractor for overhead and profit set forth in the Schedule of Values (or, if insufficient detailed information on costs, overhead and profit for the Deleted Work is explicitly assigned in the Schedule of Values, as derived from the cost, bidding and/or estimating information that formed the basis for the establishment of the values set forth in such Schedule of Values); or

(ii) a reasonable estimate of the value of the Deleted Work (inclusive of all costs, overhead and profit) as of the date that the Construction Contract was executed by County and Contractor.

**.2 Changes Involving Time.** Contract Adjustments that are based on an extension of the Contract Time for Compensable Delay or a shortening of the Contract Time due to Deleted Work shall be calculated in the manner stated in the provisions of Section 3.3 of the Construction Contract and Article 8, below. Contract

Adjustments that are based on an acceleration in performance of the Work that is ordered by County in writing to overcome a Compensable Delay for which the Contractor is entitled to an extension of the Contract Time that has been properly requested and is not granted by County due to a County decision to accelerate rather than extend the Contract Time shall be calculated in the manner stated in the provisions of Article 8, below.

**7.7.2 Time and Materials Documentation.** Without limitation to any other provisions of the Contract Documents, Contractor's right to reimbursement of Allowable Costs incurred by Contractor or Subcontractors in the performance of a Compensable Change for which the Contract Adjustment is calculated pursuant to the time and materials method set forth in Subparagraph 7.7.1.1 (4), above, shall be conditioned on Contractor's compliance with the following conditions with respect to documentation of the Extra Work that is involved in the performance of the Compensable Change:

**.1 Labor.** At the close of each Day on which such Extra Work is performed, Contractor shall submit to County and, if requested, to the Inspector of Record, an Extra Work report, on forms provided by County, that sets forth with respect to each and all of the actual hours spent in performance of the Extra Work on the Day that the Extra Work was performed the following: the names of the workers, their classifications, hours worked and hourly rates. Such forms shall include a written certification by Contractor's project manager or superintendent at the time of submission that the information contained therein is complete and accurate.

**.2 Materials, Equipment.** At the close of each Day on which such Extra Work is performed, Contractor shall submit to County and, if requested, to the Inspector of Record, an Extra Work report, on forms provided by County, that sets forth with respect to each and all of the materials and equipment used or consumed in the performance of the Extra Work on the Day that the Extra Work was performed, the following: a list of the materials and equipment, prices or rates charged, in the case of equipment a description of the type of equipment, identification number, and hours of operation (including loading and transportation), and copies of delivery tickets, invoices or other documentation confirmatory of the foregoing.

**.3 Other Expenditures.** At the close of each Day on which such Extra Work is performed, Contractor shall submit to County and, if requested, to the Inspector of Record, an Extra Work report, on forms provided by County, that sets forth a list of other expenditures constituting Allowable Costs incurred in performance of the Extra Work on the Day that the Extra Work was performed, along with documentation verifying the amounts thereof in such detail as County may require.

**.4 Subsequent Documentation.** Documentation not available on any Day that a portion of the Extra Work is performed shall be submitted as soon as they are available but not later than twenty-one (21) Days after the earlier of the Day of delivery or incorporation of the particular item of Extra Work at the Site.

**.5 Subcontractor Costs.** Extra Work performed by Subcontractors on a time and materials basis shall be documented in the same manner as required of Contractor under this Paragraph 7.7.2. If Owner approves of a lump sum price for a Subcontractor's performance of Extra Work, then Contractor shall submit in lieu of the documentation otherwise required by this Subparagraph 7.7.2.5, such documentation as may be requested by Owner confirming the Extra Work performed on any given Day.

**.6 Authentication.** In addition to the foregoing, County may require that Contractor comply with other reasonable requirements pertaining to observation and verification of time and materials work and authentication of time and materials tickets and invoices by persons designated by County for such purpose.

