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

ITEM: 3.21
(ID # 26788)
MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, January 14, 2025

FROM : FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

SUBJECT: FACILITIES MANAGEMENT (FM): Job Order Contract No. 020 - Approval of JOC020-20.1 Mechanical Trade Contract with Mesa Energy Systems, Inc.; All Districts. [$6,000,000 - 100% Interfund Reimbursement for Services]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the attached construction contract for Job Order Contract No. 020: JOC020-20.1 Mechanical, between the County of Riverside (County) and Mesa Energy Systems, Inc., for a maximum potential value of $6,000,000, and authorize the Chairman of the Board (Chairman) to execute the contract on behalf of the County; and

2. Authorize the Director of Facilities Management, or designee, to administer the JOC020-20.1 Mechanical contract in accordance with applicable Board policies.

ACTION:Policy, CIP

Vincent Yzaguirre 12/24/2024

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Spiegel, seconded by Supervisor Gutierrez and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes:	Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Gutierrez
Nays:	None
Absent:	None
Date:	January 14, 2025
xc:	FM

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board
By: Deputy

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	$ 3,000,000	$ 3,000,000	$ 6,000,000	$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: Interfund Reimbursement for Services – 100%			**Budget Adjustment:** No **For Fiscal Year:** 24/25-25/26	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:
Summary

On August 27, 2024, Item 3.25 the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved sixteen (16) JOC No. 020 contracts and its total funding limits for General Building Contractors and Trade Contractors for Flooring, Painting, and Roofing. In the same action, the Board authorized the Clerk of the Board to re-advertise the JOC020-20 Mechanical contract for re-bid and return to the Board for award.

On September 24, 2024, five pre-qualified mechanical contractors attended the mandatory pre-bid virtual conference, during which the JOC project delivery method and the County's bid process were described. On October 3, 2024, the bids were to be opened at the Clerk of the Board's Office and only one bid was received from Mesa Energy Systems, Inc. of Irvine, California, and forwarded to County Counsel for review and determined that the sole bid was a responsive and responsible bid.

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The JOC020-20.1 Mechanical contract will expire 12 months from the date the Notice to Proceed is issued for the first job order for the contract, or when all approved and completed job orders against the contract cumulatively amount to $6,000,000. Individual job orders will be issued against the $6,000,000 contract on a project-by-project basis.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

No direct impacts on residents or businesses are anticipated other than standard, incidental construction notice or traffic that may occur as projects are developed and performed. FM will coordinate with the contractor to minimize this impact to residents and businesses.

Additional Fiscal Information

The job orders issued for the JOC020-20.1 Mechanical contract will be reimbursed by the user departments who initiate projects. All costs associated with this Board action will be 100%

funded through Interfund Reimbursement for Services. $3,000,000 is anticipated to be expended in FY 24/25 and $3,000,000 is expected to be expended in 25/26.

Attachment:

- JOC020-20.1 Mechanical Contract with Mesa Energy Systems, Inc.

VY:MM:RM:SC General Form 11 – JOC020-20 MT Item #26788
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Evangelina Gregorio EO
Evangelina Gregorio EO, Principal Mgmt Analyst 1/3/2025

Kristine Bell-Valdez
Kristine Bell-Valdez, Supervising Deputy County Counsel 12/31/2024

Aaron Gettis
Aaron Gettis, Chief of Deputy County Counsel 12/31/2024

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

FOR

JOB ORDER CONTRACT No. 020-20.1 Mechanical

PREPARED BY
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
FACILITIES MANAGEMENT
PROJECT MANAGEMENT OFFICE
December 2024

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JOB ORDER CONTRACT (JOC)
STANDARD FORM OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
BETWEEN COUNTY AND CONTRACTOR

by and between

Mesa Energy Systms, Inc.

(the "Contractor")

And

THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

(the "County")

FOR:

JOC NO. 20-20.1

STANDARD FORM OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR JOC 20-33.1 BETWEEN COUNTY AND CONTRACTOR

THIS STANDARD FORM OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR JOC 20-20.1 BETWEEN COUNTY AND CONTRACTOR is entered into as of the date of the last signature on the signature page of this contract, by and between **THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE**, a political subdivision of the State of California ("County") and Mesa Energy Systems, Inc., a Corporation, ("Contractor") whose principal place of business is located at 2 Cromwell, Irvine, CA 92618.

ARTICLE 1
DEFINITIONS

Capitalized terms used in the Contract Documents shall have the meanings assigned to them in the General Conditions. If not defined in the General Conditions, they shall have the meanings assigned to them elsewhere in the Contract Documents. If not defined in the General Conditions or elsewhere, they shall have the meanings reasonably understood to apply to them by the context in which they are used.

ARTICLE 2
PERFORMANCE OF WORK

SCOPE OF WORK

Contractor shall execute the entire Work called for by the Contract Documents, except to the extent specifically indicated in the Contract Documents to be the responsibility of others.

STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE

In addition to and without limiting Contractor's other obligations under the Contract Documents, Contractor shall at all times in its performance of its obligations under the Contract Documents conform to the following general standards of performance:

2.2.1 the requirements of the Contract Documents;

2.2.2 the requirements and conditions of Applicable Laws;

2.2.3 the standard of care applicable to those who provide construction of the type called for by this Construction Contract for projects of a scope and complexity comparable to the Project;

2.2.4 Contractor shall furnish efficient business administration of the Work, utilizing sufficient senior level management and other qualified personnel to manage the Work; and

2.2.5 Contractor shall apply its best and highest skill and attention to completing the Work in an expeditious and economical manner, consistent with the expressed best interests of the County and within the limitations of the Contract Price and Contract Time.

ARTICLE 3
CONTRACT TIME

3.1.1 **Substantial Completion**. The contract shall expire three hundred sixty five (365) days from the issuance date of the first Notice to Proceed for a Job Order. Subject to Contract Adjustments permitted by the Contract Documents, Contractor shall achieve Substantial Completion of each Job Order within the time prescribed in each Job Order after the Date of Commencement of each Job Order.

3.1.2 Final Completion. Subject to Contract Adjustments permitted by the Contract Documents, Contractor shall achieve Final Completion of the Work of each Job Order within the time prescribed in each Job Order after the actual occurrence of Substantial Completion of each Job Order.

3.1.3 Contract Adjustments. The Contract Time for each Job Order shall be extended or shortened only in accordance with the provisions of the Contract Documents governing Contract Adjustments to the Contract Time and/or time of performance for each Job Order.

LIQUIDATED DAMAGES TO COUNTY

3.2.1 County's Right. County and Contractor acknowledge that if Contractor fails to Substantially Complete the Work within the Contract Time for Substantial Completion, County will suffer substantial Losses, which would be both extremely difficult and impracticable to ascertain. On that basis they agree, as a reasonable estimate of those Losses and not a penalty, to the assessment and recovery by County of liquidated damages under this Section 3.2.

3.2.2 Per Diem Rate. If Contractor fails to actually achieve Substantial Completion of the entire Work for a Job Order within the Contract Time for Substantial Completion for that Job Order, Contractor shall pay to County as liquidated damages the amount of $50 per Day for Job Orders less than $10,000 for each Day occurring after the expiration of the Job Order Time for Substantial Completion until Contractor achieves Substantial Completion of the entire Work of the subject Job Order; or $250 per Day for Job Orders $10,000 to $100,000 for each Day occurring after the expiration of the Job Order Time for Substantial Completion until Contractor achieves Substantial Completion of the entire Work of the subject Job Order; or $500 per Day for Job Orders over $100,000 for each Day occurring after the expiration of the Job Order Time for Substantial Completion until Contractor achieves Substantial Completion of the entire Work of the subject Job Order.

3.2.3 Adjustment for Extensions of Time. Subject to the provisions of Paragraph 8.2.8 of the General Conditions dealing with concurrency of Delays, liquidated damages shall not be charged to Contractor for a period of time for which the Contractor is entitled under the Contract Documents to a Contract Adjustment to the Contract Time for Substantial Completion for each Job Order.

3.2.4 Partial Completion. The liquidated damages provided for under this Section 3.2 shall not be reduced or apportioned: (1) for Substantial Completion of portions of the Work prior to Substantial Completion of the entirety of the Work for each Job Order; or (2) if portions of the Work of each Job Order are deleted pursuant to (a) the County's right to order Deleted Work via Supplemental Job Orders; or (b) a termination by County of a portion of any Job Order under the Construction Contract or a deletion of portion of Work of any Job Order for the convenience of the County or due to an Event of Contractor Default.

3.2.5 Remedies. County may deduct any liquidated damages payable under this Section 3.2 from money due or to become due to Contractor under the Contract Documents, or pursue any other legal remedy to collect such liquidated damages from Contractor and/or its Surety.

3.2.6 Not a Limitation. County's rights under this Section 3.2 shall not be interpreted as precluding or limiting: (1) any right or remedy of County arising from an Event of Contractor Default other than a failure to achieve Substantial Completion of the Work within the Contract Time for Substantial Completion established for each Job Order; or (2) County's right to order an acceleration, at Contractor's Own Expense, of performance of the Work to overcome Delay, including, without limitation, a Delay for which County has the right to assess liquidated damages under this Section 3.2.

3.3. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES TO CONTRACTOR

3.3.1 Contractor's Right. County and Contractor acknowledge and agree that if Contractor is unable due to Compensable Delay to actually achieve Substantial Completion of the Work for a Job Order within the Contract Time for Substantial Completion of that Job Order, Contractor and its affected Subcontractors will suffer Losses that would be both extremely difficult and impracticable to ascertain. On that basis they agree, as a reasonable estimate of those Losses and not a penalty, to the payment by County to Contractor of liquidated damages under this Section 3.3.

3.3.2 Daily Rate. Subject to the provisions of Paragraph 8.2.8 of the General Conditions dealing with concurrency of Delays, the Contract Price shall be increased by the same amounts as set forth in 3.2.2 from County to Contractor per Day as liquidated damages for each Day for which Contractor is entitled under the Contract Documents to a Contract Adjustment extending the Contract Time for Substantial Completion due to Compensable Delay, with no additional

amount added thereto or calculated thereon for Allowable Markup or any other markup for overhead or profit to Contractor or any Subcontractor, of any Tier.

3.3.3 Payment by County. A Change Order or Unilateral Change Order setting forth a Contract Adjustment to the Contract Price for liquidated damages permitted by this Section 3.3 shall be executed following, and not before, actual Substantial Completion and prior to or contemporaneously with Final Completion. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Contract Documents to the contrary and without limitation to the County's rights of withholding payment to Contractor as permitted elsewhere in the Contract Documents or under Applicable Laws, any amounts due to the Contractor under this Section 3.3 shall be payable as part of, and not prior to the due date for payment of, Final Payment to Contractor.

3.3.4 Deleted Work. A Contract Adjustment shall be made pursuant to Subparagraph 8.2.6.2 of the Supplementary General Conditions reducing the Contract Price and Contract Time in the event that the Contract Time is shortened due to (1) Deleted Work; or (2) a termination by County of a portion of the Construction Contract for convenience or due to an Event of Contractor Default.

3.3.5 Termination. County shall have no liability to Contractor to pay any liquidated damages under this Section 3.3, nor shall County have any other liability to Contractor or any Subcontractor for any Loss due to Delay (including, without limitation, Compensable Delay) in the event the Construction Contract is wholly terminated (whether such termination is a termination for cause by County or Contractor or a termination for convenience by County) at any time prior to expiration of the Contract Time for Substantial Completion set forth in Paragraph 3.1.1, above.

3.3.6 Exclusive Remedy. Liquidated damages payable by County under this Section 3.3 constitute the Contractor's sole and exclusive right and remedy for recovery from County of Losses to Contractor and its Subcontractors, of every Tier, that are attributable to Compensable Delay, regardless of the cause, duration or timing of the Compensable Delay and no other Contract Adjustment, or other form of compensation or reimbursement, of any kind, shall be made to Contractor or any Subcontractor, of any Tier, for any Loss resulting, directly or indirectly, from, or attributable to, any of the following: (1) Unexcused Delay or acceleration to overcome Unexcused Delay; (2) Excusable Delay or any acceleration not authorized by County in writing to overcome Excusable Delay; or (3) concurrency of a Compensable Delay with any different type or class of Unexcused Delay or Excusable Delay, whether such concurrency is a concurrency in cause or in effect.

3.3.7 WAIVER BY CONTRACTOR.

CONTRACTOR WAIVES THE RIGHT TO FURTHER RECOURSE OR RECOVERY OF COSTS OR DAMAGES BY REASON OF OR RELATED TO ANY DELAY (INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, COMPENSABLE DELAY) THAT IS IN EXCESS OF OR NOT RECOVERED BY CONTRACTOR AS PART OF THE LIQUIDATED DAMAGES PAYBLE TO CONTRACTOR UNDER THIS SECTION 3.3.

ARTICLE 4
CONTRACTOR COMPENSATION

CONTRACT PRICE

4.1.1 Contract Price. County shall pay the Contractor in current funds for the Contractor's performance of the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents, the Contract Price, exclusive of Contract Adjustments, of a minimum of Twenty-Five, Thousand Dollars ($25,000) and a maximum potential value of Six Million Dollars ($6,000,000) for all Job Orders cumulatively issued under the Construction Contract.

4.1.2 Basis. The Contract Price set forth in Paragraph 4.1.1, above, is the Minimum Obligation and the Maximum Potential Value stated in the Contract Documents. The contract will be paid on a Job Order by Job Order basis as projects are identified by the County and within the Contract Price range stated in Paragraph 4.1.1 above. The basis of payment for each Job Order will be the Adjustment Factor Bids submitted by Contractor.

4.1.3 Adjustments. The Contract Price is only subject to adjustment as permitted by the General Conditions for Contract Adjustments due to Compensable Changes, Deleted Work or Compensable Delay.

4.1.4 All-Inclusive Price. The Contract Price as adjusted for Contract Adjustment permitted by the Contract Documents is the total amount payable by County to Contractor for performance of the Work under the Contract Documents and is deemed to cover all Losses, foreseeable or unforeseeable, arising out of or related to past, present or future

circumstances within or outside the control of the Contractor or its Subcontractors affecting the time or cost of performing the Work, including, without limitation, the effects of natural elements upon the Work, unforeseen difficulties or obstructions affecting the performance of the Work (including, without limitation, unforeseen conditions at the Site that do not constitute Differing Site Conditions) and unforeseen fluctuations in market conditions and price escalations (whether occurring locally, nationally or internationally).

ARTICLE 5
ENUMERATION OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

LIST OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

The Contract Documents include, without limitation, the following:

5.1.1 Construction Contract. The Contract Documents include this executed Standard Form of Construction Contract for JOC Between County and Contractor, inclusive of Exhibit A – JOC System License and Exhibit B - JOC Fee Agreement.

5.1.2 General Conditions. The Contract Documents include ☒ General Conditions of the Standard Form of Construction Contract for JOC Between County and Contractor (Long Form) or ☐ Supplementary General Conditions of the Standard Form of Construction Contract Between County and Contractor (Short Form).

5.1.3 Specifications. The Contract Documents include the following Specifications:

Title	Distribution Link to CTC (General Building Contractors)	Date
The County of Riverside, Job Order Contract, Technical Specifications, All Divisions (1-43)	https://fortive.box.com/s/psmp3qhofdppup9wjmiqyy5ln66vq4i8	February 2024
Title	Distribution Link to CTC (Trade Contractors)	Divisions
The County of Riverside, Job Order Contract, Technical Specifications, All Divisions (1-43)	https://fortive.box.com/s/d9ypqcymablpc0rdp55izofbzfpb696v	February 2024

5.1.4 Drawings. Drawings may be issued with individual Job Orders and incorporated into each Job Order to which they may be applicable via the Job Order Documents associated with each Job Order.

5.1.5 Also incorporated herein are:

5.1.5.1. County of Riverside, Job Order Contract, Construction Task Catalog® (CTC), Books 1-1, dated February 2024.
https://fortive.box.com/s/psmp3qhofdppup9wjmiqyy5ln66vq4i8
https://fortive.box.com/s/d9ypqcymablpc0rdp55izofbzfpb696v

ARTICLE 6
SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

6.1 LABOR CODE SECTION 1861 CERTIFICATION

By signing below, Contractor certifies that he/she/it is aware of the provisions of Section 3700 of the California Labor Code which require every employer to be insured against liability for Worker's Compensation or to undertake self-insurance in

accordance with the provisions of the California Labor Code, and that he/she/it will comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of the Work.

CONTRACTORS ARE REQUIRED BY LAW TO BE LICENSED AND REGULATED BY THE CONTRACTORS' STATE LICENSE BOARD WHICH HAS JURISDICTION TO INVESTIGATE COMPLAINTS AGAINST CONTRACTORS IF A COMPLAINT REGARDING A PATENT ACT OR OMISSION IS FILED WITHIN FOUR YEARS OF THE DATE OF THE ALLEGED VIOLATION. A COMPLAINT REGARDING A LATENT ACT OR OMISSION PERTAINING TO STRUCTURAL DEFECTS MUST BE FILED WITHIN 10 YEARS OF THE DATE OF THE ALLEGED VIOLATION. ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING A CONTRACTOR MAY BE REFERRED TO THE REGISTRAR, CONTRACTORS' STATE LICENSE BOARD, P.O. BOX 26000, SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, 95826.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have made and executed three (3) originals of this Construction Contract, on _____ [to be filled in by Clerk of the Board].

[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE

"COUNTY"

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

By: _____
Chairman, Board of Supervisors
V. MANUEL PEREZ

ATTEST:

KIMBERLY RECTOR
Clerk of the Board

By: _____
(Deputy)

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
MINH C. TRAN
County Counsel

By: _____

Deputy County Counsel

"CONTRACTOR"

Mesa Energy Systems, Inc.

_____
(Sign on line above)

By: Stephen Hunt
(Type name)

Title: Chief Financial Officer

The following information must be provided concerning the Contractor:

State whether Contractor is corporation, Individual, partnership, joint venture or other:

corporation

If "other", enter legal form of business:

N/A

Enter address:

2 Cromwell
Irvine, CA 92618

Telephone: (949) 460-0460
Facsimile: N/A
Email: shunt@emcor.net
Employer State Tax ID #: _____
State Contractor License #: 611215

Department of Industrial Relations
Registration No: 1000000822

If Contractor is not an individual or corporation, list Names of 4 representatives who have authority to contractually bind Contractor:

N/A

If Contractor is a corporation, state:

Name of President: Ron Hickey
Name of Secretary: Robert Lake
State of Incorporation: CA

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EXHIBIT A
JOB ORDER CONTRACTING SYSTEM LICENSE

Owner selected The Gordian Group's (Gordian) Job Order Contracting (JOC) Solution for their JOC program. The Gordian JOC SolutionTM includes Gordian's proprietary JOC Software and JOC Applications, construction cost data, and Construction Task Catalog® which shall be used by the Contractor solely for the purpose of fulfilling its obligations under this Contract, including the preparation and submission of Job Order Proposals, Price Proposals, subcontractor lists, and other requirements specified by Owner. The Contractor shall be required to execute Gordian's JOC System License and Fee Agreement and pay a 1% JOC System License Fee to obtain access to the Gordian JOC SolutionTM. The JOC System License Fee applies to all Job Orders issued to the Contractor under the terms of this Contract. The Contractor shall include the JOC System License Fee in the Adjustment Factors.

Mesa Energy Systems, Inc. — Contractor

December 10, 2024 — Date

Project No. JOC No. 020-20.1

EXHIBIT B

JOC FEE AGREEMENT

The County shall pay Gordian in accordance with the provisions set forth below.

The County shall pay Gordian the fees, in percentage format, for each service listed below, which will be charged to the County based upon the value of each individual JOC Job Order only as the project job orders are awarded.

In consideration for the Gordian JOC Consultant Services for Base Services, including a license to the proprietary information as set forth in the JOC Information Management System (IMS) License of Attachment A, the County shall pay Gordian, Tier 1 - Base Service Fee set forth below:

Tier 1 - Base Service Fee:	1.95% of the value of each JOC Job Order through the JOC Program and Services.
○ Option Fee - Price Proposal Review:	1% in addition to the Base Service Fee of 1.95% of the value of each JOC Job Order for which the County requests price proposal review.

In consideration for Tier 2 - Enhanced Services, the County shall pay the following fee in addition to the Base Service Fee, excluding the 1% Option Fee, set forth above:

Tier 2 - Enhanced Service Fee:	3.05% of the value of each JOC Job Order for which the County requests Enhanced Services.

In consideration for Tier 3 - Project Management Services, the County shall pay the following fee in addition to Tiers 1 and 2 set forth above, excluding the 1% Option Fee, set forth above:

Tier 3 – Project Management Fee:	5.95% of the value of each JOC Job Order for which the County requests project management services.

Tiers 1 and 2 are payable when the work is ordered from the JOC Contractor and the construction of the project has begun. The Option of Price Proposal Review Fee of 1% is payable upon the issuance of the Job Order from the County. Tier 3 - Project Management Fee is payable when construction of the Job Order has been completed and accepted by the County as complete, except at the election of Gordian Job Orders requiring more than sixty (60) days to complete, may be invoiced monthly on a percentage of completion basis.

Contractor License Fee

In addition to the fees set forth above, Gordian will charge each JOC Contractor a Contractor License Fee of one percent (1.00%) of the value of each JOC Job Order or similar purchasing document issued to the JOC contractor by the County. The Contractor License Fee is assessed to the JOC Contractor in return for their access to our proprietary construction data and JOC applications, and Gordian is responsible for all administrative duties related to the invoicing and collections of the Contractor License Fee. The Contractor License Fee is payable by the JOC Contractor when a JOC Job Order is issued by the County.

Mesa Energy Systems, Inc.
Contractor

December 10, 2024
Date

12-PAYMENT BOND

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

WHEREAS, the Delano Union School District, (referred to as "Owner"), has awarded to Mesa Energy Systems, Inc., dba EMCOR Services Mesa Energy (referred to as the "Contractor/ Principal") a contract for the work described as follows: Cal Shape Plumbing Project-DUSD.

WHEREAS, Contractor/Principal is required by Division 4, Part 6, Title 3, Chapter 5 (commencing at Section 9550) of the California Civil Code to furnish a bond in connection with the contract;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Contractor/Principal and Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America & Federal Insurance Company as Surety, are held firmly bound unto Owner in the penal sum of two hundred eight thousand seventy-nine and 00/100 Dollars ($208,079.00), lawful money of the United States of America for the payment of which sum well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH that if the Contractor/Principal, his/her or its heirs, executors, administrators, successors, or assigns, or a subcontractor, shall fail to pay any person or persons named in Civil Code Section 9100 or fail to pay for any materials or other supplies used in, upon, for, or about the performance of the work contracted to be done, or for any work or labor thereon of any kind, or for amounts due under the Unemployment Insurance Code with respect to work or labor thereon of any kind, or shall fail to deduct, withhold, and pay over to the Employment Development Department any amounts required to be deducted, withheld, and paid over by Section 13020 of the Unemployment Insurance Code with respect to work and labor thereon of any kind, then said Surety will pay for the same, in or to an amount not exceeding the amount set forth above, and in case suit is brought upon this bond Surety will also pay such reasonable attorney's fees as shall be fixed by the court, awarded and taxed as provided in Division 4, Part 6, Title 3, Chapter 5 (commencing at Section 9550) of the California Civil Code.

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

It is further stipulated and agreed that the Surety of this bond shall not be exonerated or released from the obligation of the bond by any change, extension of time for performance, addition, alteration, or modification in, to, or of any contract, plans, specifications, or agreement pertaining or relating to any scheme or work of improvement described above or pertaining or relating to the furnishing of labor, materials, or equipment therefor, nor by any change or modification of any terms of payment or extension of the time for any payment pertaining or relating to any scheme or work of improvement described above, nor by any rescission or attempted rescission of the contract, agreement, or bond, nor by any conditions precedent or subsequent in the bond attempting to limit the right of recovery of claimants otherwise entitled to recover under any such contract or agreement or under the bond, nor by any fraud practiced by any person other than the claimant seeking to recover on the bond, and

that this bond be construed most strongly against the Surety and in favor of all persons for whose benefit such bond is given, and under no circumstances shall Surety be released from liability to those for whose benefit such bond has been given, by reason of any breach of contract between the Owner and original contractor or on the part of any obligee named in such bond, but the sole conditions of recovery shall be that claimant is a person described in Section 8400 and 8402 of the California Civil Code and has not been paid the full amount of his/her or its claim and that Surety does hereby waive notice of any such change, extension of time, addition, alteration, or modification.