**.7 WAIVER BY CONTRACTOR.**

**THE FAILURE OF CONTRACTOR TO SUBMIT AUTHENTICATION OF COSTS IN THE MANNER REQUIRED BY THIS PARAGRAPH 7.7.2 SHALL, IF COUNTY ELECTS IN ITS REASONABLE DISCRETION TO TREAT IT AS SUCH, CONSTITUTE A WAIVER BY CONTRACTOR OF ANY RIGHT TO A CONTRACT ADJUSTMENT FOR THE ALLOWABLE COSTS INCURRED FOR PERFORMANCE OF THAT PORTION OF THE EXTRA WORK FOR WHICH CONTRACTOR HAS FAILED TO PROVIDE SUCH AUTHENTICATION.**

**7.7.3 Allowable Costs.** The term "Allowable Costs" (1) means the costs that are listed in this Paragraph 7.7.3 and (2) excludes costs that do not constitute Allowable Costs under Paragraph 7.7.4, below:

**.1 Labor.** Straight-time wages and, if specifically authorized by County in writing, overtime wages for employees employed at the Site, including wages for employees of Subcontractors performing engineering or fabrication detailing at locations other than at the Site. The use of a labor classification which would increase the Allowable Costs for Extra Work will not be permitted unless Contractor establishes the necessity for the use of such labor classification. Overtime wages and salaries shall only constitute an Allowable Cost to the extent permitted by the Contract Documents and only as specifically authorized by County in writing setting forth the amount of overtime anticipated, which amount shall be deemed the maximum amount of overtime reimbursable as an Allowable Cost. As part of the Allowable Costs permitted by this Subparagraph 7.7.3.1, Contractor shall be entitled to be reimbursed wages paid to a "time and materials clerk" employed by Contractor to track and document Compensable Changes that are authorized or permitted to be performed on a time and materials basis pursuant to Subparagraph 7.7.1.1 (4), above, provided that the time expended by such employee is verified by contemporaneously maintained time sheets maintained by such clerk showing the actual time spent tracking and documenting the performance of Compensable Changes separately from other tasks or functions performed by such clerk.

**.2 Benefits.** To the extent based on wages reimbursable under Subparagraph 7.7.3.1, above, net actual employer costs of payroll taxes (FICA, Medicare, SUTA, FUTA), insurance (as adjusted for experience modifiers, premium discounts, dividends, rebates, expense constants, assigned risk pool costs, net cost reductions due to policies with deductibles for self-insured losses, assigned risk rebates, or the like), health and welfare, pension, vacation, apprenticeship funds and benefits required by lawful collective bargaining agreements.

**.3 Materials.** Costs of materials used or consumed in the Work. Such costs for Extra Work shall be at a price that is competitive to the price charged for similar materials delivered within the general vicinity of the Site by other subcontractors, suppliers, manufacturers and distributors. The cost for any such item that is not new shall mean "fair market value" based on the estimated price a reasonable purchaser would pay to purchase the used material at the time it was used or consumed for the Work, which fair market value must be declared by Contractor and approved by County prior to such use or consumption.

**.4 Taxes.** Sales taxes on the costs of the materials described in Subparagraph 7.7.3.3, above.

**.5 Equipment Rental.** Rental charges for necessary machinery and equipment, exclusive of hand tools, whether rented from Contractor or others. No charge shall be allowed or credit required for items which have a replacement value of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) or less. The allowable rental rates shall include the cost of fuel, oil, lubrication, supplies, small tools, necessary attachments, loading, transportation, repairs and maintenance of any kind, depreciation, storage, insurance and all incidentals. If equipment used for Extra Work is used intermittently and, when not in use, could be returned to its rental source at less expense to County than holding it at the Site, it shall be returned, unless Contractor elects to keep it at the Site at no expense to County. Under no circumstances shall the aggregate rentals chargeable for any item of equipment exceed the following percentages of the fair market value of the item at the time of its first use for the Work, which fair market value must be declared by Contractor and approved by County prior to the first use of such item in or for the Work: (1) if the item is owned by the Contractor or any company affiliated with Contractor, the aggregate rentals shall not exceed 75% of such fair market value; and (2) if the item is not owned by the Contractor or any company affiliated with Contractor, the aggregate rentals shall not exceed 100% of such fair market value. All equipment shall be acceptable to County, in good working condition, and suitable for the purpose for which it is to be used. Manufacturer's ratings and manufacturer's approved modifications shall be used to classify equipment, and it shall be powered by a unit of at least the minimum rating recommended by the manufacturer. The cost of major repairs or overhauls of rented equipment or machinery shall be deemed a cost of business of the lessor of such equipment or machinery and shall not be reimbursable as an Allowable Cost.

**.6 Subcontractors.** Payments made by Contractor to Subcontractors; provided, however, that: (1) such payments are not otherwise precluded from reimbursement by the terms of the Contract Documents; (2) such payments are for Work performed in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents; (3) such payments are for amounts properly due and owing by Contractor under the terms of the governing contract between Contractor and such Subcontractor; and (4) in the case of payments for extra work performed by a Subcontractor pursuant to a change order executed between Contractor and a Subcontractor the change order was executed under circumstances in which the Subcontractor was entitled under the terms of its contract with Contractor to receive the amount of additional compensation agreed to in the change order.

**.7 Royalties, Permits.** Costs of royalties and permits.

**.8 Bonds.** Costs of bonds required to be furnished by Contractor (not Subcontractors) under the terms of the Contract Documents; provided, however, that such additional costs chargeable for Extra Work or credited for Deleted Work shall not exceed two percent (2%) of the costs described in Subparagraphs 7.7.3.1 through 7.7.3.7, above.

**7.7.4 Costs Not Allowed.** Allowable Costs shall not include any of the costs associated with any of the following (whether incurred by Contractor or a Subcontractor):

- .1 superintendent(s);
- .2 assistant superintendent(s);
- .3 project engineer(s);
- .4 project manager(s);
- .5 scheduler(s);
- .6 estimator(s);
- .7 drafting or detailing (except as otherwise permitted by Paragraph 7.7.3.1, above)
- .8 vehicles not dedicated solely to the performance of the Work;
- .9 small tools with a replacement value not exceeding One Hundred Dollars (\$100);
- .10 office expenses, including staff, materials and supplies;
- .11 on-Site and off-Site trailer and storage rental and expenses;
- .12 Site fencing not added solely due to the performance of Extra Work;
- .13 utilities, including gas, electric, sewer, water, telephone, telefax and copier equipment;
- .14 computer and data-processing personnel, equipment and software;
- .15 federal, state or local business, income and franchise taxes;
- .16 insurance (including, without limitation, general liability, automobile and worker's compensation);
- .17 without limitation to Contractor's right to liquidated damages under Section 3.3 of the Construction Contract, Losses, of any kind, incurred by Contractor or a Subcontractor, of any Tier, that arise from or relate to Delay (including Excusable Delay, Compensable Delay or Unexcused Delay) or acceleration to overcome the effects of such Delay; and
- .18 costs and expenses of any kind or item not specifically and expressly included in Paragraph 7.7.3, above.

**7.7.5 Allowable Markups.** Allowable Markups consist of the percentages set forth provided for by this Paragraph 7.7.5. Allowable Markups are deemed to cover, without limitation, the following: (1) direct and indirect overhead (including, without limitation, consumables, small tools and cleanup) and profit of the Contractor; (2) direct and indirect overhead (including, without limitation, consumables, small tools and cleanup) and profit of the Subcontractors, of every Tier; and (3) all costs that are not reimbursable to Contractor under Paragraph 7.7.4, above. Subject to the exclusions and limitations set forth in Paragraph 7.7.7, below, or elsewhere in the Contract Documents, Allowable Markups include and are limited to the following:

**.1 Self-Performed Work**

(1) **Compensable Change.** With respect to all or that portion of a Compensable Change involving Self-Performed Work, the Allowable Markup to Contractor shall be not more than five percent (5%), which percentage shall for purposes of calculating the Contract Adjustment be multiplied times the Allowable Costs incurred by Contractor in the performance thereof, including, without limitation, Allowable Costs for materials or equipment purchased by Contractor from a first-Tier Subcontractor that is not an Installation Subcontractor.