Any claims under this bond may be addressed to:

Name & address of Surety	Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America One Tower Square, Hartford, CT 06183 & Federal Insurance Company 202B Hall's Mill Road, Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889
Name & address of agent or representative in California, if different than above	Charlene K. Nakamura Alliant Insurance Services, Inc. 333 S. Hope Street, Suite 3750 Los Angeles, CA 90071
Telephone # of Surety, or agent or representative in California	213-443-2467

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereto set our hands and seals on this 3rd day of December , 2024 .

[SEAL]

Contractor/Principal Mesa Energy Systems, Inc., dba EMCOR Services Mesa Energy

By: _____
Signature

RONALD HICKEY
Print Name Above

PRESIDENT
Print Title Above

Surety: Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America & Federal Insurance Company

By: _____
Signature

Print Name Above Camille Maitland

Print Title Above Attorney-In-Fact

[SEAL AND NOTARIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SURETY]

CALIFORNIA ALL-PURPOSE ACKNOWLEDGMENT — Civil Code § 1189

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

State of California)
) ss
County of ORANGE)

On December 9, 2024, before me, LAUREN Ashlee Barbarino, Notary Public, personally appeared RONald Hickey, who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

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

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

LAUREN ASHLEE BARBARINO
Notary Public - California
Orange County
Commission # 2439173
My Comm. Expires Feb 25, 2027

Signature: _____

(Seal) , Notary Public

TRAVELERS

Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America
Travelers Casualty and Surety Company
St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company, and St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company are corporations duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut (herein collectively called the "Companies"), and the Companies do hereby make, constitute and appoint **Camille Maitland** of **UNIONDALE**, **New York**, their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact to sign, execute, seal and acknowledge any and all bonds, recognizances, conditional undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof on behalf of the Companies in their business of guaranteeing the fidelity of persons, guaranteeing the performance of contracts and executing or guaranteeing bonds and undertakings required or permitted in any actions or proceedings allowed by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Companies have caused this instrument to be signed, and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed, this **16th** day of **February, 2024**.

SEAL SEAL SEAL

State of Connecticut

By: _____
Bryce Grissom, Senior Vice President

City of Hartford ss.

On this the **16th** day of **February, 2024**, before me personally appeared **Bryce Grissom**, who acknowledged himself to be the Senior Vice President of each of the Companies, and that he, as such, being authorized so to do, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained by signing on behalf of said Companies by himself as a duly authorized officer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

My Commission expires the **30th** day of **June, 2026**

ANNA P NOWIK NOTARY PUBLIC CONNECTICUT

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Anna P. Nowik, Notary Public

This Power of Attorney is granted under and by the authority of the following resolutions adopted by the Boards of Directors of each of the Companies, which resolutions are now in full force and effect, reading as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Chairman, the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President, any Vice President, any Second Vice President, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Corporate Secretary or any Assistant Secretary may appoint Attorneys-in-Fact and Agents to act for and on behalf of the Company and may give such appointee such authority as his or her certificate of authority may prescribe to sign with the Company's name and seal with the Company's seal bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and other writings obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking, and any of said officers or the Board of Directors at any time may remove any such appointee and revoke the power given him or her; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman, the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President or any Vice President may delegate all or any part of the foregoing authority to one or more officers or employees of this Company, provided that each such delegation is in writing and a copy thereof is filed in the office of the Secretary; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any bond, recognizance, contract of indemnity, or writing obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking shall be valid and binding upon the Company when (a) signed by the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President or any Vice President, any Second Vice President, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Corporate Secretary or any Assistant Secretary and duly attested and sealed with the Company's seal by a Secretary or Assistant Secretary; or (b) duly executed (under seal, if required) by one or more Attorneys-in-Fact and Agents pursuant to the power prescribed in his or her certificate or their certificates of authority or by one or more Company officers pursuant to a written delegation of authority; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the signature of each of the following officers: President, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President, any Vice President, any Assistant Vice President, any Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any Power of Attorney or to any certificate relating thereto appointing Resident Vice Presidents, Resident Assistant Secretaries or Attorneys-in-Fact for purposes only of executing and attesting bonds and undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and any such Power of Attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signature or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company and any such power so executed and certified by such facsimile signature and facsimile seal shall be valid and binding on the Company in the future with respect to any bond or understanding to which it is attached.

I, **Kevin E. Hughes**, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary of each of the Companies, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Power of Attorney executed by said Companies, which remains in full force and effect.

Dated this **3rd** day of **December**, **2024**.

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Kevin E. Hughes, Assistant Secretary

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Please refer to the above-named Attorney(s)-in-Fact and the details of the bond to which this Power of Attorney is attached.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SURETY COMPANY

STATE OF NEW YORK

COUNTY OF NASSAU

On this **December 3, 2024** before me personally came Camille Maitland to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say; that he/she resides in Nassau County, State of New York, that he/she is the Attorney-In-Fact of the Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America the corporation described in which executed the above instrument; that he/she knows the seal of said corporation; that the seal affixed to said instrument is such corporate seal; that is was so affixed by the Board of Directors of said corporation; and that he/she signed his/her name thereto by like order; and the affiant did further depose and say that the Superintendent of Insurance of the State of New York, has, pursuant to Section 1111 of the Insurance Law of the State of New York, issued to Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America (Surety) his/her certificate of qualification evidencing the qualification of said Company and its sufficiency under any law of the State of New York as surety and guarantor, and the propriety of accepting and approving it as such; and that such Certificate has not been revoked.

Notary Public

DONNAMARIE A KISSANE
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 01KI6297783
Qualified in Nassau County
Commission Expires 03/03/2026

TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA

HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06183

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023

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NET DEFERRED TAX ASSET	72,421,341	POLICYHOLDER DIVIDENDS	21,388,522
GUARANTY FUNDS RECEIVABLE OR ON DEPOSIT	1,798,901	CEDED REINSURANCE NET PREMIUMS PAYABLE	62,914,516
OTHER ASSETS	818,309	AMOUNTS WITHHELD / RETAINED BY COMPANY FOR OTHERS	21,072,858
		REMITTANCES AND ITEMS NOT ALLOCATED	7,201,721
		PROVISION FOR REINSURANCE	9,891,783
		PAYABLE FOR SECURITIES LENDING	13,350,613
		OTHER ACCRUED EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES	409,380
		TOTAL LIABILITIES	$ 3,429,701,342
		CAPITAL STOCK	$ 6,480,000
		PAID IN SURPLUS	433,803,760
		OTHER SURPLUS	1,877,950,956
		TOTAL SURPLUS TO POLICYHOLDERS	$ 2,318,234,716
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 5,747,936,058	TOTAL LIABILITIES & SURPLUS	$ 5,747,936,058

STATE OF CONNECTICUT)

COUNTY OF HARTFORD) SS.

CITY OF HARTFORD)

MICHAEL J. DOODY, BEING DULY SWORN, SAYS THAT HE IS VICE PRESIDENT – FINANCE, OF TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA, AND THAT TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF SAID COMPANY AS OF THE 31ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023.

Michael J Doody

VICE PRESIDENT – FINANCE

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS
15TH DAY OF MARCH, 2024

NOTARY PUBLIC

SUSAN M. WEISSLEDER
Notary Public
My Commission Expires November 30, 2027

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Power of Attorney

Federal Insurance Company | Vigilant Insurance Company | Pacific Indemnity Company
Westchester Fire Insurance Company | ACE American Insurance Company

Know All by These Presents, that **FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY**, an Indiana corporation, **VIGILANT INSURANCE COMPANY**, a New York corporation, **PACIFIC INDEMNITY COMPANY**, a Wisconsin corporation, **WESTCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY** and **ACE AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY** corporations of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do each hereby constitute and appoint Katherine Acosta, Thomas Bean, George O. Brewster, Desiree Cardlin, Colette R. Chisholm, Dana Granice, Susan Lupski, Gerard S. Macholz, Camille Maitland, Robert T. Pearson, Karolynne Ramirez, Nelly Renchiwich, Vincent A. Walsh and Michelle Wannamaker of Uniondale, New York ----------

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

In Witness Whereof, said **FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, VIGILANT INSURANCE COMPANY, PACIFIC INDEMNITY COMPANY, WESTCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY** and **ACE AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY** have each executed and attested these presents and affixed their corporate seals on this **5th** day of **April, 2024.**

Rupert HD Swindells, Assistant Secretary

Warren Eichhorn, Vice President

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
County of Hunterdon SS

On this **5th** day of **April, 2024** before me, a Notary Public of New Jersey, personally came Rupert HD Swindells and Warren Eichhorn, to me known to be Assistant Secretary and Vice President, respectively, of FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, VIGILANT INSURANCE COMPANY, PACIFIC INDEMNITY COMPANY, WESTCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY and ACE AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY, the companies which executed the foregoing Power of Attorney, and the said Rupert HD Swindells and Warren Eichhorn, being by me duly sworn, severally and each for himself did depose and say that they are Assistant Secretary and Vice President, respectively, of FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, VIGILANT INSURANCE COMPANY, PACIFIC INDEMNITY COMPANY, WESTCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY and ACE AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY and know the corporate seals thereof, that the seals affixed to the foregoing Power of Attorney are such corporate seals and were thereto affixed by authority of said Companies; and that their signatures as such officers were duly affixed and subscribed by like authority.

Notarial Seal

Albert Contursi
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
No 50202369
Commission Expires August 22,2027

Notary Public

CERTIFICATION

Resolutions adopted by the Boards of Directors of FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, VIGILANT INSURANCE COMPANY, and PACIFIC INDEMNITY COMPANY on August 30, 2016; WESTCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY on December 11, 2006; and ACE AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY on March 20, 2009:

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

(1) Each of the Chairman, the President and the Vice Presidents of the Company is hereby authorized to execute any Written Commitment for and on behalf of the Company, under the seal of the Company or otherwise.

(2) Each duly appointed attorney-in-fact of the Company is hereby authorized to execute any Written Commitment for and on behalf of the Company, under the seal of the Company or otherwise, to the extent that such action is authorized by the grant of powers provided for in such person's written appointment as such attorney-in-fact.

(3) Each of the Chairman, the President and the Vice Presidents of the Company is hereby authorized, for and on behalf of the Company, to appoint in writing any person the attorney-in-fact of the Company with full power and authority to execute, for and on behalf of the Company, under the seal of the Company or otherwise, such Written Commitments of the Company as may be specified in such written appointment, which specification may be by general type or class of Written Commitments or by specification of one or more particular Written Commitments.

(4) Each of the Chairman, the President and the Vice Presidents of the Company is hereby authorized, for and on behalf of the Company, to delegate in writing to any other officer of the Company the authority to execute, for and on behalf of the Company, under the Company's seal or otherwise, such Written Commitments of the Company as are specified in such written delegation, which specification may be by general type or class of Written Commitments or by specification of one or more particular Written Commitments.

(5) The signature of any officer or other person executing any Written Commitment or appointment or delegation pursuant to this Resolution, and the seal of the Company, may be affixed by facsimile on such Written Commitment or written appointment or delegation.

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

I, Rupert HD Swindells, Assistant Secretary of FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, VIGILANT INSURANCE COMPANY, PACIFIC INDEMNITY COMPANY, WESTCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY and ACE AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY (the "Companies") do hereby certify that

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

Given under my hand and seals of said Companies at Whitehouse Station, NJ, this **December 3, 2024**

Rupert HD Swindells, Assistant Secretary

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SURETY COMPANY

STATE OF NEW YORK

COUNTY OF NASSAU

On this **December 3, 2024** before me personally came Camille Maitland to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say; that he/she resides in Nassau County, State of New York, that he/she is the Attorney-In-Fact of the Federal Insurance Company the corporation described in which executed the above instrument; that he/she knows the seal of said corporation; that the seal affixed to said instrument is such corporate seal; that is was so affixed by the Board of Directors of said corporation; and that he/she signed his/her name thereto by like order; and the affiant did further depose and say that the Superintendent of Insurance of the State of New York, has, pursuant to Section 1111 of the Insurance Law of the State of New York, issued to Federal Insurance Company (Surety) his/her certificate of qualification evidencing the qualification of said Company and its sufficiency under any law of the State of New York as surety and guarantor, and the propriety of accepting and approving it as such; and that such Certificate has not been revoked.

Notary Public

DONNAMARIE A KISSANE
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 01KI6297783
Qualified in Nassau County
Commission Expires 03/03/2026

FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY

STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS TO POLICYHOLDERS

Statutory Basis

December 31, 2023

(in thousands)

ASSETS		*LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS TO POLICYHOLDERS*	
Cash, Cash Equivalents, and ST Investments	$ 258,260	Outstanding Losses and Loss Expenses	$ 9,827,827
United States Government, State and Municipal Bonds	3,248,130	Reinsurance Payable on Losses and Expenses	1,716,382
Other Bonds	7,765,968	Unearned Premiums	2,899,835
Stocks	283,737	Ceded Reinsurance Premiums Payable	344,549
Other Invested Assets	1,763,264	Other Liabilities	516,090
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	13,319,359	TOTAL LIABILITIES	15,304,683
Investments in Affiliates:		Capital Stock	20,980
Great Northern Ins. Co	433,797	Paid-In Surplus	2,711,474
Vigilant Ins. Co.	380,848	Unassigned Funds	2,079,218
Chubb Indemnity Ins. Co.	188,514		
Chubb National Ins. Co.	199,440	SURPLUS TO POLICYHOLDERS	4,811,672
Other Affiliates	117,568		
Premiums Receivable	2,262,901		
Other Assets	3,215,928		
TOTAL ADMITTED ASSETS	$ 20,116,355	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	$20,116,355

Investments are valued in accordance with requirements of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. At December 31, 2023, investments with a carrying value of $565,024,973 were deposited with government authorities as required by law.

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA

John Taylor, being duly sworn, says that he is Senior Vice President of Federal Insurance Company and that to the best of his knowledge and belief the foregoing is a true and correct statement of the said Company's financial condition as of the 31 st day of December, 2023.

Sworn before me this March 11, 2024

Senior Vice President

Diane Wright

Notary Public

August 8, 2027

My commission expires

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania - Notary Seal
Diane Wright, Notary Public
Philadelphia County
My commission expires August 8, 2027
Commission number 1235745

Member, Pennsylvania Association of Notaries

13-PERFORMANCE BOND

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

WHEREAS, the Delano Union School District (referred to as "Owner"), has awarded to Mesa Energy Systems, Inc., dba EMCOR Services Mesa Energy (referred to as "Contractor/Principal") a contract for the work described as follows: Cal Shape Plumbing Project-DUSD.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Contractor/Principal and Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America & Federal Insurance Company, as Surety, are held firmly bound unto Owner in the penal sum of two hundred eight thousand seventy-nine and 00/100 Dollars ($208,079.00), lawful money of the United States of America for the payment of which sum well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

THE CONDITIONS OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH THAT, if the hereby bonded Contractor/Principal, its heirs, executors, administrators, successors, or assigns, shall in all things stand to and abide by and well and truly keep and perform all the undertakings, terms, covenants, conditions, and agreements in the said contract and any alteration thereof, made as therein provided, including but not limited to the provisions regarding contract duration, indemnification, and liquidated damages, all within the time and in the manner therein designated in all respects according to their true intent and meaning, then this obligation shall become null and void; otherwise, it shall be and remain in full force and effect.

As a condition precedent to the satisfactory completion of the contract, the above obligation shall hold good for a period of one (1) year(s) after the acceptance of the work by the Owner, during which time if Contractor/Principal shall fail to make full, complete, and satisfactory repair and replacements and totally protect the Owner from loss or damage made evident during the period of one (1) year(s) from the date of completion of the work, and resulting from or caused by defective materials or faulty workmanship, the above obligation in penal sum thereof shall remain in full force and effect. The obligation of Surety under this bond shall continue so long as any obligation of Contractor/Principal remains.

Whenever Contractor/Principal shall be, and is declared by the Owner to be, in default under the contract, the Owner having performed the Owner's obligations under the contract, the Surety shall promptly remedy the default, or shall promptly:

1. Complete the contract in accordance with its terms and conditions; or

2. Obtain a bid or bids for completing the contract in accordance with its terms and conditions, an upon determination by Surety of the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, arrange for a contract between such bidder and the Owner, and make available as work progresses sufficient funds to pay the cost of completion less the balance of the contract price, but not exceeding, including other costs and damages for which Surety may be liable under this Performance Bond, the amount set forth above. The term "balance of the contract price" as used in this paragraph shall mean the total amount payable to Contractor/Principal by the Owner under the

contract and any modifications to it, less the amount previously paid by the Owner to the Contractor/Principal.

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

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

No right of action shall accrue on this bond to or for the use of any person or corporation other than the Owner named herein or the successors or assigns of the Owner. Any suit under this bond must be instituted within the applicable statute of limitations period.

FURTHER, for value received, the Surety hereby stipulates and agrees that no change, extension of time, alternation, or modification of the Contract Documents, or of the work to be performed under them, shall in any way affect its obligations on this bond; and it does hereby waive notice of any change, extension of time, alteration, or modification of the Contract Documents or of work to be performed under them.

Contractor/Principal and Surety agree that if the Owner is required to engage the services of an attorney in connection with the enforcement of this bond, each shall pay Owner's reasonable attorney's fees incurred, with or without suit, in addition to the above amount.

Any claims under this bond may be addressed to:

Name and address of Surety:
Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, One Tower Square, Hartford, CT 06183 &
Federal Insurance Company, 202B Hall's Mill Road, Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889

Name and address of agent or representative in California, if different than above:
Charlene K. Nakamura
Alliant Insurance Services, Inc.
333 S. Hope Street, Suite 3750, Los Angeles, CA 90071
Telephone number of Surety, or agent or representative in California: 213-443-2467

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereto set our hands and seals on this 3rd day of December , 2024 .

[*SEAL*]

CONTRACTOR/PRINCIPAL Mesa Energy Systems, Inc., dba EMCOR Services Mesa Energy

By _____
Signature

Ronald Hickey
Type or Print Name Above

President
Type of Print Title Above

SURETY Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America &
Federal Insurance Company

By Camille Maitland

Signature

Type or Print Name Above Camille Maitland

Type of Print Title Above Attorney-In-Fact

[*SEAL AND NOTARIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SURETY*]

CALIFORNIA ALL-PURPOSE ACKNOWLEDGMENT Civil Code § 1189

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

State of California)
) ss
County of ORANGE)

On December 9, 2024, before me, LAUREN Ashlee BARBARINO, Notary Public, personally appeared RONALD Hickey, who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

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

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

LAUREN ASHLEE BARBARINO
Notary Public - California
Orange County
Commission # 2439173
My Comm. Expires Feb 25, 2027

Signature: _____

(Seal) , Notary Public

TRAVELERS

Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America
Travelers Casualty and Surety Company
St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company, and St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company are corporations duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut (herein collectively called the "Companies"), and the Companies do hereby make, constitute and appoint **Camille Maitland** of **UNIONDALE**, **New York**, their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact to sign, execute, seal and acknowledge any and all bonds, recognizances, conditional undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof on behalf of the Companies in their business of guaranteeing the fidelity of persons, guaranteeing the performance of contracts and executing or guaranteeing bonds and undertakings required or permitted in any actions or proceedings allowed by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Companies have caused this instrument to be signed, and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed, this **16th** day of **February, 2024**.

State of Connecticut

By: _____
Bryce Grissom, Senior Vice President

City of Hartford ss.

On this the **16th** day of **February, 2024**, before me personally appeared **Bryce Grissom**, who acknowledged himself to be the Senior Vice President of each of the Companies, and that he, as such, being authorized so to do, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained by signing on behalf of said Companies by himself as a duly authorized officer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

My Commission expires the **30th** day of **June, 2026**

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Anna P. Nowik, Notary Public

This Power of Attorney is granted under and by the authority of the following resolutions adopted by the Boards of Directors of each of the Companies, which resolutions are now in full force and effect, reading as follows:

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FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman, the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President or any Vice President may delegate all or any part of the foregoing authority to one or more officers or employees of this Company, provided that each such delegation is in writing and a copy thereof is filed in the office of the Secretary; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any bond, recognizance, contract of indemnity, or writing obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking shall be valid and binding upon the Company when (a) signed by the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President or any Vice President, any Second Vice President, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Corporate Secretary or any Assistant Secretary and duly attested and sealed with the Company's seal by a Secretary or Assistant Secretary; or (b) duly executed (under seal, if required) by one or more Attorneys-in-Fact and Agents pursuant to the power prescribed in his or her certificate or their certificates of authority or by one or more Company officers pursuant to a written delegation of authority; and it is

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I, **Kevin E. Hughes**, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary of each of the Companies, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Power of Attorney executed by said Companies, which remains in full force and effect.

Dated this **3rd** day of **December**, **2024**.

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HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06183

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PREMIUM BALANCES	325,304,977	UNEARNED PREMIUMS	1,515,112,686
REINSURANCE RECOVERABLE	27,997,684	ADVANCE PREMIUM	4,091,249
NET DEFERRED TAX ASSET	72,421,341	POLICYHOLDER DIVIDENDS	21,388,522
GUARANTY FUNDS RECEIVABLE OR ON DEPOSIT	1,798,901	CEDED REINSURANCE NET PREMIUMS PAYABLE	62,914,516
OTHER ASSETS	818,309	AMOUNTS WITHHELD / RETAINED BY COMPANY FOR OTHERS	21,072,858
		REMITTANCES AND ITEMS NOT ALLOCATED	7,201,721
		PROVISION FOR REINSURANCE	9,891,783
		PAYABLE FOR SECURITIES LENDING	13,350,613
		OTHER ACCRUED EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES	409,380
		TOTAL LIABILITIES	$ 3,429,701,342
		CAPITAL STOCK	$ 6,480,000
		PAID IN SURPLUS	433,803,760
		OTHER SURPLUS	1,877,950,956
		TOTAL SURPLUS TO POLICYHOLDERS	$ 2,318,234,716
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 5,747,936,058	TOTAL LIABILITIES & SURPLUS	$ 5,747,936,058

STATE OF CONNECTICUT)

COUNTY OF HARTFORD) SS.

CITY OF HARTFORD)

MICHAEL J. DOODY, BEING DULY SWORN, SAYS THAT HE IS VICE PRESIDENT – FINANCE, OF TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA, AND THAT TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF SAID COMPANY AS OF THE 31ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023.

Michael J Doody

VICE PRESIDENT – FINANCE

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS
15TH DAY OF MARCH, 2024

Susan M Weissleder

NOTARY PUBLIC

SUSAN M. WEISSLEDER
Notary Public
My Commission Expires November 30, 2027

CHUBB

Power of Attorney

Federal Insurance Company | Vigilant Insurance Company | Pacific Indemnity Company
Westchester Fire Insurance Company | ACE American Insurance Company

Know All by These Presents, that **FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY**, an Indiana corporation, **VIGILANT INSURANCE COMPANY**, a New York corporation, **PACIFIC INDEMNITY COMPANY**, a Wisconsin corporation, **WESTCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY** and **ACE AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY** corporations of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do each hereby constitute and appoint Katherine Acosta, Thomas Bean, George O. Brewster, Desiree Cardlin, Colette R. Chisholm, Dana Granice, Susan Lupski, Gerard S. Macholz, Camille Maitland, Robert T. Pearson, Karolynne Ramirez, Nelly Renchiwich, Vincent A. Walsh and Michelle Wannamaker of Uniondale, New York ----------

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

In Witness Whereof, said **FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, VIGILANT INSURANCE COMPANY, PACIFIC INDEMNITY COMPANY, WESTCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY** and **ACE AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY** have each executed and attested these presents and affixed their corporate seals on this **5th** day of **April, 2024.**

Rupert HD Swindells, Assistant Secretary

Warren Eichhorn, Vice President

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
County of Hunterdon SS

On this **5th** day of **April, 2024** before me, a Notary Public of New Jersey, personally came Rupert HD Swindells and Warren Eichhorn, to me known to be Assistant Secretary and Vice President, respectively, of FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, VIGILANT INSURANCE COMPANY, PACIFIC INDEMNITY COMPANY, WESTCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY and ACE AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY, the companies which executed the foregoing Power of Attorney, and the said Rupert HD Swindells and Warren Eichhorn, being by me duly sworn, severally and each for himself did depose and say that they are Assistant Secretary and Vice President, respectively, of FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, VIGILANT INSURANCE COMPANY, PACIFIC INDEMNITY COMPANY, WESTCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY and ACE AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY and know the corporate seals thereof, that the seals affixed to the foregoing Power of Attorney are such corporate seals and were thereto affixed by authority of said Companies; and that their signatures as such officers were duly affixed and subscribed by like authority.

Notarial Seal

Albert Contursi
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
No 50202369
Commission Expires August 22,2027

Notary Public

CERTIFICATION

Resolutions adopted by the Boards of Directors of FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, VIGILANT INSURANCE COMPANY, and PACIFIC INDEMNITY COMPANY on August 30, 2016; WESTCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY on December 11, 2006; and ACE AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY on March 20, 2009:

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

(1) Each of the Chairman, the President and the Vice Presidents of the Company is hereby authorized to execute any Written Commitment for and on behalf of the Company, under the seal of the Company or otherwise.

(2) Each duly appointed attorney-in-fact of the Company is hereby authorized to execute any Written Commitment for and on behalf of the Company, under the seal of the Company or otherwise, to the extent that such action is authorized by the grant of powers provided for in such person's written appointment as such attorney-in-fact.

(3) Each of the Chairman, the President and the Vice Presidents of the Company is hereby authorized, for and on behalf of the Company, to appoint in writing any person the attorney-in-fact of the Company with full power and authority to execute, for and on behalf of the Company, under the seal of the Company or otherwise, such Written Commitments of the Company as may be specified in such written appointment, which specification may be by general type or class of Written Commitments or by specification of one or more particular Written Commitments.

(4) Each of the Chairman, the President and the Vice Presidents of the Company is hereby authorized, for and on behalf of the Company, to delegate in writing to any other officer of the Company the authority to execute, for and on behalf of the Company, under the Company's seal or otherwise, such Written Commitments of the Company as are specified in such written delegation, which specification may be by general type or class of Written Commitments or by specification of one or more particular Written Commitments.

(5) The signature of any officer or other person executing any Written Commitment or appointment or delegation pursuant to this Resolution, and the seal of the Company, may be affixed by facsimile on such Written Commitment or written appointment or delegation.

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

I, Rupert HD Swindells, Assistant Secretary of FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, VIGILANT INSURANCE COMPANY, PACIFIC INDEMNITY COMPANY, WESTCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY and ACE AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY (the "Companies") do hereby certify that

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

Given under my hand and seals of said Companies at Whitehouse Station, NJ, this **December 3, 2024**

Rupert HD Swindells, Assistant Secretary

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SURETY COMPANY

STATE OF NEW YORK

COUNTY OF NASSAU

On this **December 3, 2024** before me personally came Camille Maitland to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say; that he/she resides in Nassau County, State of New York, that he/she is the Attorney-In-Fact of the Federal Insurance Company the corporation described in which executed the above instrument; that he/she knows the seal of said corporation; that the seal affixed to said instrument is such corporate seal; that is was so affixed by the Board of Directors of said corporation; and that he/she signed his/her name thereto by like order; and the affiant did further depose and say that the Superintendent of Insurance of the State of New York, has, pursuant to Section 1111 of the Insurance Law of the State of New York, issued to Federal Insurance Company (Surety) his/her certificate of qualification evidencing the qualification of said Company and its sufficiency under any law of the State of New York as surety and guarantor, and the propriety of accepting and approving it as such; and that such Certificate has not been revoked.

Notary Public

DONNAMARIE A KISSANE
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 01KI6297783
Qualified in Nassau County
Commission Expires 03/03/2026

FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY

STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS TO POLICYHOLDERS

Statutory Basis

December 31, 2023

(in thousands)

ASSETS		*LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS TO POLICYHOLDERS*	
Cash, Cash Equivalents, and ST Investments	$ 258,260	Outstanding Losses and Loss Expenses	$ 9,827,827
United States Government, State and Municipal Bonds	3,248,130	Reinsurance Payable on Losses and Expenses	1,716,382
Other Bonds	7,765,968	Unearned Premiums	2,899,835
Stocks	283,737	Ceded Reinsurance Premiums Payable	344,549
Other Invested Assets	1,763,264	Other Liabilities	516,090
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	13,319,359	TOTAL LIABILITIES	15,304,683
Investments in Affiliates:		Capital Stock	20,980
Great Northern Ins. Co	433,797	Paid-In Surplus	2,711,474
Vigilant Ins. Co.	380,848	Unassigned Funds	2,079,218
Chubb Indemnity Ins. Co.	188,514		
Chubb National Ins. Co.	199,440	SURPLUS TO POLICYHOLDERS	4,811,672
Other Affiliates	117,568		
Premiums Receivable	2,262,901		
Other Assets	3,215,928		
TOTAL ADMITTED ASSETS	$ 20,116,355	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	$ 20,116,355

Investments are valued in accordance with requirements of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. At December 31, 2023, investments with a carrying value of $585,024,973 were deposited with government authorities as required by law.

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA

John Taylor, being duly sworn, says that he is Senior Vice President of Federal Insurance Company and that to the best of his knowledge and belief the foregoing is a true and correct statement of the said Company's financial condition as of the 31 st day of December, 2023.

Sworn before me this March 11, 2024

Senior Vice President

Notary Public

August 8, 2027
My commission expires

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania - Notary Seal
Diane Wright, Notary Public
Philadelphia County
My commission expires August 8, 2027
Commission number 1235745
Member, Pennsylvania Association of Notaries

CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY): 12/11/2024

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must have ADDITIONAL INSURED provisions or be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

PRODUCER
***MARSH USA LLC
1166 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS
NEW YORK, NY 10036
Phone: 866-966-4664
Emcor.Certrequest@marsh.com / Fax: 203-229-6787
CN102796740-EMC-SER-24-25

CONTACT NAME: ...
PHONE (A/C, No, Ext): **FAX (A/C, No):**
E-MAIL ADDRESS: Carrier.certrequest@marsh.com

INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE	NAIC #
INSURER A : Continental Casualty Company	20443
INSURER B : American Casualty Company of Reading, PA	20427
INSURER C : Transportation Insurance Co	20494
INSURER D : Continental Insurance Company	35289
INSURER E :	
INSURER F :	

INSURED
MESA ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC.
DBA EMCOR SERVICES MESA ENERGY
2 CROMWELL
IRVINE, CA 92618-2011

COVERAGES **CERTIFICATE NUMBER:** NYC-012163813-03 **REVISION NUMBER:** 3

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

INSR LTR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	ADDL INSD	SUBR WVD	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFF (MM/DD/YYYY)	POLICY EXP (MM/DD/YYYY)	LIMITS		
A	X **COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY** CLAIMS-MADE [ ] OCCUR [X] GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER: POLICY [ ] PRO-JECT [X] LOC [ ] OTHER:			GL 7092778897	10/01/2024	10/01/2025	EACH OCCURRENCE DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Ea occurrence) MED EXP (Any one person) PERSONAL & ADV INJURY GENERAL AGGREGATE PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG	$ $ $ $ $ $	12,000,000 1,000,000 25,000 12,000,000 14,000,000 14,000,000
A	**AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY** X ANY AUTO OWNED AUTOS ONLY [ ] HIRED AUTOS ONLY [X] SCHEDULED AUTOS [ ] NON-OWNED AUTOS ONLY [X]			BUA 7092778902	10/01/2024	10/01/2025	COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident) BODILY INJURY (Per person) BODILY INJURY (Per accident) PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident) Auto Physical Damage	$ $ $ $ $	12,000,000 Included
	UMBRELLA LIAB [ ] OCCUR **EXCESS LIAB** [ ] CLAIMS-MADE DED [ ] RETENTION $						EACH OCCURRENCE AGGREGATE	$ $ $	
B D C	**WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY** ANYPROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? Y/N [N] N/A **(Mandatory in NH)** If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below			WC 7 92781590 (AOS) WC 7 92783954 (CA) WC 7 92798289 (AZ, OR, WI)	10/01/2024 10/01/2024 10/01/2024	10/01/2025 10/01/2025 10/01/2025	X PER STATUTE [ ] OTH-ER E.L. EACH ACCIDENT E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT	$ $ $	 1,000,000 1,000,000 1,000,000

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)
ADDITIONAL INSURED UNDER ALL POLICIES (EXCEPT WORKERS COMPENSATION & EMPLOYERS LIABILITY) WHERE REQUIRED BY CONTRACT: COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE.

CERTIFICATE HOLDER

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
FACILITIES MANAGEMENT
PROJECT MANAGEMENT OFFICE
3450 14TH STREET, SUITE 200
RIVERSIDE, CA 92501

CANCELLATION

SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE
of Marsh USA LLC

Marsh USA LLC

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AGENCY CUSTOMER ID: CN102796740
LOC #: New York

ADDITIONAL REMARKS SCHEDULE

AGENCY	NAMED INSURED
***MARSH USA LLC	MESA ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC. DBA EMCOR SERVICES MESA ENERGY 2 CROMWELL IRVINE, CA 92618-2011
POLICY NUMBER	
CARRIER / NAIC CODE	EFFECTIVE DATE:

ADDITIONAL REMARKS

THIS ADDITIONAL REMARKS FORM IS A SCHEDULE TO ACORD FORM,
FORM NUMBER: 25 FORM TITLE: Certificate of Liability Insurance

AUTO PHYSICAL DAMAGE COMP / COLL DEDUCTIBLE $500

FOR WORKER'S COMPENSATION, AUTO LIABILITY, GENERAL LIABILITY AND UMBRELLA LIABILITY:
IN THE EVENT OF CANCELLATION OR MATERIAL CHANGE THAT REDUCES OR RESTRICTS THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THIS COVERAGE PART (OTHER THAN THE REDUCTION OF AGGREGATE LIMITS THROUGH PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AS APPLICABLE), INSURER AGREES TO MAIL PRIOR WRITTEN NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OR MATERIAL CHANGE TO: CERTIFICATE HOLDER
SCHEDULE
1. NUMBER OF DAYS ADVANCE NOTICE: FOR ANY STATUTORILY PERMITTED REASON OTHER THAN NON-PAYMENT OF PREMIUM, THE NUMBER OF DAYS REQUIRED FOR NOTICE OF CANCELLATION AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF EITHER THE CANCELLATION COMMON POLICY CONDITIONS OR AS AMENDED BY THE APPLICABLE STATE CANCELLATION ENDORSEMENT IS INCREASED TO THE LESSER OF 60 DAYS OR THE NUMBER OF DAYS REQUIRED IN A WRITTEN CONTRACT.
FOR NON-PAYMENT OF PREMIUM, THE GREATER OF (1) THE NUMBER OF DAYS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW OR (2) THE NUMBER OF DAYS REQUIRED BY WRITTEN CONTRACT.
2. NAME:
NOTICE WILL BE MAILED TO: CERTIFICATE HOLDER

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CONTRACTOR'S CERTIFICATE REGARDING WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Labor Code Section 3700 states:

"Every employer except the state shall secure the payment of compensation in one or more of the following ways:

(a) By being insured against liability to pay compensation by one or more insurers duly authorized to write compensation insurance in this state.

(b) By securing from the Director of Industrial Relations a certificate of consent to self-insure either as an individual employer, or as one employer in a group of employers, which may be given upon furnishing proof satisfactory to the Director of Industrial Relations of ability to self-insure and to pay any compensation that may become due to his or her employee.

(c) For any county, city, city and county, municipal corporation, public district, public agency, or any political subdivision of the state, including each member of a pooling arrangement under a joint exercise of powers agreement (but not the state itself), by securing from the Director of Industrial Relations a certificate of consent to self-insure against workers' compensation claims, which certificate may be given upon furnishing proof satisfactory to the director of ability to administer workers' compensation claims properly, and to pay workers' compensation claims that may become due to its employees. On or before March 31, 1979, a political subdivision of the state which, on December 31, 1978, was uninsured for its liability to pay compensation, shall file a properly completed and executed application for a certificate of consent to self-insure against workers' compensation claims. The certificate shall be issued and be subject to the provisions of Section 3702.

For purposes of this section, 'state' shall include the superior courts of California."

I am aware of the provisions of Section 3700 of the California Labor Code which require every employer to be insured against liability for workers' compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions of that code, and I will comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of the work of this contract.

Mesa Energy Systems, Inc.
(Name of Contractor)

By:

Stephen Hunt
(Name of Signer)

(Signature)

(In accordance with Article 5 (commencing at Section l860), Chapter 1, Part 7, Division 2 of the Labor Code, the above certificate must be signed and filed with the awarding body prior to performing any work under this contract.)

DECLARATION OF SUFFICIENCY OF FUNDS

(California Labor Code Section 2810)

I, the undersigned, an authorized representative of Mesa Energy Systems, Inc. ("Contractor") with authority to make the statements contained in this Declaration on behalf of Contractor, hereby declare the following:

1. The Contractor's employer identification number for state tax purposes is 33-0112640.

2. The Contractor's workers' compensation insurance policy number is WC7-92783954 and the name, address, and telephone number of the insurance carrier providing said insurance is: MARSH USA, LLC. (866) 960-4664
1166 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10036

3. The following information is provided concerning any and all vehicles that are owned by the Contractor and that will be used for transportation in connection with any service provided for the performance of the Work that is the subject of the Job Order Proposal [Insert information requested. Attach additional sheets, if needed.]:

Vehicle	*Vehicle ID No.*	*Vehicle. Liability Insurance Policy Number (of policy covering vehicle)*	*Name, Address and Telephone Number of Vehicle Liability Insurance Carrier (issuing policy covering vehicle)*
Leased		BUA-709277890	COI Attached

4. The following is the address of any real property that will be used to house workers in connection with the performance of the Work that is the subject of the Job Order Proposal [If no such housing will be provided, enter "none"]:
NONE

5. The actual or estimated number of workers that will be employed to perform the Work that is the subject of the Job Order, the total amount of wages to be paid to said workers, and the dates on which said wages will be paid are as follows [Attach additional sheets, if needed.]:

Total Number of Workers	*Total Amount of Wages*	*Date(s) for Payment of Wages*
30	Prevailing Wage Req.	

6. Check only one of the following boxes, as applicable:

☐ The statement of number of workers declared in Paragraph 5, above, is a statement of the actual number of workers that will be employed.

☑ The actual number of workers requested in Paragraph 5, above, is unknown and therefore the statement of number of workers declared therein is based on the Contractor's best estimate available at the time of submitting its Job Order Proposal, rather than the actual number of workers that will be employed and if and when the actual number of workers and the other information requested above is available, it will be reported to the County of Riverside by Contractor in writing.

7. The actual or estimated total number of persons who will be utilized as independent contractors to perform the Work of the Project that is the subject of the Job Order Proposal (together with their known, current local, state, and federal contractor license identification numbers that each is required to have under local, state or federal laws or regulations) are as follows [Attach additional sheets, if needed.]:

List of Independent Contractors	***Current, local, state and federal contractor license identification number***
N/A	

8. Check only one of the following boxes, as applicable:

☐ The statement of number of independent contractors declared in Paragraph 7, above, is a statement of the actual number of independent contractors that will be utilized.

☑ The actual number of independent contractors requested in Paragraph 7, above, is unknown and therefore the statement of number of independent contractors declared therein is based on the Contractor's best estimate available at the time of submitting its Job Order Proposal, rather than the actual number of independent contractors that will be utilized, and if and when the actual number of independent contractors and the other information requested above is available, it will be reported to the County of Riverside by Contractor in writing.

I, the undersigned, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing statements are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct. Executed on this 10th day of December, in the year 2024 at Irvine, California.

(signature)

Stephen Hunt

Type Name of Signer:

Mesa Energy Systems, Inc.

Type Name of Contractor:

IRAN CONTRACTING ACT

(Public Contract Code sections 2200-2208)

In accordance with Public Contract Code Section 2204(a), prior to bidding on, submitting a proposal or executing a contract or renewal for a County of Riverside contract for goods or services of $1,000,000 or more, a Contractor must either:

a) Certify it is not on the current list of persons engaged in investment activities in Iran created by the California Department of General Services ("DGS") pursuant to Public Contract Code section 2203(b) and is not a financial institution extending twenty million dollars ($20,000,000) or more in credit to another person, for 45 days or more, if that other person will use the credit to provide goods or services in the energy sector in Iran and is identified on the current list of persons engaged in investment activities in Iran created by DGS; or

b) Demonstrate it has been exempted from the certification requirement for that solicitation or contract pursuant to Public Contract Code section 2203(c) or (d).

To comply with this requirement, please insert your Contractor or financial institution name and Federal ID Number (if available) and complete one of the options below. Please note: California law establishes penalties for providing false certifications, including civil penalties equal to the greater of $250,000 or twice the amount of the contract for which the false certification was made; contract termination; and three-year ineligibility to bid on contracts. (Public Contract Code section 2205.)

Option No. 1 – Certification

I, the official named below, certify I am duly authorized to execute this certification on behalf of the Contractor/financial institution identified below, and the Contractor/financial institution identified below is **not** on the current list of persons engaged in investment activities in Iran created by DGS and is not a financial institution extending twenty million dollars ($20,000,000) or more in credit to another person/vendor, for 45 days or more, if that other person/vendor will use the credit to provide goods or services in the energy sector in Iran and is identified on the current list of persons engaged in investment activities in Iran created by DGS.

Contractor Name/Financial Institution (Printed) Mesa Energy Systems, Inc.	*Federal ID Number (or n/a)* 33-0112640
By (Authorized Signature)	
Printed Name and Title of Person Signing Stephen Hunt, CFO	
Date Executed December 10, 2024	*Executed in* Irvine, California

Option No. 2 – Exemption

Pursuant to Public Contract Code sections 2203(c) and (d), a public entity may permit a Contractor/financial institution engaged in investment activities in Iran, on a case-by-case basis, to be eligible for, or to bid on, submit a proposal for, or enters into or renews, a contract for goods and services.

If you have obtained an exemption from the certification requirement under the Iran Contracting Act, please fill out the information below, and attach documentation demonstrating the exemption approval.

Contractor Name/Financial Institution (Printed)	*Federal ID Number (or n/a)*
By (Authorized Signature)	
Printed Name and Title of Person Signing	
Date Executed	*Executed in*

ECONOMIC SANCTIONS IN RESPONSE TO RUSSIA'S ACTIONS IN UKRAINE

The Contractor must certify that it is not a target of economic sanctions imposed in response to Russia's actions in Ukraine imposed by the United States government or the State of California. The Contractor is required to comply with the economic sanctions imposed in response to Russia's actions in Ukraine, including with respect to, but not limited to, the federal executive orders identified in California Executive Order N-6-22, located at https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/3.4.22-Russia-Ukraine-Executive-Order.pdf and the sanctions identified on the United States Department of the Treasury website at (https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/financial-sanctions/sanctions-programs-and-country-information/ukraine-russia-related-sanctions).

The Contractor is required to comply with all applicable reporting requirements regarding compliance with the economic sanctions, including, but not limited to, those reporting requirements set forth in California Executive Order N-6-22 for all parties with one or more agreements with the State of California, the County of Riverside, or any other local agency, with a value of Five Million Dollars ($5,000,000) or more. Notwithstanding any other provision in these documents, failure to comply with the economic sanctions and all applicable reporting requirements may result in disqualification or termination of the Construction Agreement, if awarded. For contractors with an agreement value of Five Million Dollars ($5,000,000) or more with the State of California, the County of Riverside, or any other local agency, reporting requirements include, but are not limited to, information related to steps taken in response to Russia's actions in Ukraine, including but not limited to:

1. Desisting from making any new investments or engaging in financial transactions with Russian institutions or companies that are headquartered or have their principal place of business in Russia;
2. Not transferring technology to Russia or companies that are headquartered or have their principal place of business in Russia; and
3. Direct support to the government and people of Ukraine.
   To comply with this requirement, please insert your Contractor name and Federal ID Number (if available) on the Certification Form on Page XXI, execute by a duly authorized representative for the contractor and return with the bid proposal.

COMPLIANCE WITH ECONOMIC SANCTIONS IN RESPONSE TO RUSSIA'S ACTIONS IN UKRAINE (Bidders)

Prior to bidding on, submitting a proposal, or executing a contract, a contractor must certify: 1) it is not a target of economic sanctions and 2) in compliance with economic sanctions imposed by the U.S. government in response to Russia's actions in Ukraine, as well as any requirements related to the Russian sanctions imposed by the California Governor's Executive Order N-6-22 issued on March 4, 2022 and under state law, if any.

To comply with this requirement, please insert the contractor name and Federal ID Number (if available), complete the information described below and execute by an authorized representative of the contractor.

CERTIFICATION

I, the authorized representative for contractor named below, certify I am duly authorized to execute this certification on behalf of the contractor below, and the contractor identified below has conducted a good faith review of existing contracts. I attest that the contractor is not a target of economic sanctions, and that contractor is in compliance with the economic sanctions imposed by the U.S. government in response to Russia's actions in Ukraine, as well as any requirements related to the Russian sanctions imposed by the California Governor's Executive Order N-6-22 issued on March 4, 2022 and under state law, if any.

Contractor Name (Printed)	*Federal ID Number (or n/a)*
Mesa Energy Systems, Inc.	33-0112640
By (Authorized Signature)	
Printed Name and Title of Person Signing	
Stephen Hunt, CFO	
Date	
December 10, 2024	

BIDDER CERTIFICATION ON FEDERAL CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

PROJECT NAME: JOC 020-20.1 Mechanical

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that I have reviewed and understand the Federal Provisions Attachment included in the bid package and the construction contract related requirements imposed on the Contractor(s) of federally-funded construction projects, including but not limited to the following:

1. The subject project may be financed with CDBG (24 CFR Part 570) and/or ARPA Funds (*Title VI of the Social Security Act Section 602 et seq*); and

2. This project and all related construction contracts are subject to the latest U.S. Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Determination (attached per this addendum); and

3. The requirement that the decision to award to contract is conditioned upon acceptance of the Prevailing Wage Determination.

4. This project is subject to all applicable laws and regulations as listed in the Federal Provisions Attachment. (Included in bid Documents)

CONTRACTOR'S NAME: Mesa Energy Systems, Inc.

CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE NO.: 611215

ADDRESS: 2 Cromwell, Irvine, California 92618

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE: Stephen Hunt,

CFO (Type Name)

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: December 10, 2024

FEDERAL FUNDING PROVISIONS
ATTACHMENT 1

American Rescue Plan Act

Since additional funding may be allocated through use of federal **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)**; (Title VI of the Social Security Act Section 602 et seq.) funds, the COUNTY will administer and distribute those funds in accordance with ARPA. ARPA requires that payments from the Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Fund be used to respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, to respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay, provide government services to the extent the reduction of revenue due to COVID-19 public health emergency, and to make necessary investments in water, sewer or broadband infrastructure. It is effective beginning May 17, 2021 and ends on December 31, 2026.

Subrecipient acknowledges and agrees that this Agreement is subject to the federal requirements, including the federal provisions provided below:

1. NON-DISCRIMINATION. Subrecipient shall not be discriminate in the provision of services, allocation of benefits, accommodation in facilities, or employment of personnel on the basis of ethnic group identification, race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical handicap, medical condition, marital status or sex in the performance of this Agreement; and, to the extent they shall be found to be applicable hereto, shall comply with the provisions of the California Fair Employment and Housing Act (Gov. Code 12900 et. seq), the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352), the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. S1210 et seq.) and all other applicable laws or regulations.

2. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY/ FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES/ FEDERAL PROVISIONS. During the performance of this Agreement, the Subrecipient shall not deny benefits to any person on the basis of religion, color, ethnic group identification, sex, age, physical or mental disability, nor shall they discriminate unlawfully against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, physical handicap, mental disability, medical condition, marital status, age, or sex. Subrecipient shall ensure that the evaluation and treatment of employees and applicants for employment are free of such discrimination.

a. Subrecipient shall comply with the provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Government Code, Section 12900 et seq.), the regulations promulgated thereunder (California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Section 11000 et seq.), the provisions of Executive Order 11246 of Sept. 23, 1965 and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor, the provisions of Article 9.5, Chapter 1, Part 1, Division 3, Title 2 of the Government Code (Government Code, Sections 11135-11139.8), and of the rules, regulations or standards adopted by the County to implement such article.

b. The Subrecipient shall comply with the provisions of the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act, 18 U.S.C. §874, 40 U.S.C. § 3145, and the requirements of 29 C.F.R. pt. 3 as may be applicable, which are incorporated by reference into this Agreement.