(2) **Deleted Work.** With respect to all or that portion of Deleted Work involving Self-Performed Work, County shall be entitled to a credit equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of the credit for the savings to Contractor for the Self-Performed Work as calculated pursuant to Subparagraph 7.7.1.1 (4), (b), above.

**.2 Installation Subcontractors (First-Tier)**

(1) **Compensable Change.** With respect to all or that portion of a Compensable Change that is performed by a first-Tier Installation Subcontractor, the Allowable Markups to the first-Tier Installation Subcontractor and the Contractor shall be as follows:

(a) The Allowable Markup to the first-Tier Installation Subcontractor shall be not more than fifteen percent (15%), which percentage shall for purposes of calculating the Contract Adjustment be multiplied times the Allowable Costs incurred by such first-Tier Installation Subcontractor in the performance of such Compensable Change.

(b) The Allowable Markup to Contractor shall be five percent (5%), which percentage shall for purposes of calculating the Contract Adjustment be multiplied times the sum of (i) the Allowable Costs incurred by such first-Tier Subcontractor in the performance of such Compensable Change and (ii) the amount which results when the Allowable Markups thereon that are permitted pursuant to preceding Clause (a) of this Subparagraph 7.7.5.2 (1) are multiplied times such Allowable Costs.

(2) **Deleted Work.** With respect to all or that portion of Deleted Work that was to have been performed by a first-Tier Installation Subcontractor, the Contract Price shall be reduced as provided in Subparagraph 7.7.1.1 (4), (b), above. In addition, a credit shall be due from Contractor of five percent (5%) of the amount of the total credit due pursuant to Subparagraph 7.7.1.1 (4), (b), above.

**.3 Installation Subcontractors (Second-Tier)**

(1) **Compensable Change.** With respect to all or that portion of a Compensable Change that is performed by a second-Tier Installation Subcontractor, the Allowable Markups to such second-Tier Installation Subcontractor, to the first-Tier Installation Subcontractor that is above and in the same vertical contractual line of Tiers with such second-Tier Installation Subcontractor and to the Contractor, shall be as follows:

(a) The Allowable Markup to the second-Tier Installation Subcontractor shall be not more than five percent (5%), which percentage shall for purposes of calculating the Contract Adjustment be multiplied times the Allowable Costs incurred by such second-Tier Installation Subcontractor in the performance of such Compensable Change.

(b) The Allowable Markup to the first-Tier Installation Subcontractor that is above and in the same vertical contractual line of Tiers with such second-Tier Installation Subcontractor shall be not more than fifteen percent (15%), which percentage shall for purposes of calculating the Contract Adjustment be multiplied times the sum of (i) the Allowable Costs incurred by such second-Tier Installation Subcontractor in the performance of such Compensable Change and (ii) the amount which results when the Allowable Markups thereon pursuant to preceding Clause (a) of this Subparagraph 7.7.5.3 (1) are multiplied times such Allowable Costs.

(c) The Allowable Markup to Contractor shall be five percent (5%), which percentage shall for purposes of calculating the Contract Adjustment be multiplied times the sum of (i) the Allowable Costs incurred by the second-Tier Installation Subcontractor in the performance of such Compensable Change and (ii)



the amounts which result when the Allowable Markups thereon that are permitted pursuant to Clauses (a) and (b) of this Subparagraph 7.7.5.3 (1) are multiplied times such Allowable Costs.

(2) **Deleted Work.** With respect to all or that portion of Deleted Work that was to have been performed by a second-Tier Installation Subcontractor, the Contract Price shall be reduced as provided in Subparagraph 7.7.1.1 (4), (b), above. In addition, a credit shall be due from Contractor of five percent (5%) of the amount of the total credit due pursuant to Subparagraph 7.7.1.1 (4), (b), above.