3. CLEAN AIR ACT. The Subrecipient agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. Section 7401 et seq. The Subrecipient agrees to report each violation to the County and understands and agrees that the County will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office. The Subrecipient agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding $150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FEMA.

4. FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT

The Subrecipient agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. Sections 1251 et seq. The Subrecipient agrees to report each violation to the County and understands and agrees that the County will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.

The Subrecipient agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding $150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FEMA.

5. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION CLAUSE

This Agreement is a covered transaction for purposes of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180 and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000. As such the Subrecipient is required to verify that none of the Subrecipient, its principals (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.995), or its affiliates (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.905) are excluded (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.940) or disqualified (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.935).

The Subrecipient must comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C and must include a requirement to comply with these regulations in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into.

This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by the County. If it is later determined that the Subrecipient did not comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, in addition to remedies available to the County, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.

The bidder or proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

6. BYRD ANTI- LOBBYING AMENDMENT, 31 U.S.C. § 1352 (AS AMENDED)

Subrecipients who apply or bid for an award of $100,000 or more shall file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant, or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. § 1352. Each tier shall also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the recipient who in turn will forward the certification(s) to the County.

APPENDIX A, 44 C.F.R. PART 18- CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

The undersigned [Subrecipient] certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge, that:

a. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned,to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

b. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form- LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

c. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub-awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub-grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by 31, U.S.C. § 1352 (as amended by the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995). Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than $10,000 and not more than $100,000 for each such failure.

The Subrecipient certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of each statement of its certification and disclosure, if any. In addition, the Subrecipient understands and agrees that the provisions of 31 U.S.C. §3801 et seq., apply to this certification and disclosure, if any.

SUBRECIPIENT

By _____

Date 12/12/24

7. PROCUREMENT OF RECOVERED MATERIALS

In the performance of this Agreement, the Subrecipient shall make maximum use of products containing recovered materials that are EPA-designated items unless the product cannot be acquired

a. Competitively within a timeframe providing for compliance with the contract performance schedule;
b. Meeting contract performance requirements; or
c. At a reasonable price.

Information about this requirement, along with the list of EPA-designated items, is available at EPA's Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines web site, https://www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensive-procurement-guideline-cpg-program

The Subrecipient also agrees to comply with all other applicable requirements of Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act.

8. ACCESS TO RECORDS

The following access to records requirements apply to this Agreement:

a. The Subrecipient agrees to provide the County, the FEMA Administrator, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their authorized representatives access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the Subrecipient which are directly pertinent to this Agreement for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions.
b. The Subrecipient agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.
c. The Subrecipient agrees to provide the FEMA Administrator or his or her authorized representatives access to construction or other work sites pertaining to the work being completed under the contract.
d. In compliance with the Disaster Recovery Act of 2018, the County and the Subrecipient acknowledge and agree that no language in this contract is intended to prohibit audits or internal reviews by the FEMA Administrator or the Comptroller General of the United States.

9. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY SEAL, LOGO, FLAGS

The Subrecipient shall not use the DHS seal(s), logos, crests, or reproductions of flags or likenesses of DHS agency officials without specific FEMA pre-approval.

10. COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW, REGULATIONS, AND EXECUTIVE ORDERS

This is an acknowledgement that FEMA financial assistance will be used to fund all or a portion of the contract. The Subrecipient will comply with all applicable Federal law, regulations, executive orders, FEMA policies, procedures, and directives.

11. NO OBLIGATION BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The Federal Government is not a party to this Agreement and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to the non-Federal entity, contractor, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from the contract.

12. PROGRAM FRAUD AND FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS OR RELATED ACTS
The Subrecipient acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. Chapter 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements) applies to the Subrecipient's actions pertaining to this Agreement.

13. FEDERAL PREVAILING WAGE
DAVIS-BACON ACT COMPLIANCE (applicable to construction contracts in excess of $2,000 awarded by grantees and subgrantees when required by Federal grant program legislation)

To the extent required by any Federal grant programs applicable to expected funding or reimbursement expenses incurred in connection with the services provided under this Agreement, Subrecipient agrees to comply with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§ 3141-3144 and 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5) as set forth below.

a. The Subrecipient shall be bound to the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act, and agrees to be bound by all the provisions of Labor Code section 1771 regarding prevailing wages. All labor on this project shall be paid neither less than the greater of the minimum wage rates established by the U.S. Secretary of Labor (Federal Wage Rates), or by the State of California Director of Department of Industrial Relations (State Wage Rates). Current DIR requirements may be found at http://www.dir.ca.gov/lcp.asp. Additionally, wages are required to be paid not less than once a week.

b. The general prevailing wage rates may be accessed at the Department of Labor Home Page at www.wdol.gov. Under the Davis Bacon heading, click on "Selecting DBA WDs." In the drop down menu for State, select, "California." In the drop down menu for County, select "Riverside." In the drop down menu for Construction Type, make the appropriate selection. Then, click Search.

The Federal minimum wage rates for this project are predetermined by the United States Secretary of Labor. If there is a difference between the minimum wage rates predetermined by the Secretary of Labor and the general prevailing wage rates determined by the Director of the California DIR for similar classifications of labor, the Subrecipient and subcontractors shall pay not less than the higher wage rate. The County will not accept lower State wage rates not specifically included in the Federal minimum wage determinations. This includes "helper" (or other classifications based on hours of experience) or any other classification not appearing in the Federal wage determinations. Where Federal wage determinations do not contain the State wage rate determination otherwise available for use by the Subrecipient and subcontractors, the Subrecipient and subcontractors shall pay not less than the Federal minimum wage rate which most closely approximates the duties of the employees in question.

14. CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS (applicable to all contracts in excess of $100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers, but not to purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence)

a. Compliance: Subrecipient agrees that it shall comply with Sections 3702 and 3704 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§ 3701–3708) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5), which are incorporated herein.

b. Overtime: No contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the work under this Agreement which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in such workweek.

c. Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages: In the event of any violation of the provisions of paragraph B of this section, the Subrecipient and any subcontractor responsible therefore shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such Subrecipient and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or

mechanic employed in violation of the provisions of paragraph B, in the sum of $10 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by paragraph B.

d. Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages: Subrecipient shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the contractor or subcontractor under any such contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime contractor, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the clause set for in paragraph C of this section.

e. Subcontracts: The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraphs A through D of this section and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in paragraphs A through D of this section.

15. RIGHTS TO INVENTIONS MADE UNDER A CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT— Contracts or agreements for the performance of experimental, developmental, or research work shall provide for the rights of the Federal Government and the recipient in any resulting invention in accordance with 37 CFR part 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," and any implementing regulations issued by HUD.

16. RIGHTS TO DATA AND COPYRIGHTS – Subrecipients and consultants agree to comply with all applicable provisions pertaining to the use of data and copyrights pursuant to 48 CFR Part 27.4, Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR).

17. PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTING FOR COVERED TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT OR SERVICES

a. Definitions. As used in this clause, the terms backhaul; covered foreign country; covered telecommunications equipment or services; interconnection arrangements; roaming; substantial or essential component; and telecommunications equipment or services have the meaning as defined in FEMA Policy, #405-143-1 Prohibitions on Expending FEMA Award Funds for Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services As used in this clause—

b. Prohibitions.

(1) Section 889(b) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019, Pub. L. No. 115-232, and 2 C.F.R. § 200.216 prohibit the head of an executive agency on or after Aug.13, 2020, from obligating or expending grant, cooperative agreement, loan, or loan guarantee funds on certain telecommunications products or from certain entities for national security reasons.

(2) Unless an exception in paragraph (c) of this clause applies, the contractor and its subcontractors may not use grant, cooperative agreement, loan, or loan guarantee funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to:

(i) Procure or obtain any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology of any system;

(ii) Enter into, extend, or renew a contract to procure or obtain any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology of any system;

(iii) Enter into, extend, or renew contracts with entities that use covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system; or (iv)Provide, as part of its performance

of this contract, subcontract, or other contractual instrument, any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system.

c. Exceptions.

(1) This clause does not prohibit contractors from providing a. A service that connects to the facilities of a third-party, such as backhaul, roaming, or interconnection arrangements; or b. Telecommunications equipment that cannot route or redirect user data traffic or permit visibility into any user data or packets that such equipment transmits or otherwise handles.

(2) By necessary implication and regulation, the prohibitions also do not apply to:

i. Covered telecommunications equipment or services that are not used as a substantial or essential component of any system; and not used as critical technology of any system.

ii. Other telecommunications equipment or services that are not considered covered

d. Reporting requirement.

(1) In the event the contractor identifies covered telecommunications equipment or services used as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system, during contract performance, or the contractor is notified of such by a subcontractor at any tier or by any other source, the contractor shall report the information in paragraph (d)(2) of this clause to the recipient or subrecipient, unless elsewhere in this contract are established procedures for reporting the information.

(2) The Subrecipient shall report the following information pursuant to paragraph (d)(1) of this clause:

i. Within one business day from the date of such identification or notification: The contract number; the order number(s), if applicable; supplier name; supplier unique entity identifier (if known); supplier Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) code (if known); brand; model number (original equipment manufacturer number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number); item description; and any readily available information about mitigation actions undertaken or recommended.

ii. Within 10 business days of submitting the information in paragraph (d)(2)(i) of this clause: Any further available information about mitigation actions undertaken or recommended. In addition, the contractor shall describe the efforts it undertook to prevent use or submission of covered telecommunications equipment or services, and any additional efforts that will be incorporated to prevent future use or submission of covered telecommunications equipment or services.

18. REPORTING OF MATTERS RELATED TO RECIPIENT INTEGRITY AND PERFORMANCE

a. General Reporting Requirement

If the total value of your currently active grants, cooperative agreements, and procurement contracts from all Federal awarding agencies exceeds $10,000,000 for any period of time during the period of performance of this Federal award, then you as the recipient during that period of time must maintain the currency of information reported to the System for Award Management (SAM) that is made available in the designated integrity and performance system (currently the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS)) about civil, criminal, or administrative proceedings described in paragraph 2 of this award term and condition. This is a statutory requirement under section 872 of Public Law 110-417, as amended (41 U.S.C. 2313). As required by section 3010 of Public Law 111-212, all information posted in the designated integrity and performance system on or after April 15, 2011, except past performance reviews required for Federal procurement contracts, will be publicly available.

b. Proceedings About Which You Must Report

Submit the information required about each proceeding that:

(1) Is in connection with the award or performance of a grant, cooperative agreement, or procurement contract from the Federal Government;

(2) Reached its final disposition during the most recent five-year period; and is one of the following:

i. A criminal proceeding that resulted in a conviction, as defined in paragraph 5 of this award term and condition;

ii. A civil proceeding that resulted in a finding of fault and liability and payment of a monetary fine, penalty, reimbursement, restitution, or damages of $5,000 or more;

iii. An administrative proceeding, as defined in paragraph 5. of this award term and condition, that resulted in a finding of fault and liability and your payment of either a monetary fine or penalty of $5,000 or more or reimbursement, restitution, or damages in excess of $100,000; or

iiii. Any other criminal, civil, or administrative proceeding if:(a) It could have led to an outcome described in paragraph 2.c.(1), (2), or (3) of this award term and condition; (b) It had a different disposition arrived at by consent or compromise with an acknowledgment of fault on your part; and (c) The requirement in this award term and condition to disclose information about the proceeding does not conflict with applicable laws and regulations.

c. Reporting Procedures

Enter in the SAM Entity Management area the information that SAM requires about each proceeding described in paragraph 2 of this award term and condition. You do not need to submit the information a second time under assistance awards that you received if you already provided the information through SAM because you were required to do so under Federal procurement contracts that you were awarded.

d. Reporting Frequency

During any period of time when you are subject to the requirement in paragraph 1 of this award term and condition, you must report proceedings information through SAM for the most recent five year period, either to report new information about any proceeding(s) that you have not reported previously or affirm that there is no new information to report. Recipients that have Federal contract, grant, and cooperative agreement awards with a cumulative total value greater than $10,000,000 must disclose semiannually any information about the criminal, civil, and administrative proceedings.

e. Definitions

For purposes of this award term and condition:

(1) Administrative proceeding means a non-judicial process that is adjudicatory in nature in order to make a determination of fault or liability (*e.g.*, Securities and Exchange Commission Administrative proceedings, Civilian Board of Contract Appeals proceedings, and Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals proceedings). This includes proceedings at the Federal and State level but only in connection with performance of a Federal contract or grant. It does not include audits, site visits, corrective plans, or inspection of deliverables.

(2) Conviction, for purposes of this award term and condition, means a judgment or conviction of a criminal offense by any court of competent jurisdiction, whether entered upon a verdict or a plea, and includes a conviction entered upon a plea of nolo contendere.

(3) Total value of currently active grants, cooperative agreements, and procurement contracts includes -

i. Only the Federal share of the funding under any Federal award with a recipient cost share or match;

ii. The value of all expected funding increments under a Federal award and options, even if not yet exercised.

FEDERAL FUNDING REQUIREMENTS
ATTACHMENT 2

Future projects which may be funded with Federal funds are subject to certain Federal requirements including the *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (2 CFR Part 200). Information pertaining to the Federal requirements is on file with the County of Riverside Facilities Management, Project Management Office.

Additional Federal Requirements

Whereas, the work may be subject to applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations. Contractor, sub-contractors, Consultants, and sub-consultants agree to comply with, and are subject to, all applicable requirements as follows:

1. ***Equal Employment Opportunity*** - Compliance with Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, entitled "Equal Employment Opportunity", as amended by Executive Order 11375 of October 13, 1967, and as supplemented in Department of Labor regulations (41 CFR chapter 60). The Contractor/Consultant will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Contractor/Consultant will ensure that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex or national origin. The Contractor/Consultant will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed and the employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race color, religion, sex, or national origin. Such actions shall include, but are not limited to, the following: employment, up-grading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Contractor/Consultant agrees to post in a conspicuous place, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the County setting forth the provisions of this non-discriminating clause.

2. ***Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act*** *(18 U.S.C. 874 and 40 U.S.C. 276c:* All contracts and subgrants in excess of $2,000 for construction or repair awarded by recipients and subrecipients shall include a provision for compliance with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (18 U.S.C. 874), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR part 3, "Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States"). The Act provides that each contractor or subrecipient shall be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he is otherwise entitled. The recipient shall report all suspected or reported violations to HUD.

3. ***Davis-Bacon Act, as amended*** *(40 U.S.C. 276a to a-7:* When required by Federal program legislation, all construction contracts awarded by the recipients and subrecipients of more than $2000 shall include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 276a to a-7) and as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR part 5, "Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Governing Federally Financed and Assisted Construction"). Under this Act, contractors shall be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the minimum wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors shall be required to pay wages not less than once a week. The recipient shall place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation and the award of a contract shall be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The recipient shall report all suspected or reported violations to HUD.

4. ***Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act*** *(40 U.S.C. 327 through 333:* Where applicable, all contracts awarded by recipients in excess of $2000 for construction contracts and in excess of $2500 for other contracts that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers shall include a provision for compliance with Sections 102 and 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 327–333), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR part 5). Under Section 102 of the Act, each contractor shall be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard workweek of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard workweek is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than 1 1/2 times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the workweek. Section 107 of the Act is applicable to construction work and

provides that no laborer or mechanic shall be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

5. ***Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement***— Contracts or agreements for the performance of experimental, developmental, or research work shall provide for the rights of the Federal Government and the recipient in any resulting invention in accordance with 37 CFR part 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," and any implementing regulations issued by HUD.

6. ***Rights to Data and Copyrights*** – Contractors and consultants agree to comply with all applicable provisions pertaining to the use of data and copyrights pursuant to 48 CFR Part 27.4, Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR).

7. ***Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.)*** **and the** ***Federal Water Pollution Control Act*** (33 U.S.C. 1251 *et seq.*), as amended—Contracts and subgrants of amounts in excess of $100,000 shall contain a provision that requires the recipient to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251 *et seq.*). Violations shall be reported to HUD and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

8. ***Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment*** *(31 U.S.C. 1352)*— Contractors who apply or bid for an award of $100,000 or more shall file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier shall also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the recipient.

9. ***Debarment and Suspension*** *(E.O.s 12549 and 12689)*—No contract shall be made to parties listed on the General Services Administration's List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement or Non-procurement Programs in accordance with E.O.s 12549 and 12689, "Debarment and Suspension," as set forth at 24 CFR part 24. This list contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, and contractors declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than E.O. 12549. Contractors with awards that exceed the small purchase threshold shall provide the required certification regarding its exclusion status and that of its principal employees.

10. ***Drug-Free Workplace Requirements***—The Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (42 U.S.C. 701) requires grantees (including individuals) of federal agencies, as a prior condition of being awarded a grant, to certify that they will provide drug-free workplaces. Each potential recipient must certify that it will comply with drug-free workplace requirements in accordance with the Act and with HUD's rules at 24 CFR part 24, subpart F.

11. ***Access to Records and Records Retention***: The Consultant or Contractor, and any sub-consultants or sub-contractors, shall allow all duly authorized Federal, State, and/or County officials or authorized representatives access to the work area, as well as all books, documents, materials, papers, and records of the Consultant or Contractor, and any sub-consultants or sub-contractors, that are directly pertinent to a specific program for the purpose of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions. The Consultant or Contractor, and any sub-consultants or sub-contractors, further agree to maintain and keep such books, documents, materials, papers, and records, on a current basis, recording all transactions pertaining to this agreement in a form in accordance with generally acceptable accounting principles. All such books and records shall be retained for such periods of time as required by law, provided, however, notwithstanding any shorter periods of retention, all books, records, and supporting detail shall be retained for a period of at least four (4) years after the expiration of the term of this Agreement.

12. ***Federal Employee Benefit Clause:*** No member of or delegate to the congress of the United States, and no Resident Commissioner shall be admitted to any share or part of this agreement or to any benefit to arise from the same.

13. ***Energy Efficiency*****:** Mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the State energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (Pub. L. 94A 163, 89 Stat. 871).

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

(LONG FORM)

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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 **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.

1.1.12 **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.

1.1.13 **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.

1.1.14 **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.

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

1.1.16 **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.

1.1.17 **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.

1.1.18 **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.

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

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

1.1.21 **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.

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

1.1.23 **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.

1.1.24 **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.

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

1.1.26 **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*.

1.1.27 **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.

1.1.28 **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.

1.1.29 **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.

1.1.30 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.

1.1.31 **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.

1.1.32 **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.

1.1.33 **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.

1.1.34 **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.

1.1.35 **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.

1.1.36 **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.

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

1.1.38 **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.

1.1.39 **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.

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

1.1.41 **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.

1.1.42 **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.

1.1.43 **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.

1.1.44 **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.

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

1.1.46 **County Website.** "County Website" means the website maintained by County at http://www.rivcofm.org/RFP-RFQ

1.1.47 **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.

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

1.1.49 **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.

1.1.50 **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.

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

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

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

1.1.54 **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.

1.1.55 **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.

1.1.56 **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.

1.1.57 **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.

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

1.1.59 **Director of Facilities Management.** "Director of Facilities Management" means the Director for Facilities Management, or his/her designee.

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 **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.

1.1.64 **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.

1.1.65 **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.

1.1.66 **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.

1.1.67 **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.

1.1.68 **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.

1.1.69 **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.

1.1.70 **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.

1.1.71 **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.

1.1.72 **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.

1.1.73 **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.

1.1.74 **FM.** "FM" means Facilities Management for the County of Riverside.

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 Director of Facilities Management 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, aspergilius, cladosporium, penicillium and stachybortrys 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 aforestated 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 nonr 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 it 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:
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> **(i)** the facts alleged in or that form the basis for the Claim are true and accurate;
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> **(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 selected 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 EXREMEMLY 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) **Director of Facilities Management.** 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 Director of Facilities Management in accordance with the requirements of this Article 7; provided, however, that the Director of Facilities Management'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 Director of Facilities Management'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 Director of Facilities Management (and not by a designee of the Director of Facilities Management).

(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 Director of Facilities Management, 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 the Direct of Facilities Management, 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 Direct of Facilities Management 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 Chang 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 Director of Facilities Management, 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 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 that 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).

8.2.2 **Notice of Delay.**

.1 **Submission.** Contractor shall submit written Notice of Delay to County if any instruction, request, drawing, specification, action, condition, omission, default or other circumstance occurs that constitutes an Excusable Delay or Compensable Delay or other matter that may involve or require a Contract Adjustment extending the Contract Time. Such notice shall be provided prior to performance of the Work affected or involved and no later than seven (7) Days after the Discovery Date of such circumstance.

.2 **Form.** Notices of Delay 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 Notice of Delay in a written form that complies with the requirements of this Paragraph 8.2.2.

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

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

(2) a Reasonable Order of Magnitude Estimate by Contractor of any related Contract Adjustments extending the Contract Time; and

(3) if such circumstances involve a right to a Contract Adjustment to the Contract Price for Compensable Change that has not been waived by Contractor, Contractor shall include, if not previously provided, a complete and timely Notice of Change.

.4 **WAIVER BY CONTRACTOR.**

FAILURE BY CONTRACTOR TO PROVIDE A COMPLETE AND TIMELY NOTICE OF DELAY UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE A NOTICE OF DELAY INVOLVING A DELAY IS REQUIRED BY THIS PARAGRAPH 8.2.2 SHALL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 4.6 OF THE GENERAL CONDITIONS, CONSTITUTE A WAIVER BY CONTRACTOR OF THE RIGHT TO 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 DELAY.

.5 **No County Notice.** Failure by Contractor to submit a timely or proper Notice of Delay under circumstances in which a Notice of Delay is required shall in no way affect County's right to a Contract Adjustment shortening the Contract Time on account of such circumstances.

8.2.3 **Request for Extension.**

.1 **Submission.** With respect to any matter that may involve or require an adjustment extending the Contract Time, Contractor shall, within fourteen (14) Days after receipt by County of a Notice of Delay pursuant to Paragraph 8.2.2, above, submit to County a written Request for Extension.

.2 **Form.** Requests for Extension 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 Requests for Extension in a written form that complies with the requirements of this Paragraph 8.2.3.

.3 **Content.** Each Request for Extension in order to be considered complete shall include:

(1) a detailed description of the circumstances giving rise to the request for Contract Adjustment to the Contract Time and a Time Impact Analysis (a Request for Extension that seeks an extension for more than one Delay shall be supported by a separate Time Impact Analysis for each separate Delay); and

(2) if such circumstances involve a right to a Contract Adjustment of the Contract Price on account of Compensable Change that has not been waived by Contractor, Contractor shall include, if not previously provided, a complete and timely Change Order Request.

.4 WAIVER BY CONTRACTOR.

FAILURE BY CONTRACTOR TO PROVIDE A COMPLETE AND TIMELY REQUEST FOR EXTENSION UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE A REQUEST FOR EXTENSION INVOLVING A DELAY IS REQUIRED BY THIS PARAGRAPH 8.2.3 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 DELAY.

.5 Adjustments Shortening Time. Failure by Contractor to submit a timely or proper Request for Extension under circumstances in which a Request for Extension is required shall in no way affect County's right to a Contract Adjustment shortening the Contract Time on account of such circumstances.

8.2.4 **Response by County.** After receipt of a timely and complete Request for Extension, County shall investigate the facts concerning the cause and extent of such Delay and, depending on whether the Request for Extension is justified, will notify Contractor of its approval or disapproval of all or a portion of Contractor's request. Extensions of time approved by County shall apply only to that portion of the Work affected by the Delay, and shall not apply to other portions of Work not so affected.

8.2.5 **Formal Notice of Essence.** Contractor recognizes and acknowledges that timely submission of a formal Notice of Delay and a formal Request for Extension, whether or not the circumstances of a Delay may be known to County or available to County through other means, are not mere formalities but are of crucial importance to the ability of County to promptly identify, prioritize, evaluate and mitigate the potential effects of Delay. Any forms of informal notice, whether verbal or written (including, without limitation, statements at regular job meetings or entries in monthly reports, daily logs, job meeting minutes, updated Construction Schedules or look-ahead schedules), that do not strictly comply with the formal requirements of Paragraph 8.2.2, above, and Paragraph 8.2.3, above, shall accordingly be deemed insufficient to satisfy the notice requirements of this Article 8.

8.2.6 **Compensation for Delay.**

.1 Compensable Delay. Contract Adjustments to the Contract Price for a Compensable Delay that involve an extension of the Contract Time shall be based, without duplication to any other Contract Adjustments to the Contract Price, on the terms of Section 3.3 of the Construction Contract. Contractor agrees to accept such right of Contract Adjustment in lieu of any other right that may exist under Applicable Laws for recovery of Losses due to Compensable Delay, whether incurred by Contractor or its Subcontractors, of any Tier.

.2 Deleted Work. The Contract Time and Contract Price shall be reduced by Contract Adjustment for Deleted Work (including, without limitation, Deleted Work associated with a termination by County of a portion of the Construction Contract or a deletion of portion of Work for the convenience of the County or due to an Event of Contractor Default) that results in a shortening of the Contract Time.

(1) Contract Time. The Contract Adjustment shortening the Contract Time for Substantial Completion shall be the number of Days that Contractor at the time of contracting would have reasonably expected to expend in performance of the Deleted Work and that, based on the Contractor's original Construction Schedule prepared on or about the time of contracting, were reasonably expected by Contractor to be critical to Substantial Completion of the Work within the Contract Time for Substantial Completion.

(2) Contract Price. The Contract Adjustment reducing the Contract Price shall be the product of (1) the number of Days that the Contract Time for Substantial Completion is shortened pursuant to preceding Clause (1) of this Subparagraph 8.2.6.2 multiplied times (2) the amount of liquidated damages set forth in Paragraph 3.3.2 of the Construction Contract, without any additional credit to County for Allowable Markups.

8.2.7 **Acceleration of the Work.**

.1 **Due to Unexcused Delay.** If County makes a Good Faith Determination based on County's observations of progress in performance of the Work by Contractor that Contractor will not achieve Substantial Completion of the Work within the Contract Time as adjusted pursuant to Paragraph 8.2.1, above, then Contractor shall, following receipt of a written request by County to accelerate, immediately respond in writing setting forth a detailed plan for accelerating the Work. All measures necessary, including working overtime, additional shifts, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, to accelerate performance to ensure that the Work is performed within the Contract Time shall be taken by Contractor and the cost thereof shall be paid for by Contractor at Contractor's Own Expense. County may also take all other necessary measures to ensure no further Delays affect achievement of Substantial Completion and Final Completion of the Work within the Contract Time and the Contractor shall reimburse County, or County may withhold from payment due to Contractor, for Losses incurred by County in taking such measures.

.2 **Due to Excusable Delay.** Contractor shall have the right, exercised in its sole discretion, to accelerate performance of the Work to overcome time lost due to Excusable Delay. Such acceleration, if performed other than at the written direction of County, shall be deemed a voluntary acceleration and the cost of such accelerated performance shall paid for by Contractor at Contractor's Own Expense. If County directs in writing that the Work be accelerated to overcome an Excusable Delay that is not concurrent with an Unexcused Delay, then Contractor shall be entitled to a Contract Adjustment to the Contract Price for such acceleration on and subject to the same terms as provided for in Subparagraph 8.2.7.3, below, in the case of an acceleration to overcome a Compensable Delay.

.3 **Due to Compensable Delay.** County shall have the right, exercised in its sole and absolute discretion, in lieu of granting a Contract Adjustment to the Contract Time for Compensable Delay, to direct in writing the acceleration of the Work by Contractor in order to recapture time lost due to such Compensable Delay. County and Contractor shall endeavor prior to commencement of such acceleration to mutually agree upon the amount of compensation to be paid therefor. County shall have the right, in the absence of such an agreement, to direct in writing that Contractor accelerate. Contractor shall comply with such directive. Contractor's right to a Contract Adjustment to the Contract Price on account of such acceleration shall be limited to (1) the premium time portion of any overtime paid for labor provided by Contractor or any Subcontractor, plus (2) additional supervision costs for additional shifts of supervision provided at the Site by Contractor only (not by Subcontractors), plus (3) Allowable Markup thereon as provided in Paragraph 7.7.5, above. Except as directed by County in the manner stated in this Subparagraph 8.2.7.3, no statements, conduct or actions by County will be construed as creating an obligation on the part of County to agree to a Contract Adjustment to the Contract Price on account of any cost of overtime or other costs associated with an acceleration of the Work to recapture time lost due to Compensable Delay.

8.2.8 **Concurrent Delays.** For purposes of the calculations provided for in this Paragraph 8.2.8, the words "concurrent delay", "concurrently delay" or "occur concurrently" mean the portion of two or more Delays affecting the critical path to Substantial Completion that are overlapping or co-existent. Contractor's right to a Contract Adjustment of the Contract Time (pursuant to Subparagraphs 8.2.8.1, 8.2.8.2 and 8.2.8.3, below) and Contract Price (pursuant to Subparagraphs 8.2.8.4, 8.2.8.5 and 8.2.8.6, below) shall, in the case of concurrent delays, be calculated in accordance with the following:

.1 If an Excusable Delay and a Compensable Delay occur concurrently, the maximum extension of the Contract Time shall be the number of Days from the commencement of the first Delay to the cessation of the Delay which ends last.

.2 If an Unexcused Delay occurs concurrently with either an Excusable Delay or a Compensable Delay, the maximum extension of the Contract Time shall be the number of Days, if any, by which such Excusable Delay or Compensable Delay exceeds the number of Days of such Unexcused Delay.

.3 If an Unexcused Delay occurs concurrently with both an Excusable Delay and a Compensable Delay, the maximum extension of the Contract Time shall be the number of Days, if any, by which such Excusable Delay and Compensable Delay, as determined pursuant to Subparagraph 8.2.8.1, above, exceeds the number of Days of such Unexcused Delay.

.4 If an Unexcused Delay occurs concurrently with a Compensable Delay, the maximum period of time for which Contractor shall be entitled to a Contract Adjustment to the Contract Price in accordance with Section 3.3 of the Construction Contract shall be the number of Days, if any, by which such Compensable Delay exceeds the number of Days of such Unexcused Delay.

.5 If a Compensable Delay occurs concurrently with an Excusable Delay, the maximum period of time for which Contractor shall be entitled to a Contract Adjustment to the Contract Price in accordance with Section 3.3 of the Construction Contract shall be the number of Days, if any, by which such Compensable Delay exceeds the number of Days of such Excusable Delay.

.6 If an Unexcused Delay occurs concurrently with both an Excusable Delay and a Compensable Delay, the maximum period of time for which Contractor shall be entitled to a Contract Adjustment to the Contract Price in accordance with Section 3.3 of the Construction Contract shall be the number of Days, if any, by which such Compensable Delay exceeds the number of Days of such Unexcused Delay.

8.2.9 **Delay Claims.** Claims by Contractor relating to disputed Contract Adjustments due to Delay shall be made in accordance with applicable provisions of Section 4.3, above.

8.2.10 **Exercise of County Rights.** Notwithstanding any other provision of the Contract Documents to the contrary, County's exercise in accordance with the Contract Documents of any of its rights or remedies permitted by Applicable Laws or the Contract Documents in response to a failure by Contractor or any Subcontractor to comply with the Contract Documents shall not, under any circumstances, entitle Contractor to a Contract Adjustment.

ARTICLE 9
PAYMENTS AND COMPLETION

9.1 PAYMENT BY COUNTY

9.1.1 **Time for Payment.** County shall make payment of undisputed sums due to the Contractor upon Applications for Payment requesting Progress Payment not later than thirty (30) Days after receipt of an Application for Payment requesting Progress Payment that has been properly and timely prepared and submitted by Contractor, and approved by County, in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents.

9.1.2 **Not Acceptance.** No approval, inspection or use of, or payment for, the Work by County or by any person or entity acting on County's behalf shall constitute acceptance of Work that is not in accordance with the Contract Documents or a waiver of any of County's rights under the Contract Documents.

9.1.3 **Interest.** If County fails to make payment of an undisputed sum due as a Progress Payment to the Contractor as required by this Article 9, County shall pay interest to the Contractor equivalent to the legal rate set forth in subdivision (a) of California Code of Civil Procedure §685.010. The number of Days available to the County to make payment without incurring such interest shall be reduced by the number of Days by which the County exceeds the seven (7) Day response time applicable to the County set forth in Section 9.5, below. The foregoing is the County's sole obligation with respect to payment of interest earned or accrued on an amount claimed due prior to the commencement by Contractor of legal proceedings for recovery of such amount.

9.1.4 **Disputed Payments.** Subject to Contractor's rights under Section 9.8, below, no good faith dispute or disagreement between County and Contractor with respect to the amount of any payment claimed due by Contractor shall relieve or excuse Contractor from the obligation to proceed with and maintain continuous, expeditious and uninterrupted performance of the Work.

9.2 APPLICATIONS FOR PAYMENTS

9.2.1 **Submission by Contractor.** Applications for Payment requesting Progress Payment shall be properly prepared and submitted by Contractor to County once a month on the twenty-fifth (25th) Day of the month. If the twenty-fifth (25th) Day of the month is a weekend or Holiday, the Application for Payment shall be submitted on the next working day.

9.2.2 **Period of Application.** The period covered by each such Application for Payment requesting Progress Payment shall be not more than thirty (30) Days ending on the twenty-fifth (25th) Day of the month in which such Application for Payment is submitted.

9.2.3 **Schedule of Values.** Each Application for Payment shall be accompanied by a Schedule of Values prepared and submitted in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents, including, without limitation, the provisions of Section 9.3, below.

9.2.4 **Changes in Work.** Applications for Payment may include requests for payment on account of Compensable Changes in the Work which have been properly authorized by Change Order or Unilateral Change Order.

9.2.5 **Progress Payments.** Applications for Payment requesting Progress Payments shall be based on amounts calculated in accordance with the provisions of Section 9.4, below.

9.2.6 **Percentage Completion.** Applications for Payment requesting Progress Payments shall indicate the Contractor's estimate of the percentage of completion of each line item listed in the Schedule of Values as of the end of the period covered by the Application for Payment.

9.2.7 **Projected Work.** Unless approved by County in writing in advance of an Application for Payment being submitted, which approval may be granted or denied in the sole and absolute discretion of County, Applications for Payment shall only include amounts for Work performed to the twenty-fifth (25th) Day of the month in which the Application for Payment was submitted and shall not include request for payment of amounts for Work projected to be performed, stored or delivered beyond that date.

9.2.8 **Disagreements.** In the event of a disagreement between County and Contractor over the accuracy or reasonableness of the Contractor's statement of percentage of progress achieved that is contained in the Application for Payment, the County shall make a Good Faith Determination of the percentage, which percentage shall then be inserted by Contractor in the Application for Payment and the Application for Payment submitted, or resubmitted, incorporating such revision.

9.2.9 **Substantial Completion.** For the sole purpose of the percentage calculation set forth in Paragraph 9.2.6, above, and for no other purpose, the Work shall be deemed one hundred percent complete upon Substantial Completion and the amount released to Contractor shall, subject to County's right to withhold pursuant to Section 9.6, below, be a sum sufficient to increase the total of Progress Payments to Contractor to ninety-five percent (95%) of the Contract Price.

9.2.10 **Certification by Contractor.** Each Application for Payment that is submitted by Contractor shall be signed by Contractor with a certification by Contractor to County that: (1) the data comprising the Application for Payment is accurate and the Work has progressed to the point indicated; (2) to the best of Contractor's knowledge, information and belief, the Work is in accordance with the Contract Documents; (3) Contractor is entitled to payment in the amount certified; and (4) all sums previously applied for by Contractor on account of the Work performed by the Subcontractors and that have been paid by County have been paid to the Subcontractors performing such Work, without any retention, withholding or back charge by Contractor.

9.2.11 **Stored Materials.** County may, in the exercise of its sole and absolute discretion, approve or disapprove for inclusion in Contractor's Application for Payment the cost of materials to be incorporated, but not yet incorporated, in the Work and delivered and suitably stored either at the Site or at some other appropriate location acceptable to the County. As part of any request for such approval, Contractor shall furnish evidence satisfactory to County: (1) of the cost of such materials; (2) that such materials are under the exclusive control of Contractor, or if not, that title to the materials is in the County, free of any lien or encumbrance; and (3) with respect to materials stored off-Site, that the materials are safely and suitably stored in a bonded warehouse with appropriate insurance coverage satisfactory to County. No payment or approval by County pursuant to this Paragraph 9.2.11 shall (a) be construed as an inspection or acceptance of the materials; (b) relieve Contractor of its continuing and sole responsibility for the care and protection of, and sole responsibility for any Loss to, such materials, from any cause whatsoever; or (c) operate as a waiver of rights by County.

9.2.12 **Title.** Contractor warrants that title to all the Work covered by an Application for Payment will pass to County no later than the time of payment. Contractor further warrants that upon submittal of an Application for Payment all Work for which approval for payment has been previously issued by County shall, to the best of Contractor's knowledge, information and belief, be free and clear of liens, claims, security interests or encumbrances in favor of

Contractor, the Subcontractors, material suppliers, or other persons or entities making a claim by reason of having provided labor, materials or equipment for the Work.

9.3 SCHEDULE OF VALUES

9.3.1 **Initial Submission.** Within twenty-one (21) Days after issuance by County of the Notice of Intent to Award, Contractor shall submit to County a Schedule of Values, prepared in a form and incorporating a level of detail satisfactory to County, that allocates the Contract Price to various portions of the Work, including, without limitation, each portion of the Work to be performed by a Subcontractor, self-performed Work, discrete categories of direct (i.e., on-Site) overhead costs (sometimes referred to as "general conditions costs"), Contractor home office and indirect overhead and profit and amounts reserved for contingencies.

9.3.2 **Balanced Allocation.** The Schedule of Values shall be balanced, reflecting in each line item Contractor's estimated or actual cost commitments for the category of Work included in the line item and a proportionate share of Contractor's overhead and profit. Techniques, such as "front-end loading", designed to create an imbalanced cash flow are strictly prohibited.

9.3.3 **Line Estimates.** Line item values stated in the Schedule of Values that are based on Contractor's estimates, rather than actual subcontract prices, shall be identified as such and replaced with actual subcontract prices when they become available as the subcontracting process progresses.

9.3.4 **Updating.** The Schedule of Values shall be updated by Contractor each month as necessary to reflect the Contractor's actual progress in subcontracting the Work. An updated Schedule of Values shall be attached to each Application for Payment.

9.3.5 **Substantiation.** Contractor shall provide such data as County may reasonably require to substantiate that the Schedule of Values has been prepared in conformance with the requirements of the Contract Documents. Failure to provide such substantiation shall result in the Schedule of Values being deemed incomplete and unapproved by County for use by Contractor in submitting its Applications for Payment.

9.3.6 **Corrections.** If corrections are required in order to make the Schedule of Values comply with the requirements of the Contract Documents, such corrections shall be made as a condition of the Contractor's Application for Payment being considered properly prepared, submitted and complete.

9.3.7 **Changes to Work.** Costs involved in the performance of Work covered by Change Orders, Unilateral Change Orders or Construction Change Directives shall be, at the option of County, either separately scheduled or incorporated as adjustments to the respective trade lines of Work to which they apply. Except as otherwise expressly required by Article 7, above, the Schedule of Values shall not be utilized by Contractor as a basis for calculating Contract Adjustments.

9.3.8 **Applications for Payment.** The Schedule of Values prepared by Contractor in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents shall be used as a basis for County's review and approval or disapproval of Applications for Payment.

9.4 PROGRESS PAYMENT CONDITIONS

9.4.1 **Progress Payment Amount.** Subject to the other provisions of the Contract Documents, the amount of each Progress Payment requested in an Application for Payment shall be computed as follows:

.1 take that portion of the Contract Price properly allocable to Work (other than materials, products or equipment furnished by County) permanently incorporated at the Site as part of the Work, based on the product derived by multiplying (1) the percentage completion of each such portion of the Work times (2) the portion of the total Contract Price allocated to that portion of the Work in the Schedule of Values, less a retention of five percent (5%) thereof;

.2 add that portion of the Contract Price that is allocable to materials and equipment (other than materials, products or equipment furnished by County) approved by County pursuant to Paragraph 9.2.11, above, and suitably stored at the Site or at a location off-Site, less a retention of five percent (5%) thereof;

.3 subtract the aggregate of previous payments made by the County; and

.4 subtract amounts, if any, that County has determined will be withheld pursuant to an exercise of the County's right to withhold pursuant to Section 9.6, below.

9.4.2 **Other Conditions and Documentation**. Contractor shall submit its Applications for Payment requesting Progress Payments to County using such forms as required by County. Without limitation to any other conditions to payment set forth elsewhere in the Contract Documents, the following shall be conditions precedent to a proper submission, and to County's approval, of each Application for Payment:

.1 submission of a Schedule of Values that complies with Section 9.3, above;

.2 submission of Contractor's certification required by Paragraph 9.2.10, above;

.3 submission of: (1) forms of conditional releases of stop payment notice and bond rights upon progress payment, complying with California Civil Code §8132, for all Work performed during the time period covered by the current Application for Payment, signed by Contractor and the Subcontractors, of every Tier; and (2) forms of unconditional releases of stop payment notice and bond rights upon progress payment, complying with California Civil Code §8134, for all Work performed during the time period covered by the previous Application for Payment, signed by Contractor and the Subcontractors, of every Tier;

.4 compliance by Contractor with its obligation for daily maintenance of Record Drawings and Specifications as required by Paragraph 3.10.1, above;

.5 compliance by Contractor with its obligation for submission of daily reports as required by Paragraph 3.10.2, above;

.6 compliance by Contractor with its obligations for submission of scheduling information and updating of the Construction Schedule as required by Section 3.9, above, and other provisions of the Contract Documents pertaining to preparation or updating of schedules and scheduling information;

.7 proper payment of prevailing wages as defined in California Labor Code §1720, et seq.;

.8 timely submission of adequate and complete certified payroll records for any time period that Work was performed and for which payment is being requested;

.9 submission of certifications by Contractor and the Subcontractors as required by Applicable Laws certifying that all employee benefit contributions due and owing have been paid in full;

.10 submission of sales tax information as required by Paragraph 3.6.3, above; and

.11 compliance by Contractor with all of its other obligations for submission of documentation or performance of conditions which, by the terms of the Contract Documents, constitute conditions to Contractor's right to receive payment for Work performed.

9.5 COUNTY APPROVAL/REJECTION OF APPLICATIONS FOR PAYMENT

9.5.1 **Review by County.** Subject to County's rights under Paragraph 9.5.4, below, County shall promptly review Applications for Payment submitted by Contractor and provide its approval or disapproval, in whole or part, within (1) seven (7) Days after receipt of an Application for Payment requesting Progress Payment, and (2) within fourteen (14) Days after receipt of an Application for Payment requesting Final Payment.

9.5.2 **Disapproval by County.** Disapproval by County disapproving of an Application for Payment shall be accompanied by an explanation of the reasons for such disapproval. Failure by County to specify in its disapproval a particular grounds for disapproval of an Application for Payment shall not waive the County's right to assert such grounds as a basis for any future disapproval, or nullification of its prior approval, of that or any other Application for Payment.

9.5.3 **Re-submittal by Contractor.** An Application for Payment that is disapproved by County shall be corrected and re-submitted by Contractor after receipt by Contractor of the notice of disapproval. A re-submitted Application for Payment shall be reviewed and responded to by County in the same manner as provided in Paragraphs 9.5.1 and 9.5.2, above. If re-submitted, the re-submitted Application for Payment shall be reviewed and responded to by County in the same manner as provided in Paragraph 9.5.1 and Paragraph 9.5.2, above. If not re-submitted, only the amount, if any, that is approved for payment shall be paid until such time as a proper Application for Payment that includes the disapproved amount has been submitted in another Application for Payment and, upon such re-submittal, approved for payment.

9.5.4 **Approval Nullification.** County reserves the right to nullify any prior approval of an Application for Payment that is later found to not be in compliance with the requirements of the Contract Documents, whether or not such noncompliance was previously actually observed or apparent on the face of the Application for Payment, and based on such nullification County may take either of the following actions, as applicable: (1) if the Application for Payment has not yet been paid by County, disapprove of that portion of the Application for Payment that is not in compliance and withhold payment of that sum until the noncompliance is fully rectified; or (2) if the Application for Payment has been paid by County, nullify the County's prior approval and withhold payment of such disputed amounts in response to future Applications for Payment; provided, however, that in either case the amount of the County's nullification shall be limited to that portion of the amount requested in the Application for Payment that is in dispute and the amount of its withholding from the current or any future Application for Payment shall be limited to the amount nullified plus any additional withholding permitted under Section 9.6, below.

9.5.5 **No Waiver by County.** Neither approval by County or Architect of, failure by County to exercise its right of nullification with respect to, nor payment by County upon, an Application for Payment or any portion thereof shall be interpreted as or constitute a waiver or release of any of County's rights to require Contractor's full compliance with the Contract Documents.

9.5.6 **No Representation.** Neither approval by County or Architect of, failure by County to exercise its right of nullification with respect to, nor payment by County upon, an Application for Payment or any portion thereof shall be interpreted as a representation that County or Architect has: (1) made exhaustive or continuous on-Site inspections to check the quality or quantity of the Work, (2) reviewed Contractor's construction means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures, (3) reviewed copies of requisitions received from the Subcontractors and other data requested by County or Architect to substantiate Contractor's right to payment, or (4) made examination to ascertain how or for what purpose Contractor has used money previously paid on account of the Contract Price.

9.6 WITHHOLDING OF PAYMENT

9.6.1 **Grounds for Withholding.** County may decline to approve an Application for Payment and withhold payment requested under any unpaid Application for Payment, in whole or in part, to such extent that County makes a Good Faith Determination that withholding is necessary, in the sole discretion of County, because of any of the following circumstances:

.1 **Third-Party Claims.** Third-party claims or stop payment notices filed or reasonable evidence (including, without limitation, failure by Contractor to submit conditional releases of stop payment notice and bond rights required by the Contract Documents) indicating the possible filing of such claims or stop payment notices.

.2 **Defective Work.** Defective Work not remedied.

.3 **Nonpayment.** Failure of Contractor to make proper payments to a Subcontractor for services, labor, materials or equipment or other Work.

.4 **Inability to Complete.** Reasonable doubt that the Work can be completed for the then unpaid balance of the Contract Price or within the Contract Time.

.5 **Violation of Applicable Laws.** Failure of Contractor or a Subcontractor to comply with Applicable Laws.

.6 **Penalty.** Any penalty asserted against County by virtue of Contractor's failure to comply with Applicable Laws.

.7 **Lack of Progress.** Failure by Contractor to maintain progress in accordance with the Construction Schedule.

.8 **Setoff.** Any reason specified elsewhere in the Contract Documents as grounds for a withholding, offset or setoff or that would legally entitle County to a setoff or recoupment.

.9 **Consultant Services.** Additional professional, consultant or inspection services required due to Contractor's failure to comply with the Contract Documents.

.10 **Liquidated Damages.** Liquidated damages payable to County pursuant to Section 3.2 of the Construction Contract or that there is a reasonable basis to believe will be payable to County based upon the Contractor's project date for Substantial Completion based on its update Construction Schedule or based upon other evidence available to County of the probable date that the Work will be Substantially Completed.

.11 **Damage.** Loss caused to County, a Separate Contractor or any other person or entity under contract to County, by Contractor or a Subcontractor.

.12 **Cleanup.** Cleanup performed by County and chargeable to Contractor pursuant to the terms of the Contract Documents.

.13 **Employee Benefits.** Failure of Contractor to pay contributions due and owing to employee benefits funds pursuant to any applicable collective bargaining agreement or trust agreement.

.14 **Required Documents.** Failure of Contractor to submit on a timely basis, proper and complete documentation required by the Contract Documents, including, without limitation, schedule updates, 'look ahead' schedules, pricing information, certifications and other required reports or documentation.

.15 **Labor Compliance.** Failure of Contractor or any Subcontractor to properly pay prevailing wages as defined in California Labor Code §§1720 et seq.

.16 **Nullification.** Nullification by County pursuant to Paragraph 9.5.4, above, of its prior approval of an Application for Payment.

.17 **Releases.** Failure by Contractor to submit any conditional release of stop payment notice and bond rights that is required pursuant to Subparagraph 9.4.2.3, above or Subparagraph 9.10.4.4, below.

.18 **Other Breach.** A breach by Contractor of any obligation or provision of the Contract Documents.