**.4 Other Subcontractors.**

(1) **Compensable Changes:** With respect to any other Subcontractor, of any Tier, performing all or a portion of a Compensable Change who is not an Installation Subcontractor or who is an Installation Subcontractor below the second-Tier, the following shall apply:

(a) No markup shall be allowed to such other Subcontractor.

(b) The Subcontractor that is positioned in the Tier immediately above such other Subcontractor shall be entitled to an Allowable Markup of not more than five percent (5%) upon the Allowable Costs incurred by such other Subcontractor in the performance thereof.

(c) No other Allowable Markup by any Subcontractor of any Tier above such other Subcontractor shall be permitted.

(d) Contractor shall be entitled to an Allowable Markup of five percent (5%) of the sum of (i) the Allowable Costs of such other Subcontractor incurred in the performance of such Compensable Change and (ii) the amount which results when the Allowable Markup permitted by Clause (b) of this Subparagraph 7.7.5.4 (1) is multiplied times such Allowable Costs.

(2) **Deleted Work.** With respect to all or that portion of Deleted Work that was to have been performed by such other Subcontractor who is not an Installation Subcontractor or who is an Installation Subcontractor below the second-Tier, the Contract Price shall be reduced as provided in Subparagraph 7.7.1.1 (4), (b), above. In addition, a credit shall be due from Contractor of five percent (5%) of the amount of the total credit due pursuant to Subparagraph 7.7.1.1 (4), (b), above.

**7.7.6 Review of Markups.** It is Contractor's responsibility to review information submitted by Subcontractors to ensure that all markups comply with the requirements of the Contract Documents. Payment by the County of markups that exceed Allowable Markups shall not be considered as a waiver by County of the right to require repayment by Contractor of any markup charged that is in excess of Allowable Markups and such excess amounts shall be promptly paid by Contractor to County.

**7.7.7 Exclusions and Limitations.** Allowable Markups are not permitted:

.1 on agreed unit prices;

.2 on materials, products or equipment furnished by County;

.3 on liquidated damages payable to Contractor pursuant to Section 3.3 of the Construction Contract for Compensable Delay;

.4 to a Subcontractor who contracts to perform a Compensable Change that is in fact wholly performed by another Subcontractor (for purposes of this Paragraph 7.7.7, "wholly performed" means that all of the Compensable Change, other than supervision or minor labor or materials, are furnished by such other Subcontractor); or

.5 on any cost or compensation with respect to which the Contract Documents state that there shall be "no Allowable Markup", "no markup for overhead and profit" or words of similar meaning.

**7.7.8 Net Calculations.** If any one Change or collection of Changes in the same or related portions of the Work, or in multiple portions of Work covered by a single bulletin or instruction by County, involve both Compensable Change and Deleted Work, and if the added Allowable Costs resulting from the Compensable Change exceed the reduction calculated in accordance with Subparagraph 7.7.1.1 (4), (b), above, (excluding any Allowable Markup to the Contractor) then the calculation of Allowable Markups to Contractor shall be based on and limited to the resulting net increase in the Allowable Costs.

**7.7.9 Unit Prices.** Unless otherwise stated in the Contract Documents, unit prices stated in the Contract Documents or subsequently agreed upon by County and Contractor shall be deemed to include and encompass all costs of performance, overhead and profit, including, without limitation, all Allowable Costs and Allowable Markups. If the unit price stated in the Contract Documents is based on an estimated quantity established by County in the Construction Contract and the actual quantity of such unit-priced item varies by more than 25% above or below the estimated quantity, an equitable adjustment in the Contract Price shall be made upon demand of either County or Contractor. Such equitable adjustment shall be based solely upon any increase or decrease in Allowable Costs (without any Allowable Markups), due solely to the variation above 125% or below 75% of the estimated quantity.