9.6.2 **Application of Withholding.** Sums properly withheld pursuant to Paragraph 9.6.1, above, may be used by County without a prior judicial determination of County's actual rights with respect to the grounds on which such withholding is based. Contractor agrees and hereby designates County as its agent for such purposes, and agrees that such payments shall be considered as payments made under the Construction Contract by County to Contractor. County shall submit to Contractor an accounting of such funds disbursed on behalf of Contractor. As an alternative to such payment, County may, in its sole and absolute discretion, elect to exercise its right to adjust the Contract Price as provided in Section 13.4, below.

9.6.3 **Final Payment.** In accordance with California Public Contract Code §7107, the amount to be withheld from Contractor's Final Payment pursuant to a withholding asserted pursuant to Paragraph 9.6.1, above, shall be limited to one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the disputed amount.

9.6.4 **Release of Withholding.** When the reasons for withholding of payment as set forth in Paragraph 9.6.1, above, are removed, approval by County will be promptly issued to Contractor for amounts previously withheld and payment of amounts withheld will be made by County within thirty (30) Days thereafter.

9.6.5 **Additional Rights.** The County's right of withholding set forth in this Section 9.6 is in addition to, and not a limitation upon, any other rights of withhold that County may have under the Contract Documents or Applicable Laws.

9.7 PAYMENTS BY CONTRACTOR

9.7.1 **Payments to Subcontractors.** Contractor shall not include in its Applications for Payment sums on account of any Subcontractor's portion of the Work that it does not intend to pay to such Subcontractor. Upon receipt of payment from County, Contractor shall pay the Subcontractors performing the Work, out of the amount paid to Contractor on account of such Subcontractors' portions of the Work, the amount to which said Subcontractors are entitled in accordance with the terms of their contracts with Contractor and Applicable Laws, including, without limitation, California Public Contract Code §7107. Contractor shall remain responsible, notwithstanding a withholding by County pursuant to the terms of these General Conditions, to promptly satisfy from its own funds sums due to all the Subcontractors who have performed the Work that is included in Contractor's Application for Payment. Contractor shall, by appropriate agreement, require each Subcontractor to make payments to its sub-subcontractors and suppliers in similar manner. County shall have no obligation to pay or be responsible in any way for payment to the Subcontractors, of any Tier.

9.7.2 **Payments in Trust.** Any funds that Contractor receives in payment for services or Work performed by a Subcontractor shall constitute assets of a trust, which trust funds shall be used for the exclusive benefit of the Subcontractor for the purpose of discharging Contractor's financial obligations on account of labor, services, materials or equipment furnished to the Project by the Subcontractor, provided that such labor, services, materials or equipment were performed in accordance with the Contract Documents, were included in an Application for Payment to County, and were paid by the County to Contractor. Contractor shall be the trustee of the trust and shall be required to deal with the trust assets for the benefit of the Subcontractor. Contractor shall not be a beneficiary of the trust. Nothing herein shall be construed as an intent to require that Contractor maintain trust funds in separate bank accounts, specifically designate any third party as a beneficiary of the trust created herein, or otherwise give rise to any cause of action against the County by any third party beneficiary of the trust created herein.

9.7.3 **Payment Information.** County will, on request, furnish to any of the Subcontractors, if practicable, information for such Subcontractor's review regarding percentages of completion or amounts applied for by Contractor and action taken thereon by County on account of portions of the Work done by such Subcontractor.

9.7.4 **Joint Payment.** County shall have the right, if deemed necessary in its sole discretion, to issue joint checks made payable to Contractor and any of the Subcontractors, of any Tier. The joint check payees shall be solely responsible for the allocation and disbursement of funds included as part of any such joint payment. Endorsement on such check by a payee shall be conclusively presumed to constitute receipt of payment by such payee. In no event shall any joint check payment be construed to create: (1) any contract between County and any of the Subcontractors, of any Tier; (2) any obligation from County to any of the Subcontractors; or (3) any third-party rights against County or Architect.

9.7.5 **Direct Negotiation of Stop Payment Notices.** County shall have the right to directly discuss, negotiate, settle or pay, without notice to or participation by Contractor, any stop payment notice claims asserted by the Subcontractors, of any Tier, and to deduct such sums paid from sums due to Contractor.

9.7.6 **Release of Stop Payment Notices.** With the exception of that portion, and only that portion, of a stop payment notice or other claim that arises as a result of a failure by the County to make payment to Contractor under circumstances constituting a breach of the Construction Contract by County, if any stop payment notice or other claim, whether invalid or valid, is filed with, served upon or made or asserted against the County or the Site by any

Subcontractor, of any Tier, or their agent or employee, for money claimed due, then Contractor shall within five (5) Days after written notice by the County procure, furnish and record appropriate releases or other instruments which under Applicable Laws will fully release, extinguish and remove such stop payment notice or claim, as well as any notices of pending action or other notices recorded against the Site in connection with the enforcement thereof. All costs of such actions by Contractor shall be paid for by Contractor at Contractor's Own Expense. Unless and until fully released as aforestated, the County shall have the right to retain from any payment then due, or thereafter to become due, to Contractor an amount equal to one hundred and fifty percent (150%) of the amount necessary to satisfy, discharge and defend against any such stop payment notice or claim and any action or proceeding thereon, including, without limitation, an amount for anticipated attorney's fees and costs. If the amount to be paid, or the amount retained, is insufficient to satisfy, discharge and defend against any such stop payment notice or claim and any action or proceeding thereon, then Contractor shall be liable for the difference and upon demand shall immediately deposit the same with the County. The provisions of this Paragraph 9.7.6 are in addition to such other rights as the County may have against Contractor under the Contract Documents or Applicable Laws.

9.7.7 **No County Obligation.** Neither County nor Architect shall have any obligation to pay or to see to the payment of money to any of the Subcontractors except as may otherwise be required by Applicable Laws.

9.8 FAILURE OF PAYMENT

If, through no fault of Contractor or failure by Contractor to comply with its obligations under the Contract Documents either: (1) approval or disapproval by County of an Application for Payment properly prepared and submitted by Contractor and requesting payment that is otherwise undisputed by County is not issued within the time period required therefor by the terms of this Article 9; or (2) the County does not (a) upon an Application for Payment properly prepared and submitted by Contractor pay to Contractor, within the time period required for payment by County, an undisputed amount approved by County as earned, which approval has not been, and is not thereafter, nullified by County, or (b) pay to Contractor an amount that has been awarded by arbitration or judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, then Contractor may, following delivery to County of a written "10-day stop work order", stop the Work until, as applicable, an approval or disapproval by County, or payment by County, is received by Contractor. Promptly upon receipt of such approval or disapproval, or payment, as applicable, Contractor shall resume the Work. Any resulting Delay associated with the shut down and start up of the Work as a result of Contractor's proper exercise of its right to stop work under this Section 9.8 shall constitute a Compensable Delay.

9.9 SUBSTITUTION OF SECURITIES FOR RETENTION

9.9.1 **Public Contract Code.** Pursuant to the requirements of California Public Contract Code §22300, upon the Contractor's request, the County will make payment to the Contractor of any funds withheld from payments to ensure performance under the Contract Documents if the Contractor deposits with the County, or in escrow with a California or federally chartered bank in California acceptable to the County ("Escrow Agent"), securities eligible for the investment of State Funds under Government Code §16430, or bank or savings and loan certificates of deposit, interest-bearing demand deposit accounts, standby letters of credit, or any other security mutually agreed to by the Contractor and the County, upon the following conditions:

.1 The Contractor shall be the beneficial owner of any securities substituted for monies withheld for the purpose of receiving any interest on such securities.

.2 All expenses relating to the substitution of securities under said §22300 and under this Section 9.9, including, but not limited to the County's overhead and administrative expenses and expenses of Escrow Agent, shall be the responsibility of the Contractor.

.3 Securities or certificates of deposit substituted for monies withheld shall be of a value of at least equivalent to the amounts of the retention to be paid to the Contractor pursuant to the Contract Documents.

.4 If the Contractor shall choose to deposit securities in lieu of monies withheld with an Escrow Agent, the Contractor, the County and Escrow Agent shall, as a prerequisite to such deposit, enter into an escrow agreement. Such escrow agreement shall be substantially in the form "Escrow Agreement for Security Deposits in Lieu of Retention" set forth in California Public Contract Code §22300(f).

.5 The Contractor shall obtain the written consent of Surety to such agreement.

.6 Securities, if any, shall be returned to the Contractor only upon satisfactory Final Completion of the Work.

9.9.2 **Substitute Security.** To minimize the expense caused by such substitution of securities, the Contractor shall, prior to or at the time the Contractor requests to substitute security, deposit sufficient security to cover the entire amount to be withheld. Should the current market value of such substituted security at any time fall below the amount for which it was substituted, or any other amount which the County withholds pursuant to the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall immediately and at the Contractor's Own Expense deposit additional security qualifying under said §22300 until the current market value of the total security deposited is no less than the amount subject to withholding under the Contract Documents. Securities shall be valued as often as conditions of the securities market warrant, but in no case less frequently than once per month.

9.9.3 **Deposit of Retentions.** Alternatively, subject to the conditions set forth in Paragraph 9.9.1, above, upon request of the Contractor, the County shall make payment of retentions directly to Escrow Agent at the expense of the Contractor, provided that the Contractor, the County and Escrow Agent shall, as a prerequisite to such payment, enter into an escrow agreement in the same form as prescribed in Subparagraph 9.9.1.4, above. At the Contractor's Own Expense, the Contractor may direct the investment of the payments into securities and interest bearing accounts and the Contractor shall receive the interest earned on the investments. Escrow Agent shall hold such direct payments by the County under the same terms provided herein for securities deposited by the Contractor. Upon satisfactory Final Completion of the Work, the Contractor shall receive from Escrow Agent all securities, interest and payments received by Escrow Agent from the County, less escrow fees and charges of the Escrow Account, according to the terms of said §22300 and the Contract Documents.

9.10 FINAL PAYMENT

9.10.1 **Payment by County.** Subject to the County's right of withholding as set forth in Section 9.6, above, or elsewhere in the Contract Documents, Final Payment shall be made by County not more than sixty (60) Days after completion of the Work as defined in Clauses (1), (2), (3) or (4) of California Public Contract Code § 7107(c), whichever definition is earliest satisfied.

9.10.2 **Application for Final Payment.** Upon issuance by County of the Notice of Final Completion pursuant to Paragraph 9.13.5, below, Contractor shall submit to County its Application for Payment requesting Final Payment.

9.10.3 **Review by County.** County will review and approve or disapprove of the Application for Payment requesting Final Payment as provided in Section 9.5, above.

9.10.4 **Conditions to Final Payment.** Without limitation to any other conditions to payment set forth elsewhere in the Contract Documents, the following shall be conditions to a proper submission, and to County's approval, of Contractor's Application for Payment requesting Final Payment:

.1 submission of Contractor certification as required by Paragraph 9.2.10, above;

.2 submission of consent of Surety, if any, to Final Payment;

.3 submission of a certificate evidencing that the insurance required by the Contract Documents is in force;

.4 submission of conditional releases and waivers of stop payment notice and bond rights upon final payment in the form required by California Civil Code §8136 executed by Contractor and by all the Subcontractors, of every Tier;

.5 submission of all Close-Out Documents (including, without limitation, complete, accurate Record Drawings and Specifications certified by Contractor as required by Paragraph 3.10.1, above);

.6 timely submission of adequate and complete certified payroll records for any time period that Work was performed, which have not been submitted by Contractor in connection with its previous Applications for Payment;

.7 proper payment of prevailing wages as defined in California Labor Code §§1720, et seq.;

.8 submission of certifications by Contractor and each Subcontractor, as required by any applicable collective bargaining agreement or trust agreement or Applicable Laws, certifying that all employee benefit contributions due and owing have been paid in full; and

.9 submission of any other documents or information required by the Contract Documents as a condition of Final Payment or Final Completion.

9.10.5 **Disputed Amounts.** Pursuant to California Public Contract Code § 7107, County may deduct and withhold from Final Payment an amount of up to one hundred fifty percent (150%) of any disputed amounts, including, without limitation, amounts to protect County against any Loss caused or threatened as a result of Contractor's failing to fully satisfy the conditions of Final Completion and Final Payment.

9.10.6 **No Waiver by County**. The making of Final Payment by County shall not constitute a waiver by County of any rights or claims, including, without limitation, any right or claim for reimbursement of Allowable Costs or Allowable Markup paid to Contractor that is determined by County, either before or after Final Payment, to have been not due to Contractor.

9.10.7 **WAIVER BY CONTRACTOR.**

ACCEPTANCE OF FINAL PAYMENT BY CONTRACTOR OR A SUBCONTRACTOR SHALL CONSTITUTE A WAIVER OF ALL RIGHTS BY THAT PAYEE AGAINST COUNTY FOR RECOVERY OF ANY LOSS, EXCEPTING ONLY THOSE CLAIMS THAT HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED BY CONTRACTOR IN THE MANNER REQUIRED BY SECTION 4.3, ABOVE, PRIOR TO, OR AT THE TIME OF CONTRACTOR'S SUBMISSION TO COUNTY OF, ITS APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT REQUSTING FINAL PAYMENT.

9.11 **SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION**

9.11.1 **Contract Time.** Contractor shall achieve Substantial Completion of the Work, or such portion of the Work as may be designated at any time by County for separate delivery, in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Time and other provisions of the Contract Documents.

9.11.2 **Request for Inspection.** Contractor shall notify the County when Contractor believes that the Work, or portion thereof designated by the County in the Contract Documents or otherwise for separate delivery, is Substantially Complete.

9.11.3 **Substantial Completion Inspection.** When Contractor gives notice to County that it has achieved Substantial Completion of the Work, or a County designated portion thereof, unless the County determines that the Work or County designated portion thereof is not sufficiently complete to warrant an inspection to determine Substantial Completion, County, Inspector of Record, Architect and such others as may be designated by County will inspect the Work, or such County designated portion thereof.

9.11.4 **Substantial Completion Punch List.** At the conclusion of such inspection, County shall prepare and give to Contractor (or, Owner may request that Contractor prepare and provide to County) a Substantial Completion Punch List of items, if any, to be completed or corrected for Substantial Completion. If Contractor disputes any of the items included, it shall so note its objection on the Substantial Completion Punch List. Contractor shall proceed within forty-eight (48) hours after preparation of the Substantial Completion Punch List to commence correction or completion of the items on the Substantial Completion Punch List, including, without limitation, any disputed items, and all such items of Work shall be completed promptly by Contractor before the Work will be considered as Substantially Complete. Failure by County, Architect, Inspector of Record or Contractor to include an item on the Substantial Completion Punch List does not alter the responsibility of Contractor to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents. Items of Work necessary for Substantial Completion that, for any reason, have been omitted from the Substantial

Completion Punch List shall be added to the Substantial Completion Punch List and Contractor shall, at the request of County, Architect or Inspector of Record made at any time prior to Final Payment commence correction or completion of such items within forty-eight (48) hours and all such items of Work shall be completed by Contractor promptly and before the Work will be considered as Substantially Complete.

9.11.5 **Re-Inspection.** Contractor shall notify County when the items of Work shown on the Substantial Completion Punch List are completed. County, Inspector of Record, Architect and such others as County deems necessary or appropriate will then make a further inspection to determine whether such Work is Substantially Complete. If such inspection, or any subsequent re-inspection required pursuant hereto, discloses any item, whether or not included on the Substantial Completion Punch List, which must be completed or corrected before Substantial Completion, Contractor shall, as a condition of Substantial Completion, complete or correct such item, which shall then be re-inspected to confirm that such Work is Substantially Complete. Contractor shall reimburse County, or County may at its option withhold from Contractor's payments, amounts incurred by County to the Inspector of Record, Architect, County Consultants or others whose services, for reasons within the control or responsibility of Contractor or the Subcontractors, are necessary for more than two (2) such re-inspections to determine Substantial Completion.

9.11.6 **Notice of Substantial Completion.** When County determines that the Work, or such designated portion thereof, is Substantially Complete, County will prepare a Notice of Substantial Completion on the County's form, which shall state the date of Substantial Completion. If the Notice of Substantial Completion is for the entire Work, then the County will attach to it the Final Completion Punch List prepared in accordance with Paragraph 9.13.2, below. Regardless of the date the Notice of Substantial Completion is issued, Substantial Completion shall be deemed to have occurred on the date stated in the Notice of Substantial Completion.

9.12 PARTIAL OCCUPANCY OR USE

County reserves the right to beneficially occupy all or any portion of the Work at any time before Substantial Completion of the entire Work. Beneficial occupancy means that County has assumed physical occupancy and use of all or such portion of the Work. Commencement of improvements or other work by Separate Contractors in order to ready the Work for use or occupancy by County shall be unconditionally permitted in all cases prior to Substantial Completion and shall not constitute a taking of beneficial occupancy by County. Exercise by County in accordance with the provisions of this Section 9.12 of its right to take beneficial occupancy shall not constitute grounds for a Contract Adjustment. The County's right of beneficial occupancy of all or a portion of the Work prior to Substantial Completion shall be subject to the following conditions:

9.12.1 County and such others as County deems necessary will make an inspection of the portion of the Work to be beneficially occupied and prepare a list of items to be completed or corrected in the same manner as required by and subject to the same conditions as set forth in Section 9.11, above.

9.12.2 Beneficial occupancy by County shall not be construed as Acceptance of that portion of the Work which is to be occupied.

9.12.3 Except as otherwise provided in this Section 9.12, beneficial occupancy by County shall not constitute a waiver of rights of the County against Contractor. Notwithstanding anything stated in this Section 9.12 or elsewhere in the Contract Documents to the contrary, beneficial occupancy by County shall not constitute a waiver of rights of County relating to Defective Work in the area beneficially occupied or in any other portion of the Work.

9.12.4 Prior to the County's taking beneficial occupancy, Contractor shall submit to County an itemized list of each piece of equipment located in or serving the area to be occupied stating the date operation of such piece of equipment commenced, together with operating instructions, manuals and other information required by the Contract Documents. Contractor shall provide, in the areas beneficially occupied, on a continual basis, utility services, elevator service, and heating and cooling systems in operable condition commencing at the time of beneficial occupancy and until Final Completion of the entire Work. County shall be responsible, from and after taking occupancy, for utility consumption, regular operation and regular maintenance of such systems or equipment.

9.12.5 County shall pay all normal operating and maintenance costs resulting from its use of equipment in areas beneficially occupied.

9.12.6 County shall pay all utility costs that arise out of its beneficial occupancy.

9.12.7 Contractor shall not be responsible for providing security in areas beneficially occupied.

9.12.8 County shall use its best efforts to prevent its beneficial occupancy from interfering with the conduct of Contractor's remaining Work.

9.12.9 Contractor shall not be required to repair damage caused solely by County's beneficial occupancy.

9.12.10 Contractor shall continue to maintain all insurance required by the Contract Documents in full force and effect.

9.13 FINAL COMPLETION

9.13.1 **Contract Time.** Contractor shall expeditiously and diligently perform the Work after Substantial Completion, including, without limitation, all items of Work on the Final Completion Punch List that accompanies the Notice of Substantial Completion, so as to achieve Final Completion within the requirements of the Contract Time for Final Completion.

9.13.2 **Final Completion Punch List.** Contractor shall prepare and submit to County at the time that Contractor requests inspection for Substantial Completion of the entire Work pursuant to Paragraph 9.11.2, above, a draft proposed Final Completion Punch List of items of Work that will be required to be completed or corrected for Final Completion. Items identified in the course of any inspection for Substantial Completion that are required to Finally Complete the Work following Substantial Completion shall be added to the proposed Final Completion Punch List and the revised Final Completion Punch List attached to the Notice of Substantial Completion. If Contractor disputes any of the items included, it shall so note its objection on the Final Completion Punch List. When Contractor considers the Final Completion Punch List to be complete, it shall promptly sign and deliver the Final Completion Punch List to the County. Failure by County, Architect, Inspector of Record or Contractor to include an item on the Final Completion Punch List does not alter the responsibility of Contractor to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents. Items of Work necessary for Final Completion that, for any reason, have been omitted from the Final Completion Punch List shall be added to the Final Completion Punch List upon request by the County made at any time prior to Final Payment and completion of such items shall be made promptly and before the Work will be considered Finally Complete.

9.13.3 **Performance of Punch List.** Contractor shall proceed promptly and in accordance with the Contract Time to correct and complete the items on the Final Completion Punch List, including, without limitation, any disputed items, and all such items of Work shall be completed by Contractor before the Work will be considered as Finally Complete.

9.13.4 **Request for Final Inspection.** Contractor shall notify County when Contractor believes that the Work is Finally Complete. County, Inspector of Record, Architect and such others as County deems necessary or appropriate will then make a further inspection to determine whether such Work is Finally Complete. If such inspection, or any subsequent re-inspection required pursuant hereto, discloses any item, whether or not included on the Final Completion Punch List, which must be completed or corrected before Final Completion, Contractor shall, as a condition of Final Completion, complete or correct such item, which shall then be re-inspected to confirm that such Work is Finally Completed. Contractor shall reimburse County, or County may at its option withhold from Contractor's payments, amounts incurred by County to the Inspector of Record, Architect, County Consultants or others whose services, for reasons within the control or responsibility of Contractor or the Subcontractors, are necessary for more than two (2) inspections to determine Final Completion.

9.13.5 **Notice of Final Completion.** When County determines that the Work is Finally Complete, County will prepare a Notice of Final Completion on the County's form, which shall state the date of Final Completion. Regardless of the date the Notice of Final Completion is issued, Final Completion shall be deemed to have occurred on the date stated in the Notice of Final Completion.

9.13.6 **Acceptance by County**. Acceptance may be exercised by County, in its sole and absolute discretion, either after Final Completion or, without waiving or releasing Contractor from any of its obligations under the Contract Documents, at any time after Substantial Completion and prior to Final Completion.

9.13.7 **Notice of Completion**. In addition to issuance of the Notice of Substantial Completion and Notice of Final Completion, County shall have the right, exercised in its sole and absolute discretion, to record a Notice of Completion pursuant to California Civil Code §9204.

9.13.8 **No Waiver by County**. No inspections conducted pursuant to this Article 9 nor any approvals or certificates issued by County, Architect or Inspector of Record shall be deemed to be a waiver or limitation on County's right to insist on Final Completion and full performance of all other conditions to Final Payment under the Contract Documents prior to issuance of Final Payment to Contractor.

ARTICLE 10
INSPECTIONS, SAFETY AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

10.1 INSPECTIONS

10.1.1 **General.** One or more Inspectors of Record, including special inspectors as required, may be employed by County and assigned to the Work. The fees of Inspectors of Record shall be directly paid for by County. IF INSPECTORS OR RECORD ARE ASSIGNED TO THE WORK, THEN NO WORK SHALL BE CARRIED ON EXCEPT UNDER THE INSPECTION, AND WITH THE KNOWLEDGE, OF THE APPROPRIATE INSPECTOR(S) OF RECORD, and Contractor shall be responsible, at Contractor's Own Expense, to remove and replace any Work performed without such inspection by the appropriate Inspector of Record.

10.1.2 **Coordination**. Contractor shall schedule, arrange, and coordinate its activities with the activities of the County, Inspectors of Record, Architect, County Consultants and others designated by County to inspect or observe the Work. When, in order to comply with the intent of the Contract Documents, inspection or observation must be made at the plant or mill of the manufacturer or fabricator of material or equipment, Contractor shall notify the County, as well as any other persons identified by County as assigned by it to inspect or observe the Work, a sufficient length of time in advance to allow for arrangements to be made for such inspection or observation.

10.1.3 **Uncovering of Work.** County or an Inspector of Record shall have the right to request that any portion of the Work be uncovered by Contractor for inspection. Except as otherwise provided in Paragraph 10.1.1, above, if such Work is found to be in accordance with the Contract Documents, then all of the additional costs incurred in uncovering, replacing and re-covering the Work shall constitute grounds for Contractor, upon proper notice and request pursuant to Article 7, above, to receive a Contract Adjustment for Compensable Change and if such uncovering, replacing and re-covering of the Work causes a Delay, such Delay shall constitute grounds for Contractor, upon proper and timely notice and request pursuant to Article 8, above, to receive a Contract Adjustment for Compensable Delay. If such Work is not in accordance with the Contract Documents, then such costs of uncovering, replacing and re-covering shall be paid for by Contractor at Contractor's Own Expense and any resulting Delay shall be consider an Unexcused Delay.