**7.7.10 Discounts.** For purposes of determining Allowable Costs of a Compensable Change, all trade discounts, rebates, refunds, and returns from the sale of surplus materials and equipment shall accrue and be credited to County, and Contractor shall take all necessary steps to ensure that such discounts, rebates, refunds, and returns are secured.

**7.7.11 Prompt Pricing.** It is fundamental to the County's objective of controlling costs that performance of Compensable Changes on a time and materials basis of compensation and without a not-to-exceed price be curtailed. Contractor recognizes that prompt pricing by Contractor is critical to this objective. Accordingly, in addition to and without limitation on any of the County's other rights or remedies, including, without limitation, its right to enforce a waiver under Subparagraph 7.6.2.4, above, it is agreed that if Contractor fails to timely submit a complete Change Order Request in accordance with Paragraph 7.6.2, above, with respect to any circumstance, event or occurrence constituting a Compensable Change then: (1) any Delay to the performance of the Work associated with the performance, delayed performance or nonperformance of such Compensable Change shall be conclusively deemed to be an Unexcused Delay; and (2) the County shall have the option, exercised in its sole discretion, to unilaterally fix and determine the amount of the Contract Adjustment to the Contract Price for such Compensable Change based on the "estimating guide" method set forth in Subparagraph 7.7.1.1 (3), above, which determination shall be conclusively final and binding upon Contractor.

**7.7.12 Final Payment.** No Claim by Contractor for a Contract Adjustment shall be allowed if asserted after Final Payment.

**7.7.13 Full Resolution.** Except as otherwise stated in Paragraph 7.7.14, below, the signing of a Change Order by Contractor and the County shall be conclusively deemed to be a full resolution, settlement and accord and satisfaction with respect to any and all Loss and Delay, whether known or unknown at the time of execution of the Change Order, related to the subject matter of the Change Order, including, without limitation, all rights to recovery of costs, expenses or damages for delay, disruption, hindrance, interference, extended or extraordinary (direct and indirect) overhead, multiplicity of changes, loss of productivity, labor, wage or material cost escalations, inefficiency, legal expenses, consultant costs, interest, lost profits or revenue, bond and insurance costs, changes in taxes and other similar and related Losses. The foregoing provisions of this Paragraph 7.7.13 shall, whether or not they are expressly stated or referenced on the face of a Change Order, be deemed to be part of the terms of the Change Order and shall be deemed to supersede and govern over any other provision contained in any proposal, estimate or other documents attached to or referenced in such Change Order that conflicts with the provisions of this Paragraph 7.7.13. **ANY RIGHT OR CLAIM BY CONTRACTOR FOR ANY ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION OR EXTENSION OF TIME RELATING DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY TO A COMPENSABLE CHANGE DESCRIBED IN A FULLY EXECUTED CHANGE ORDER SHALL BE CONCLUSIVELY DEEMED WAIVED BY CONTRACTOR, EVEN IF THE CIRCUMSTANCES GIVING RISE TO SUCH ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION OR EXTENSION OF TIME WERE NOT SUSPECTED BY OR KNOWN TO THE CONTRACTOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTION OF THE CONSTRUCTION CHANGE DIRECTIVE AND IF SUSPECTED OR KNOWN WOULD HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED BY CONTRACTOR TO HAVE BEEN MATERIAL TO CONTRACTOR'S AGREEMENT TO THE CONTRACT ADJUSTMENT SET FORTH IN THE CHANGE ORDER.**

7.7.14 **Reserved Rights.** Change Orders shall be executed by Contractor without any express reservation of rights by Contractor to reserve for the future the assertion of any right of recovery from the County for Loss or Delay arising out of or relating to the subject matter of the Change Order. Execution of a Change Order, Unilateral Change Order or Construction Change Directive shall not be interpreted as a waiver, release or settlement of any rights or claims that the County may have for any of the following: (1) Defective Work; (2) liquidated damages or actual Losses for Delay; or (3) recoupment by County (by way of withholding of funds, set off or recovery from Contractor) of amounts paid by County for costs or markups on costs that the County discovers, following payment of such amounts to Contractor, do not constitute proper charges to County, or that constitute charges that are not properly substantiated, under the terms of the Contract Documents.