10.1.4 **Off-Hours Inspections.** Contractor shall request approval by County before arranging any inspections either: (1) before 7:00 am or after 3:00 pm on Monday through Friday, or (2) on any Saturday, Sunday, holiday or any other time when Work is not usually in progress. Such request shall be delivered to County at least two (2) working days in advance of the inspection being performed. Approval or disapproval of such request is in the sole and absolute discretion of County. Except where such off-hours inspections are due to a breach by County of an obligation under the Contract Documents, the additional cost (over and above that which would be required for inspections during regular business hours) to County of the inspection shall be paid for by Contractor at Contractor's Own Expense.

10.1.5 **Access to the Work**. Contractor shall make available for use by County, Inspectors of Record, Architect, County Consultants and others assigned to inspect or observe the Work, any equipment (wheelbarrow, shovel, ladder, man-lift, etc.) that is available or in use on Site, and is required to assist in such inspections or observations.

10.1.6 **Right to Stop Work.** County shall have the right, but not the obligation, to order Contractor to stop performance of Work. Inspectors of Record shall, only if and to the extent permitted by Applicable Laws or if they are given written authority to do so by County, have the authority, but not the obligation, to stop the Work whenever provisions of Contract Documents are not being complied with, or the conduct of the Work poses a probable risk of harm to persons or property.

10.1.7 **No County Duty.** No authority of the County, Inspectors of Record, Architect, County Consultants or others designated by County to inspect the Work that is conferred by the Contract Documents nor any decision made by any of them in good faith either to exercise or not exercise such authority, nor any recommendation by any of them, shall give rise to a duty or responsibility on the part of any of them to Contractor or to the Subcontractors, of any Tier.

10.1.8 **Contractor Responsibility.** Inspections or observations by the County, Inspectors of Record, County Consultants or others shall not in any way relieve Contractor from its sole responsibility for full compliance with all of the terms and conditions of the Contract Documents, nor be construed to lessen, to any degree, Contractor's responsibility for providing efficient and capable superintendence as required herein or for incorporating into the Work only those items of the Work that conform to the Contract Documents.

10.1.9 **Reimbursement to County.** Without limitation to any other provisions of the Contract Documents, Contractor shall reimburse the County at Contractor's Own Expense, or County shall have the right, at its option, to withhold from payments due to Contractor, costs of inspections, observations or testing and other Losses that are incurred for any of the following reasons: (1) Contractor has failed to execute the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents; (2) materials or equipment have been substituted by Contractor, without prior approval by the County and Architect; (3) Defective Work; or (4) to conduct load testing of certain portions of the structure that have not fully met the requirements of the Contract Documents.

10.2 SAFETY PRECAUTIONS AND PROGRAMS

10.2.1 **General Safety Obligation.** Contractor shall, notwithstanding the activities of others (such as, but not limited to, the County, Architect, Inspectors of Record, County Consultants or others designated by County to prepare safety recommendations or inspect or observe the Work), be solely responsible, on a twenty-four (24) hours a Day, seven (7) Days a week basis, for initiating, maintaining and supervising all safety precautions and programs on the Site in connection with the preparation, performance, observation or inspection of the Work, including all necessary precautions to protect and safeguard all persons and property from loss, injury, death or damage resulting, directly or indirectly, from the activities of Contractor or the Subcontractors, including, without limitation, all of the following:

.1 persons in and around the Site, as well as their personal property and vehicles;

.2 the Work, materials and equipment to be incorporated therein under care, custody or control of Contractor or the Subcontractors, of any Tier, whether in storage on or off the Site, including, without limitation, the provision of temperature control, covering and enclosures necessary to prevent Loss due to adverse weather conditions;

.3 other property at the Site or adjacent thereto, such as trees, shrubs, lawns, walks, pavements, curbs, roadways, structures (including, without limitation, protection from settlement or loss of lateral support) and utilities not designated for removal, relocation or replacement in the course of construction; and

.4 construction and operations by the County, Architect and Inspectors of Record.

10.2.2 **Contractor's Safety Program.** Prior to starting the Work, Contractor shall prepare and submit to County a Safety Program, which shall comply with the requirements of the Contract Documents and shall include, at a minimum, guidelines, requirements and procedures for the following: safety management policy; emergency response plan; illness and injury prevention procedures; safety meetings; accident investigation; basic accident causes; safety inspection checklist; fire prevention and control; report forms; and employee safety manual and procedures for achieving compliance with safety requirements of insurers. A copy of the Safety Program shall be maintained on Site at all times and provided to the County upon request. Contractor is solely responsible for monitoring activities at the Site for compliance with the Safety Program and for the enforcement thereof.

10.2.3 **Safety Orders.** Contractor shall comply with all Applicable Laws, including, without limitation, all safety laws, standards, orders, rules, regulations and building codes, to prevent accidents or injury to persons on, about or adjacent to the Site and to provide a safe and healthful place of employment. Contractor shall, at Contractor's Own Expense, correct any violations of Applicable Laws occurring or threatened by conditions on the Site.

10.2.4 **Safety Representative.** Contractor shall designate a responsible member of its organization on the Site, who meets the qualification and competency requirements of Applicable Laws and whose sole duty shall be giving safety instructions, prevention of accidents and overall job site safety (including, without limitation, posting of information and other notices regarding safety that are required under occupational safety and health laws and compliance with reporting and other occupational safety requirements pertaining to the protection of the life, safety and health of the workers). The name of the person so designated shall be reported to the County by Contractor prior to the commencement of any Work on the Site.

10.2.5 **Protection.** Contractor shall take reasonable precautions to protect the Work and all building materials, equipment, temporary field offices, storage sheds, and other public and private real and personal property that might be affected, directly or indirectly, by Contractor's activities associated with performance of the Work, and shall make good, at Contractor's Own Expense, all Loss due to failure to provide such reasonable precautions.

10.2.6 **Safeguards, Disabled Access.** Contractor shall erect and maintain, as required by existing conditions and performance of the Work, all necessary safeguards for safety and protection, including, without limitation, safety devices, belts, nets, barriers, safety rails, canopies, danger signs, fire protection, no smoking prohibitions, warnings against hazards, safety regulations postings and notifications to owners and users of adjacent sites and utilities, and shall, as required by Applicable Laws, make provision for access for, and provide assistive devices to, persons with disabilities, including, without limitation, providing safe pathways of travel around areas where construction is being performed so that occupants, visitors, the public and others on the Site with disabilities are afforded reasonably direct and barrier-free access to areas of the Site and Existing Improvements.

10.2.7 **Fire, Explosives, Hazardous Substances.** Contractor shall take all necessary precautions to guard against and eliminate possible fire hazards. Explosives may be used or stored only when authorized in writing by the County. Explosives shall be handled, used and stored in accordance with Applicable Laws. When use or storage of explosives or other Hazardous Substances or methods of construction involving use of dangerous materials or equipment are necessary for execution of the Work, Contractor shall exercise utmost care and carry on such activities under supervision of properly qualified personnel.

10.2.8 **First Aid.** Contractor shall maintain emergency first aid treatment for all workers and other persons on the Project which complies with the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C.A. §§651 et seq.) and all other Applicable Laws.

10.2.9 **Unsafe Conditions.** Contractor shall immediately correct any condition that exists on the Site, or that County, in its reasonable judgment, determines to exist on the Site, that is unsafe or potentially unsafe to persons or property.

10.2.10 **Responsibility for Loss.** Contractor shall promptly remedy Loss to any property or person caused in whole or in part by the failure of Contractor, the Subcontractors, of any Tier, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them, or by anyone for whose acts they may be liable to fully comply with the requirements of this Article 10, except Loss attributable solely to the negligent acts or omissions of the County, Inspectors of Record, Architect, County Consultants or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them, or by anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, and not attributable, in whole or in part, to the negligence, willful misconduct or violation of Applicable Laws by Contractor or a Subcontractor, of any Tier, or the failure by Contractor to comply with the Contract Documents. The foregoing obligations of Contractor are in addition to and not a limitation upon Contractor's indemnity obligations under Section 3.18, above.

10.2.11 **Loading, Storage.** Contractor shall be responsible for coordinating the storage and staging of materials and equipment on-Site and off-Site and shall not load or store or permit any part of the Work or the Site to be loaded or stored so as to endanger the safety of persons or risk loss or damage to property.

10.2.12 **Emergency.**

.1 **Contractor Responsibility.** In an emergency involving safety or protection of persons or property, Contractor shall act immediately, either at County's direction or as otherwise necessary under the circumstances, to prevent any Loss. In such cases, Contractor shall immediately notify County, which notice may be oral, followed within twenty-four (24) hours after occurrence of the incident by written confirmation of the occurrence of such emergency and Contractor's action in response thereto.

.2 **County Action.** If, in the sole discretion of County, the condition is immediately threatening life or property, County may, with or without notice to Contractor, take whatever immediate action is necessary to correct the life-threatening condition, and the costs thereof, including, without limitation, any fees or costs of Architect, Inspectors of Record, County Consultants or others to whom County may be liable, shall be borne by Contractor at the Contractor's Own Expense.

10.2.13 **No County Responsibility.** Nothing set forth in this Section 10.2 or elsewhere in the Contract Documents shall be interpreted as an assumption of any responsibility on the part of County or other persons or entities other than the Contractor and the Subcontractors, to report such conditions to Contractor nor as relieving Contractor of any of its responsibilities under the Contract Documents.

10.2.14 **Separate Contractors.** With respect to work of a Separate Contractor being performed within an area of the Site that is under the responsibility or control of the Contractor, Contractor shall: (1) provide copies of the Safety Program to the Separate Contractors and advise the Separate Contractors of the areas of the Site to which the Safety Program applies and where compliance with the Safety Program is expected; (2) protect the Separate Contractors' work and workers from Loss due to the actions or inactions of Contractor and the Subcontractors; and (3) notify the Separate Contractor and County of any observed violation by the Separate Contractor of the Safety Program or of any violations by the Separate Contractor of Applicable Laws governing safety on the Site. Nothing herein shall be interpreted as relieving the Separate Contractors from their obligations to comply with the Contractor's Safety Program, as excusing any failure by a Separate Contractor from performing its obligations under its contracts with County or Applicable Laws or as obligating Contractor to directly supervise or enforce the obligations of the Separate Contractors to comply with the requirements of the Safety Program or Applicable Laws relating to safety.

10.3 HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES, MOLD

10.3.1 Hazardous Substances.

.1 On Site Conditions.

(1) **Existing Conditions.** In the event Contractor or its Subcontractors encounter materials existing or otherwise present at the Site that are reasonably believed to be Hazardous Substances that have not been rendered harmless, Contractor and Subcontractors shall, except in cases where the removal, encapsulation or abatement of such Hazardous Substances is indicated by the Contract Documents to be part of the Work to be performed by Contractor, immediately stop Work in the area affected and report the condition to County in writing. Contractor and Subcontractors shall continue Work in unaffected areas reasonably believed safe. County shall then promptly arrange for the sampling, testing and profiling of such suspected Hazardous Substances to confirm the nature, quantity or concentration thereof. In the event that such suspected Hazardous Substances are determined not to be Hazardous Substances or to be Hazardous Substances but not of sufficient nature, quantity or concentration to trigger handling and manifesting of the same as a hazardous waste upon disturbance and removal, then Contractor and its Subcontractors shall, without any Contract Adjustment, be obligated to resume the portion of the Work that was suspended and shall proceed to handle and dispose of such materials pursuant to the Contract Documents, taking all reasonable precautions that are applicable under the circumstances. If, alternatively, the suspected Hazardous Substances are determined to be Hazardous Substances of sufficient nature, quantity or concentration to trigger handling and manifesting of the same as hazardous waste upon disturbance and removal, the parties shall determine what, if any, action to take with respect to such Hazardous Substances, whether to resume Work with respect to such Hazardous Substances, taking all reasonable precautions that are applicable under the circumstances, and what, if any, Contract Adjustment is appropriate and mutually agreed in order to account for any increased cost of, or Delay in connection with, handling or disposal of Hazardous Substances not already contemplated and provided for in the Contract Documents.

(2) **Contractor Release.** Contractor and its Subcontractors shall not cause the discharge, release, emission, spill, storage, treatment or disposal of any Hazardous Substance on or adjacent to the Site, except as required and permitted by the Contract Documents and Applicable Laws in connection with Contractor's performance of an obligation to remove Hazardous Substances as part of the Work agreed to be performed under the Contract Documents or as otherwise required under the provisions of this Subparagraph 10.3.1.1. Should Contractor or its Subcontractors discharge, release, emit, spill, treat, store or dispose of any Hazardous Substance on the Site in violation of the foregoing obligation or otherwise in violation of Applicable Laws, Contractor shall at Contractor's Own Expense and without limitation to County's other rights or remedies for default immediately (a) inform County in writing of such event, (b) advise County with respect to any release reporting or notification requirement that may apply as a result of such event, (c) assist County in complying with any such reporting or notification requirement as determined by County, and (d) perform any investigation, remediation, removal or other response that is necessary or desirable in order to abate or clean up the condition resulting from such event to the full satisfaction of County and any applicable Governmental Authority. Such Hazardous Substances shall be removed and properly disposed of as soon as they can be accepted at an appropriate disposal facility, and in no event later than sixty (60) Days after such waste is generated, unless a longer time is approved by County.

.2 **Remediation by Contractor.**

(1) **Application.** The provisions of this Paragraph 10.3.1.2 shall apply only if the Work to be performed by Contractor includes within its scope the removal, abatement, moving, handling, containment, disposal or transport of Hazardous Substances

(2) **Advance Submissions to County.** Before Contractor or any of its Subcontractors moves, removes, or transports Hazardous Substances to a facility for the receipt, treatment, storage or disposal of the Hazardous Substances ("Hazardous Substances Facility"), Contractor shall cause the person or entity who will be moving, removing or transporting the Hazardous Substances to provide to County the following: (a) verification of the Hazardous Substance Facility's or other transporter's licensed status to haul such materials; (b) verification of the Hazardous Substance Facility's licensed status, including a current permit to receive the specific materials to be transported there; (c) certification that the Hazardous Substance Facility is not under enforcement action by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") or applicable State Governmental Authority or listed on any applicable EPA or applicable State Government Authority list of violating facilities; (d) verification of the Hazardous Substances Facility's EPA Identification Number (if applicable); and (e) original executed letter(s) of indemnity from the Hazardous Substances Facility bearing the Hazardous Substance Facility's letterhead. Contractor further warrants that the selected Hazardous Substance Facility is appropriately licensed and permitted to store, treat and dispose of Hazardous Substances waste in connection with the Work.

(3) **Contractor Responsibility.** Contractor warrants that it is aware of and understands the hazards which are presented to persons, property and the environment in performance of the transportation, storage and disposal of the Hazardous Substances described in the Contract Documents. Contractor and its Subcontractors and agents shall be responsible for the following: (a) processing the application for, and receiving on behalf of the County or appropriate entity, an EPA or state-equivalent generator identification number (if required); (b) preparing manifests and other shipping documents; (c) making all necessary arrangements (after consultation with County) for any off-Site transportation, treatment, storage and disposal of such Hazardous Substances in accordance with Applicable Laws; (d) ensuring the proper and lawful transportation and disposal of such Hazardous Substances, even if such services are performed by other entities under contract with Contractor or its Subcontractors; and (e) taking any necessary actions to ensure such proper transport and disposal in the event of any contingency, such as the rejection of the Hazardous Substances as nonconforming by any waste disposal facility. Contractor shall promptly provide to County copies of all manifests and other shipping documents confirming the receipt and proper disposal of all Hazardous Substances at the Hazardous Substances Facility, even if such services are performed by other entities under contract with Contractor or its Subcontractors.

(4) **Reporting Requirements.** Contractor shall comply with any Hazardous Substances release reporting requirements to Governmental Authorities directly applicable to Contractor. Notice of such reporting must be provided in advance to County or concurrently in the event of an emergency.

(5) **Samples.** Contractor and its Subcontractors shall retain all media samples for the longer of (a) the longest holding period specified in any federal, state or local laboratory analytical procedures or

guidance for the analyses performed; or (b) three months for soil samples and thirty (30) Days for water samples. Further storage or transfer of samples will be made at County's expense upon County's written request of Contractor. Contractor shall require by contract that each and every Subcontractor and agent of Contractor or a Subcontractor who performs testing of samples in connection with the Work properly disposes of such samples in accordance with Applicable Laws after completion of testing and notice to County. Regarding any such samples which may remain on-Site, provided County has approved of such on-Site storage in advance, County agrees to pay all costs associated with the storage, transport, and disposal of such samples.

(6) Verification. Upon Final Completion of the Work, Contractor shall confirm to County in writing that: (a) all Hazardous Substances specified for removal in the Contract Documents have been removed; and (b) all Hazardous Substances wastes removed from the Site as part of the Work have been disposed of in accordance with this Subparagraph 10.3.1.2 and Applicable Laws in a Hazardous Substances Facility.

10.3.2 **Mold.** Contractor is responsible to immediately notify County in writing if any conditions in the construction materials incorporated or to be incorporated into the Work or present in Existing Improvements are encountered at the Site that Contractor or any Subcontractor knows or, in the exercise of due care of a Contractor and not that of a consultant with special or technical expertise in the subject of Mold, should know indicate the presence of Mold or if untreated are likely to result in the growth of Mold. Contractor shall thereafter take such precautions as are reasonably required to prevent the exposure of persons to such conditions until they have been evaluated. Except as otherwise authorized by the Contract Documents or as are usual and customary according to prevailing standards of the construction industry in the vicinity of the Project, Contractor shall not allow water or moisture to come into contact with materials in Existing Improvements or with materials located at the Site that are incorporated or to be incorporated into the Work and if such contact occurs, the areas affected shall be inspected by Contractor, using appropriate consultants experienced in testing and evaluating Mold, for the presence of Mold and evaluated for the potential of future growth of Mold. All portions thereof that are found to indicate the presence of Mold, or that are found to be in a condition that has the potential for becoming a source of Mold, shall be removed and replaced. Costs incurred by Contractor due to its failure to perform its obligation under this Paragraph 10.3.2 shall be borne by Contractor at Contractor's Own Expense.

10.3.3 **Release of County**. Contractor assumes the risk that its employees or the employees of its Subcontractors, and other persons that they cause or permit to be present on the Site, may be exposed to known or unknown Hazardous Substances or Mold. Under no circumstances shall County be liable for, and Contractor hereby fully and unconditionally releases County and the other Indemnitees from, and agrees to defend and indemnify County and the other Indemnitees on the terms set forth in Section 3.18, above, against, any and all known and unknown Losses resulting from or relating to the exposure of any employee of Contractor or its Subcontractors, or other person that they cause or permit to be present on the Site, to: (1) Hazardous Substances or Mold encountered in connection with or as a result of the performance of the Work, or (2) Hazardous Substances or Mold not necessarily encountered in connection with the performance of the Work, but to which any of them may nevertheless be exposed as a result of their being present on the Site.

10.3.4 **Communications with Governmental Authorities.** Contractor shall provide to County copies of all written communications with Governmental Authorities or others relating to Hazardous Substances or Mold (other than privileged communications); provided, however, that non-disclosure of privileged communications shall not limit Contractor's obligation to otherwise comply with the terms of the Contract Documents, including, without limitation, this Section 10.3.

10.3.5 **Subcontractors.** Contractor shall include provisions in all contracts it enters into with Subcontractors for the Work requiring them to assume toward Contractor and County the same obligations that Contractor assumes toward County under this Section 10.3. Contractor shall require the Subcontractors to ensure that such provisions are included in all contracts they enter into with all lower-Tier Subcontractors.

ARTICLE 11
INSURANCE

11.1 INSURANCE

11.1.1 **Contractor's Insurance Requirements.** Without limiting or diminishing any of the Contractor's obligations to defend, indemnify or hold the County harmless as set forth elsewhere in the Contract Documents, Contractor shall procure and maintain or cause to be maintained throughout the performance of the Work and for the duration of any guarantee or warranty provided under the Contract Documents, at Contractor's Own Expense, the following insurance coverages:

.1 **Workers' Compensation.** If the Contractor has "employees", as defined by the State of California, the Contractor shall provide a policy of statutory Workers' Compensation Insurance (Coverage A) as prescribed by the laws of the State of California. Such policy shall include Employers' Liability (Coverage B) including Occupational Disease with limits not less than $1,000,000 per person per accident. Such policy shall be endorsed to waive subrogation in favor of the County and, if applicable, to provide a Borrowed Servant/Alternate Employer Endorsement. Pursuant to §3700 of the California Labor Code, Contractor shall file with the County before commencing the Work the following signed certification:

> *"I am aware of the provisions of Section 3700 of the Labor Code, which requires every employer to be insured against liability for workers' compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions of that Code, and I shall comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of the Work of this Construction Contract."*

.2 **Commercial General Liability.** Contractor shall provide a policy of Commercial General Liability insurance coverage, including but not limited to, premises liability, contractual liability, products and completed operations liability, personal and advertising injury, and cross liability coverage, covering claims which may arise from or out of Contractor's performance of its obligations hereunder. Such policy shall name the County, its agencies, districts, special districts and departments, and their respective directors, officers, elected or appointed officials, agents, employees and representatives, including, without limitation, the members of the Board of Supervisors, and all other Indemnitees, as "additional insureds" and contain a waiver of subrogation in favor of the County and all other such additional insureds. Such policy's limit of liability shall not be less than $1,000,000 per occurrence combined single limit. If such policy contains a general aggregate limit, it shall apply separately to the Construction Contract or be no less than two (2) times the occurrence limit.

.3 **Vehicle Liability.** If vehicles or mobile equipment are used in the performance of the Work or other obligations under the Contract Documents, then Contractor shall provide a policy of liability insurance converage for all owned, non-owned or hired vehicles so used in an amount not less than $1,000,000 per occurrence combined single limit. If such policy contains a general aggregate limit, it shall apply separately to the Construction Contract or be no less than two (2) times the occurrence limit. Such policy shall name the County, its agencies, districts, special districts and departments, and their respective directors, officers, elected or appointed officials, agents, employees and representatives, including, without limitation, the members of the Board of Supervisors, and all other Indemnitees, as "additional insureds" and contain a waiver of subrogation in favor of the County and all other such additional insureds.

.4 **Property (Physical Damage).** Contractor shall provide a policy of all-risk property insurance coverage for the full replacement value of all Contractor's equipment, improvements/alterations, temporary structures, and systems, including without limitation, items owned by others in the Contractor's care, custody or control, used on the Site or other County-owned property, or used in any way connected with the performance of the Work.

.5 **Builder's All Risk (Course of Construction) Insurance.** The Bid Form utilized by Contractor to prepare its Bid states whether the Contractor shall include Builder's All Risk (Course of Construction) Insurance for the Project. If the Bid Form states that such insurance shall be included by the Bidder in its Bid, then Contractor shall provide a policy of Builder's All Risk (Course of Construction) insurance coverage including (if the Work is located in an earthquake or flood zone or if required on financed or bond financing arrangements) coverage for earthquake and flood, covering the County, Contractor and every Subcontractor, of every Tier, for the entire Project, including property to be used in the construction of the Work while such property is at off-Site storage locations or while in transit or temporary

off-Site storage. Such policy shall include, but not be limited to, coverage for fire, collapse, faulty workmanship, debris removal, expediting expense, fire department service charges, valuable papers and records, trees, grass, shrubbery and plants. If scaffolding, falsework and temporary buildings are insured separately by the Contractor or others, evidence of such separate coverage shall be provided to County prior to the start of the Work. Such policy shall be written on a completed value form. Such policy shall also provide coverage for temporary structures (on-Site offices, etc.), fixtures, machinery and equipment being installed as part of the Work. Contractor shall be responsible for any and all deductibles under such policy. Upon request by County, Contractor shall declare all terms, conditions, coverages and limits of such policy. NOTWITHSTANDING THE FOREGOING, COUNTY RETAINS THE RIGHT EXERCISED AT ANY TIME PRIOR TO AWARD TO ELECT TO USE ITS OWN BUILDER'S ALL RISK (COURSE OF CONSTRUCTION) INSURANCE and in the event County so elects to deduct the price for such insurance that is stated in Contractor's Bid, or if not so stated the amount included by Contractor for such insurance in the preparation of the Contractor's Bid, from the Contract Price by means of a Contract Adjustment pursuant to Change Order or Unilateral Change Order. If the County so provides the All Risk (Course of Construction) insurance for the Project, then Contractor shall assume the cost of any and all applicable policy deductibles (currently, $50,000 per occurrence) and shall insure its own machinery, equipment, tools, etc. from any loss of any nature whatsoever.