7.7.15 **No "Total Cost" Calculations.** Contractor represents and warrants that it has the ability to generate and maintain complete and accurate cost accounting records that, if required, will reflect the actual costs of the Work incurred or avoided for multiple Compensable Changes and, on an event-by-event basis, the effect of multiple and concurrently occurring or caused Compensable Delays on the progress of the Work. Accordingly, Contractor agrees that all Change Order Requests and Claims shall be itemized in a manner that, with reasonable mathematical certainty and without reliance upon probabilities or inferences, segregates on a discrete, event-by-event basis the direct, actual Allowable Costs associated with each individual Compensable Change or Compensable Delay. Unless otherwise agreed to by County in writing in the exercise of its sole discretion, Change Order Requests and Claims shall not be based, in whole or in part, upon any methodology (such as "total cost" or "modified total cost" methodologies) that purports to establish Contractor's entitlement to additional compensation inferentially based, solely or principally, on the difference between Contractor's total costs for the Work or a portion of the Work and its original Bid.

7.7.16 **Multiple Changes.** The County reserves the absolute right to make whatever Changes, including, without limitation, Compensable Changes or Deleted Work, that it determines, in its sole discretion, are necessary or otherwise desirable. Under no circumstances shall the individual or cumulative number, value or scope of such Changes, or their individual and cumulative impact on the Work, become a basis for Contractor to assert any claim for breach of contract, abandonment, rescission, termination, cardinal change or reformation of the Construction Contract, nor shall such circumstances be the basis for Contractor, or any of the Subcontractors, of any Tier, to assert a right of recovery of any Loss if such right is not permitted by, or is in excess of that allowed under, the Contract Documents.

7.7.17 **Continuous Performance.** Subject to Contractor's rights under Section 15.4, below, no dispute or disagreement with respect to any Changes or Delay, including, without limitation, disputes over Contractor's right to or the terms of a Contract Adjustment, shall relieve or excuse Contractor from the obligation to proceed with and maintain continuous, expeditious and uninterrupted performance of the Work, including performance of any disputed Changes.

## ARTICLE 8 CONTRACT TIME

### 8.1 COMMENCEMENT AND COMPLETION

8.1.1 **Date of Commencement.** The Date of Commencement shall not be postponed by the failure of Contractor or of persons or entities for whom Contractor is responsible to perform an obligation. Contractor shall not knowingly, except by agreement or instruction of the County in writing, commence operations on the Site or elsewhere prior to receipt of a Notice to Proceed. Contractor shall not commence any Work at the Site prior to its obtaining the insurance required by Article 11, below, and the Performance Bond and Payment Bond required by Article 12, below, and the Date of Commencement of the Work shall not be changed by the effective date of such insurance or bonds.

8.1.2 **Substantial, Final Completion.** Contractor shall proceed expeditiously with adequate forces and shall achieve Substantial Completion and Final Completion within the Contract Time, as adjusted for extensions of time duly permitted, authorized and noticed pursuant to Section 8.2, below.

8.1.3 **Adjustments to Contract Time.** Subject to the limitations set forth in this Article 8 and elsewhere in the Contract Documents, the Contract Time shall be extended for Compensable Delays and Excusable Delays and shall, where appropriate, be shortened for Deleted Work.

8.1.4 **Early Completion.** Nothing stated in these General Conditions or elsewhere in the Contract Documents shall be interpreted as creating any contractual right, express or implied, on the part of Contractor to finish

the Work earlier than the Contract Time. Contractor has included in its Contract Price the costs of all Contractor's and its Subcontractors' direct and indirect overhead, including but not limited to all staff, temporary facilities, temporary utilities and home office overhead for the entire duration of the Contract Time. These costs have been included in the Contract Price notwithstanding Contractor's anticipation of possibly completing the Work in fewer Days than established by the Contract Time. Under no circumstances (including, without limitation, circumstances in which the County has approved in writing of Contractor completing early) shall the County be liable to Contractor for any Losses, of any kind, due to the inability of Contractor to complete the Work earlier than the Contract Time, regardless of the cause, including, without limitation, Delays due to acts or omissions (intentional or negligent) of the County, Inspectors of Record, County Consultants, Separate Contractors or others. If the Contractor anticipates completing early, it must obtain in advance County's approval in writing of such early completion. Approval by County of such early completion may be granted or withheld in the County's sole and absolute discretion.

## 8.2 DELAYS AND EXTENSIONS OF TIME

### 8.2.1 Adjustments to Contract Time

**.1 Extensions.** Provided that Contractor has complied with the provisions of this Section 8.2 (including, without limitation, the requirements pertaining to timely delivery of a Notice of Delay and Request for Extension), if, as a result of Excusable Delay or Compensable Delay to the actual, as-built critical path of activities leading to achievement of Substantial Completion, Contractor is unable to achieve Substantial Completion within the Contract Time for Substantial Completion, then the Contract Time for Substantial Completion and Final Completion shall be extended, either by Change Order or Unilateral Change Order, for the length of the proven, resulting Delay to Contractor's ability to so complete the Work. The Contract Time shall not be adjusted for Unexcused Delays.

**.2 Shortening.** Contractor shall within ten (10) Days after receiving notice of Deleted Work prepare and deliver to County a Time Impact Analysis of the impact of the Deleted Work upon the critical path to determine if the Contract Time should be shortened thereby and if so the duration of the shortening. If the County and Contractor are unable to agree upon the duration of the shortening, then County shall make a Good Faith Determination of the reasonable amount of time that the Contract Time shall be shortened on account of such Deleted Work.

### **.3 Prescribed Calculations.**

**(1) Work Day Lost Calculations.** Contractor may claim an Excusable Delay or a Compensable Delay for a full Day only if all Work on a critical path activity is stopped for more than six (6) hours of a normal eight (8) hour Work Day and for a half-Day only if all Work on a critical path activity is stopped for three (3) to six (6) hours of such a normal Work Day. No Excusable Delay or Compensable Delay may be claimed if all Work on a critical path activity is stopped for less than three (3) hours of such a normal work Day. Similarly, where Deleted Work results in the projected avoidance of the need to perform more than six (6), or between three (3) and six (6) hours of all Work on a critical path activity on such a normal work day, the Contract Time shall be contracted by a full Day or half Day, respectively.

**(2) Dry Out Time Calculations.** Contract Adjustments to the Contract Time that are based upon unusual precipitation that is an Act of God as defined in Paragraph 1.1.2, above, shall include, in addition to the number of Days of Excusable Delay to which Contractor is entitled due to a cessation of Work that occurs at the Site while the unusual precipitation is occurring, an additional extension for the Delay to the critical path of activities affecting Substantial Completion that is the result of Contractor being unable, after cessation of the unusual precipitation at the Site, to proceed with performance of Work due to wet or muddy conditions at the Site (hereinafter referred to as "dry out" time); provided, however, that the amount of dry out time for which Contractor is entitled to an extension of time in any given calendar month shall not exceed the number of Days that is the product derived by multiplying (a) the number of Days of Excusable Delay to which Contractor is entitled due to a cessation of Work that occurs at the Site while such unusual precipitation is occurring, by (b) a fraction, the (i) numerator of which is the number of Days of Excusable Delay due to measurable unusual precipitation occurring at the Site during such calendar month that constitutes an Act of God as defined in Paragraph 1.1.2, above, and (ii) the denominator of which is the total number of Days of measurable precipitation occurring at the Site during said calendar month (including both the number of Days comprising the normal, 10-year monthly average of measurable precipitation recorded by NOAA and the excess, or unusual precipitation that constitutes an Act of God as defined in Paragraph 1.1.2, above).