11.1.2 **Other Mandatory Insurance Requirements.** The Contractor shall comply with the following requirements, which shall be deemed applicable to all carriers and insurance policies provided pursuant to Paragraph 11.1.1, above:

.1 **Insurer Rating.** Any and all insurance carrier(s) providing insurance coverage under any and all policy(ies) of insurance provided by Contractor pursuant to Paragraph 11.1.1, above, shall be admitted to the State of California and have an A M BEST rating of not less than A: VIII (A:8) (unless such requirements are waived in writing by the County Risk Manager, and if the County's Risk Manager waives such requirement for a particular insurer such waiver is only valid for that specific insurer and only for one policy term);

.2 **Self Insured Retentions**. Contractor shall advise County in writing the dollar amount of any "self insured retention" maintained by the Contractor that exceeds $500,000 per occurrence. Each such self insured retention must have the prior written consent of the County Risk Manager before the commencement of any Work or operations or activities relating to the Work. If Contractor is notified that a self insured retention is unacceptable to the County, then at the election of the County, exercised in the County's sole and absolute discretion, by means of the written approval of the County's Risk Manager, the insurance carriers affected shall either: (1) reduce or eliminate such self-insured retention as respects the Construction Contract; or (2) procure a bond, satisfactory to County and approved by County in writing, which guarantees payment of losses and related investigations, claims administration, and defense costs and expenses.

.3 **Evidence of Insurance.** Contractor shall cause Contractor's insurance carrier(s) to furnish to the County either: (1) properly executed original certificate(s) of insurance and certified original copy(ies) of endorsement(s) effecting the coverage(s) required by this Section 11.1, or (2) if requested to do so orally or in writing by the County Risk Manager, provide original, certified copy(ies) of policy(ies) including all endorsement(s) and all attachment(s) thereto, showing such insurance is in full force and effect. Such certificate(s) and all policies of insurance provided by Contractor pursuant to this Section 11.1 shall contain the covenant of the insurance carrier(s) that thirty (30) Days' written notice shall be given to the County prior to any material modification, cancellation, expiration or reduction in coverage of such insurance. Each certificate of insurance and endorsement shall be signed by an individual expressly authorized by the insurance carrier to do so on the carrier's behalf. Contractor shall, if requested, provide written proof of such authorization. ***Contractor shall not commence any Work or any activities or operations related to the performance of the Work unless and until Contractor has complied with all of the requirements of this Section 11.1.***

.4 **Modification, Cancellation, Changes in Limits.** A material modification, cancellation, expiration, or reduction in coverage, shall constitute an Event of Contractor Default for which County shall have right, without limitation to its other rights or remedies provided for in the Contract Documents or under Applicable Laws, to terminate this Construction Contract. Such Event of Contractor Default may only be deemed cured if the County receives, prior to the effective date of such material modification, cancellation, expiration or reduction in coverage, properly executed original certificate(s) of insurance and original, certified copy(ies) of policy(ies) and endorsement(s), including all attachment(s) thereto, evidencing that the coverage(s) required by this Section 11.1 is(are) and will

continue, without any gap in coverage, in full force and effect in accordance with all of the requirements of this Section 11.1

.5 **Primary Coverage.** It is understood and agreed to by County and Contractor that the Contractor's insurance coverage(s) provided under this Section 11.1 shall be construed as primary insurance, and the County's insurance and/or deductibles and/or self-insured retentions or self-insured programs shall not be construed as contributory.

.6 **Additional Coverages.** County reserves the right to modify, adjust, add to and/or increase the types, amounts and terms of any insurance required under this Section 11.1 if the County Risk Manager determines, in the exercise of his/her sole and absolute discretion, that the type, amount or terms of the insurance required by this Section 11.1 has(have) become inadequate or that additional risk or exposure exists (such as, without limitation, the use of aircraft, watercraft, cranes, etc.) due to: (1) a Change in the Work; (2) the period of time of Contractor's actual performance of the Work continuing for longer than five (5) years from the Date of Commencement, whether due to Contract Adjustment or for any for any other reason; or (3) other circumstances not reasonably foreseeable to County.

.7 **Subcontractors.** Contractor shall include provisions in its subcontracts requiring each Subcontractor to assume an obligation toward Contractor to furnish insurance that complies with all of the requirements of this Section 11.1 as apply to Contractor's insurance provided to Owner and requiring such Subcontractors to furthermore include provisions in their contracts with lower-Tier Subcontractors likewise requiring such lower Tier Subcontractors assume the same obligations for providing such insurance and for passing through all such obligations to all lower Tier Subcontractors.

.8 **Self-Insurance.** If approved by County, in the exercise of its sole and absolute discretion, the insurance requirements contained in this Section 11.1 may be met with a program(s) of self-insurance provided that such program has been submitted to County and approved in writing by County prior to commencement of the Work or of any activity or operation related to the performance of the Work.

.9 **Notice of Claim.** Contractor agrees to notify County of any claim by a third party or any incident or event that may give rise to a claim arising from the performance of the Work.

ARTICLE 12
BONDS

12.1 PERFORMANCE BOND AND PAYMENT BOND

12.1.1 **Performance and Payment Bonds.** Within ten (10) Days after the issuance of the Notice of Intent to Award and prior to commencing Work, Contractor shall deliver to County a good and sufficient labor and materials payment bond ("Payment Bond") and a good and sufficient performance bond ("Performance Bond"), each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price.

12.1.2 **Changes.** The penal amounts of the Performance Bond and Payment Bond shall be increased on account of Change Orders and Unilateral Change Orders increasing the Contract Price. If requested by County, Contractor shall deliver to County evidence of such increases.

12.1.3 **Replacement.** Should any bond required hereunder or any Surety on such bond become or be determined by County to be insufficient, it shall be replaced within ten (10) Days by a bond that fully complies with the requirements of this Section 12.1.

12.1.4 **Duration.** The Payment Bond shall remain in effect until Acceptance of the Work and all Claims of Contractor and the Subcontractors, of any Tier, have been fully and finally resolved. The Performance Bond shall remain in effect and assure faithful performance of all Contractor's obligations under the Contract Documents, including, without limitation, all warranty obligations.

12.1.5 **Condition of Payment.** No payments to Contractor for Work performed shall be made or due until there has been full compliance with the requirements of this Section 12.1.

12.1.6 **Surety Rating.** Any Surety company issuing the Payment Bond or Performance Bond shall be, at all times while such bond is in effect, an Admitted Surety. The Surety company issuing the Performance Bond shall additionally have at all such times a current A.M. Best rating of A VIII (A:8) or better.

12.1.7 **Premiums.** The premiums for the Performance Bond and Payment Bond are included in the Contract Price and shall be paid by Contractor at Contractor's Own Expense.

12.1.8 **Obligee.** The Performance Bond shall name County as obligee. All performance bonds, if any, purchased by Subcontractors shall name County as a dual obligee with Contractor.

12.1.9 **No Exoneration.** The Performance Bond and Payment Bond shall contain provisions to the effect that Changes, Change Orders, Unilateral Change Orders, Construction Change Directives, Modifications, Changes and Contract Adjustments shall in no way release or exonerate Contractor or its Surety from their obligations and that notice thereof is waived by the Surety.

12.1.10 **Communications.** County shall have the right to communicate with Surety with respect to matters that are related to performance of the Work. 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 Surety.

12.1.11 **No Limitation.** The requirements of this Section 12.1 pertaining to the Performance Bond and the Payment Bond shall be without limitation to any other obligations Contractor may have under Applicable Laws to provide bonding for the benefit of, and to assure payment to the Subcontractors performing the Work for, the Project.

12.1.12 **Subcontractor Bonds.** Each performance bond, if any, furnished by a first-Tier Subcontractor shall include a provision whereby the Surety consents to the contingent assignment of Contractor's rights under such bond to County as provided in Section 5.3, above.

12.1.13 **Claims.** By incorporation of the Construction Contract into the Performance Bond issued by Surety, Surety shall be deemed, subject to the other terms of the Performance Bond, to be bound by all of the obligations assumed by Contractor under the Contract Documents, including, without limitation, bound by any determination, resolution, award or judgment entered or made upon any Claim by or against Contractor.

ARTICLE 13
UNCOVERING AND CORRECTION OF THE WORK

13.1 UNCOVERING OF THE WORK

If a portion of the Work is covered contrary to the request or direction of County, Inspector of Record or Architect, or contrary to the requirements of the Contract Documents, it must, if required by the any of them, be uncovered for observation and be re-covered by Contractor at Contractor's Own Expense.

13.2 CORRECTION OF THE WORK

Contractor shall promptly correct Defective Work, whether discovered before or after Substantial Completion and whether or not fabricated, installed or completed. All such Defective Work shall be either: (1) replaced and all the Work disturbed thereby made good by Contractor at Contractor's Own Expense; or (2) County may exercise its option pursuant to Section 13.4, below, to accept such Work and adjust the Contract Price.

13.3 GUARANTEE TO REPAIR PERIOD

13.3.1 **Guarantee To Repair Period.** Besides guarantees and warranties required elsewhere in the Contract Documents, Contractor guarantees the Work as provided hereinbelow. The period of this guarantee, termed the "Guarantee To Repair Period," is for one (1) year commencing as follows:

.1 for any portion of the Work that, upon Substantial Completion of the overall Work, is fully and finally complete and usable in all respects independent of other portions of the Work that are not fully and finally complete, on the date of Substantial Completion of such portion of the Work;

.2 for space beneficially occupied or for separate systems fully utilized prior to Substantial Completion, from the first date of such beneficial occupancy or full utilization, as established by an appropriate written notice by County of intent to take beneficial occupancy; or

.3 for all Work other than that described in Subparagraph 13.3.1.1, above or Subparagraph 13.3.1.2, above, from the date of Final Completion of the Work.

13.3.2 **Repair by Contractor.** Subject to the provisions of Paragraph 13.3.3, below, Contractor shall do the following: (1) correct, repair, replace, remove and restore, to the County's satisfaction, any Defective Work that becomes apparent during the progress of the Work or during the Guarantee To Repair Period; (2) correct, repair, replace, remove and restore, to the County's satisfaction, any other parts of the Work and any other real or personal property which is damaged or destroyed as a result of Defective Work or the correction of Defective Work; and (3) remove from the Site all the Work identified by the County as Defective Work, whether incorporated or not and whether discovered before or after Substantial or Final Completion. Ordinary wear and tear, abuse, or neglect by County or by County employees, its staff, visitors, public or others (except for those under the control or responsibility of Contractor or its Subcontractors) who are authorized or admitted by County to enter, use or occupy the Work, or who enter, use or occupy the Work after Final Completion, are excepted from the foregoing guarantee. All Losses resulting from Defective Work, including, without limitation, all costs of such correction, repair, replacement, removal and restoration, additional testing, inspection and additional service fees and costs of the Inspector of Record, Architect, County Consultants or others whose services may be made necessary thereby as well as any Loss to any other parts of the Work and any other real or personal property which is damaged or destroyed as a result of Defective Work or the correction, repair, replacement, removal or restoration of Defective Work, shall be paid for by Contractor at Contractor's Own Expense. Contractor shall correct, repair, replace, remove and restore Defective Work at such times as are acceptable to the County and in such a manner as to avoid, to the greatest extent practicable, disruption to the activities of the County, its staff, visitors, the public or others. Contractor shall notify the County in writing upon the completion of such correction, repair, replacement, removal and restoration.

13.3.3 **Notice by County.** Except as otherwise provided in this Paragraph 13.3.3 where immediate corrections are needed due to dangerous conditions or risk of imminent Loss or interruption of County operations, the County will give notice to Contractor of Defective Work observed prior to Final Completion in accordance with the provision of Section 15.1, below, governing the occurrence of an Event of Contractor Default and the Contractor shall proceed to cure such Event of Contractor Default in accordance with the requirements of Section 15.1, below, and Paragraph 13.3.2, above. With respect to Defective Work observed after Final Completion, the County will give notice to Contractor with reasonable promptness and Contractor shall commence the correction, repair, replacement, removal and restoration as required by Paragraph 13.3.2, above, no later than ten (10) Days after mailing of such notice to Contractor and Contractor shall thereupon diligently and continuously prosecute such correction, replacement, repair, or restoration to completion. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if in the County's opinion the presence of Defective Work, whether observed prior to Final Completion or after Final Completion and during the Guarantee To Repair Period, poses a risk or threat: (1) to life, safety or the protection of property; (2) of imminent Loss to the County or to any other person or entity; or (3) of causing an interruption in the operations of the County, then County will have the right, in the exercise of its sole and absolute discretion, to proceed with correction or replacement of the Defective Work without prior notice to Contractor, but in such cases will attempt to notify Contractor as soon as possible of the conditions encountered and the action taken by County. Such action by County without prior notice to Contractor shall not relieve Contractor of its responsibility for the costs of such County action or for any Loss occasioned by the Defective Work or necessitated by the County's action, whether such Loss occurs before or after such County action is implemented or completed.

13.3.4 **Correction by County.** If Contractor fails to perform any of its obligations under Paragraph 13.3.2, above, to correct, repair, replace, remove or restore then County, or Separate Contractors under the County's direction, may, notwithstanding any other provisions of this Article 13, proceed to do so and all costs associated therewith (including, without limitation, the cost to store any materials removed) shall be the responsibility of and paid by Contractor at Contractor's Own Expense. Such action by County will not relieve Contractor of the guarantees provided in this Article 13 or elsewhere in the Contract Documents. In addition to Contractor's other obligations under Paragraph 13.3.2, above, Contractor shall correct, repair, replace, remove and restore, to the County's satisfaction and at

Contractor's Own Expense any other parts of the Work and any other real or personal property that are damaged or destroyed as a result of such actions by County or the Separate Contractors.

13.3.5 **Sale.** If Contractor does not pay the costs of, or any of the Losses associated with, the correction, repair, replacement, removal or restoration required by the provisions of Paragraph 13.3.2 through Paragraph 13.3.4, above, then within five (5) Days after notice by the County, County may sell any materials or other items of Work removed at auction or at private sale or otherwise dispose of such materials or items and shall account for the net proceeds thereof, after deducting all such costs and Losses, and all costs of sale. If such net proceeds of sale do not cover the Losses for which Contractor is liable to the County, the County may at its option reduce the Contract Price or any payments due to Contractor by such deficiency or recover such deficiency from Contractor.

13.3.6 **No Limitation.** Contractor's obligations under this Article 13 are in addition to, and not in limitation of, its warranty obligations under Section 3.5, above, and any other obligation, guaranty or warranty of Contractor or any other third party under the Contract Documents. Nothing contained in this Article 13 shall be construed to shorten any periods of limitation with respect to other obligations of Contractor under the Contract Documents that are for longer specified periods. Establishment of the Guarantee To Repair Period in no way limits either Contractor's liability for Defective Work or the time within which proceedings may be commenced to enforce Contractor's obligations under the Contract Documents.

13.4 ACCEPTANCE OF NONCONFORMING WORK

Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Contract Documents to the contrary, the County shall have the option, exercised in its sole and absolute discretion after notice to Contractor, in lieu of requiring that Defective Work be remedied or corrected, to reduce the Contract Price to reflect the reduced value of the performance received by County. Such option shall be exercised solely by written notice to Contractor and shall not be implied from any act or omission by County. If there are no remaining payments of the Contract Price to be made to Contractor, or if the remaining payments and retention are insufficient to cover the amount of the reduction of the Contract Price, Contractor shall promptly pay to County the amount of any such deficiency.

ARTICLE 14
MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

14.1 GOVERNING LAW

The interpretation and enforcement of the Construction Contract and other Contract Documents and of the performance by the parties thereunder shall, notwithstanding application of the principles of conflicts of laws, be governed by the laws of the State of California. The Superior Court for the County of Riverside shall have exclusive jurisdiction and venue over any legal proceedings arising out of or involving the interpretation or enforcement of, or other matters relating to, the Construction Contract, the other Contract Documents or the performance of the parties thereunder.

14.2 TIME OF ESSENCE

All time limits stated in the Contract Documents relative to Contractor's performance of its obligations under the Contract Documents are of the essence.

14.3 SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS

The Construction Contract and other Contract Documents shall be binding on successors, assigns and legal representatives of County and Contractor, respectively. Contractor shall not assign, sublet or transfer an interest in or claim under this Construction Contract without advance written approval of County, which approval may be granted or withheld by County in its sole and absolute discretion, and any assignment, subletting or transfer without written approval by County shall be deemed void from its inception. Any assignment, subletting or transfer, whether or not approved by County, will not release Contractor from any of its obligations under the Contract Documents to County. County shall have the right to assign, sublet or transfer its interest in or any claim under the Construction Contract upon written notice to Contractor.

14.4 WRITTEN NOTICE

Any notice from one party to the other or otherwise under the Contract Documents shall be in writing and shall be dated and signed by the party giving such notice or by a duly authorized representative of such party. Any such notice shall be deemed to have been duly served if served in the following manner, and in accordance with Civil Code §8100 et seq.:

14.4.1 **Notice to County.** If notice is given to County: (1) by personal delivery thereof to County; or (2) by depositing same in United States mail, enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to County at Facilities Management, 3450 14th Street, 2nd Floor, Riverside CA 92501, and to such other address as set forth in the Bidding Documents as the location for submission of Bids and sent by registered or certified mail with postage prepaid, or express mail or overnight delivery by an express mail carrier; or (3) by leaving the notice and mailing a copy in the manner provided in Code of Civil Procedure §415.20.

14.4.2 **Notice to Contractor.** If notice is given to Contractor: (1) by personal delivery thereof to Contractor; or (2) by depositing same in United States mails, enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to Contractor at its address stated in the Construction Contract, or if none is so stated at the address on the records of the Contractor's State License Board and sent by registered or certified mail with postage prepaid or express mail or overnight delivery by an express mail carrier; or (3) by leaving the notice and mailing a copy in the manner provided in Code of Civil Procedure §415.20.

14.4.3 **Notice to Claimant.** If notice is given to a claimant as defined in Civil Code §8004: (1) by personal delivery thereof to claimant; or (2) by depositing same in United States mail, enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to claimant at its address stated in: a preliminary notice, stop payment notice, or claim against a payment bond; or on the records of the Contractor's State License Board; and sent by registered or certified mail with postage prepaid or express mail or overnight delivery by an express mail carrier; or (3) by leaving the notice and mailing a copy in the manner provided in code of Civil Procedure §415.20.

14.4.4 **Notice to Surety.** If notice is given to the Surety: (1) by personal delivery to the Surety; or (2) by depositing same in United States mail, enclosed in a sealed envelope, addressed to the Surety at the address of the Surety shown in the applicable Performance Bond or Payment Bond, or if none is shown, the address on the records of the Department of Insurance, and sent by registered or certified mail with postage prepaid or express mail or overnight delivery by an express mail carrier; or (3) by leaving the notice and mailing a copy in the manner provided in Code of Civil Procedure §415.20.

14.5 RIGHTS AND REMEDIES

14.5.1 **County Rights.** Rights and remedies available to the County under the Contract Documents are in addition to and not a limitation of County's rights and remedies otherwise available under other provisions of the Contract Documents or Applicable Laws.

14.5.2 **Writing Required.** Provisions of the Contract Documents may be waived by County only in writing signed by the Director stating expressly that it is intended as a waiver of specified provisions of the Contract Documents.

14.5.3 **Subsequent Breach.** A waiver by either party of any breach of any term, covenant, or condition contained in the Contract Documents shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any subsequent breach of the same or any other term, covenant, or condition contained therein whether of the same or a different character.

14.6 NO NUISANCE

Contractor shall not maintain, commit or permit the maintenance or commission of any nuisance in connection with the performance of Work.

14.7 EXTENT OF AGREEMENT

The Contract Documents represent the full and complete understanding of every kind or nature between the parties and all preliminary negotiations and prior representations, proposals and contracts, of whatever kind or nature, are merged herein and superseded hereby. No verbal agreement or implied covenant shall be held to vary the provisions of the Contract Documents. Any modification of this Construction Contract or the other Contract Documents will be effective only by written instrument signed by both County and Contractor and shall, if required by Applicable Laws, be formally approved or ratified by the Board of Supervisors.

14.8 NO THIRD-PARTY RIGHTS

Nothing contained in the Construction Contract or the other Contract Documents is intended to make any person or entity who is not a signatory to this Construction Contract a third-party beneficiary of any right of Contractor (including, without limitation, any right of Contractor to a benefit derived from, or to the enforcement of, an obligation assumed by County) that is expressly or impliedly created by the terms of the Contract Documents or by operation of Applicable Laws.

14.9 SEVERABILITY

Should any part, term, portion or provision of the Construction Contract or the other Contract Documents, or the application thereof to any party or circumstance, be held to be illegal, invalid or in conflict with Applicable Laws, or otherwise be rendered unenforceable or ineffectual, the validity of the remaining parts, terms, portions or provisions, or the application thereof to any other party or circumstances, shall be deemed severable and the same shall remain enforceable and valid to the fullest extent permitted by Applicable Laws.

14.10 PROVISIONS REQUIRED BY APPLICABLE LAWS

Each and every provision of law and clause required by Applicable Laws to be inserted in the Construction Contract or other Contract Documents shall be deemed to be inserted in the Contract Documents shall be read and enforced as though it were included herein, and if through mistake or otherwise any such provision is not inserted or if inserted and requires correction, then upon request of either party these General Conditions shall forthwith be amended by the parties to the Construction Contract to make such insertion or correction.

14.11 SURVIVAL

All provisions of the Contract Documents that either expressly, or by their nature, require performance or assumption by Contractor of an obligation that extends beyond termination of the Construction Contract or Final Completion of the Work, including, without limitation, Contractor's obligations of, or relating to, indemnification, insurance, ownership of documents, retention and audit of books and records, warranties and guaranties and resolution of Claims shall be deemed to survive either termination of the Construction Contract or Final Completion of the Work.

14.12 FEDERAL GRANTS

In the event of a federal grant or other federal financing participation in the funding of the Project, Contractor shall, as required in connection with, or as a condition to, such federal grant or other federal financing participation, permit access to and grant the right to examine its books covering its services performed and expenses incurred under the Construction Contract or other Contract Documents by the federal agency and comply with all applicable federal agency requirements including, without limitation, those pertaining to work hours, overtime compensation, non-discrimination, and contingent fees.

14.13 PROHIBITED INTERESTS

Contractor agrees not to accept any employment or representation which will, or is likely to, make Contractor "financially interested" (as provided in California Government Code §§1090 and 87100, hereinafter "financially interested") in any decision made by County on any matter in connection with which Contractor has been retained in connection with the Project. Without limitation to the foregoing, transactions and interests prohibited by this Section 14.13 include the

following: (1) no official or employee of County who is authorized in such capacity and on behalf of County to negotiate, make, accept, or approve, or to take part in negotiating, making, accepting or approving any architectural, engineering, inspection, construction or material supply contract or any subcontract in connection with construction of the Project, shall become directly or indirectly financially interested in the performance of the Construction Contract or in any part thereof; (2) no officer, employee, architect, attorney, engineer or inspector of or for County who is authorized in such capacity and on behalf of County to exercise any executive, supervisory or other similar functions in connection with Construction Contract or in any part thereof; and (3) Contractor shall receive no compensation hereunder, and shall repay County for any compensation received by Contractor hereunder, should Contractor or any of the Subcontractors aid, abet or knowingly participate in violation of this Section 14.13.

14.14 ASSIGNMENT OF ANTI-TRUST ACTIONS

California Public Contract Code §7103.5(b), which is hereby incorporated by this reference, provides:

> "In entering into a public works contract or a subcontract to supply goods, services, or materials pursuant to a public works contract, contractor or the subcontractor offers and agrees to assign to the awarding body all rights, title, and interest in and to all causes of action it may have under Section 4 of the Clayton Act, (15 U.S.C. Sec. 15) or under the Cartwright Act (Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 16700) of Part 2 of Division 7 of the Business and Professions Code), arising from purchases of goods, services, or materials pursuant to the public works contract or the subcontract. This assignment shall be made and become effective at the time the awarding body tenders final payment to Contractor, without further acknowledgement by the parties."

Contractor for itself and all the Subcontractors agrees to assign to County all rights, title and interest in and to all such causes of action Contractor and all the Subcontractors may have in connection with purchases related to or under the Contract Documents. This assignment shall become effective at the time County tenders Final Payment to Contractor, and Contractor shall require assignments from all the Subcontractors to comply herewith.

14.15 NO WAIVER

County's approval, acceptance, use or payment for any or part of Contractor's performance of the Work shall not in any way alter Contractor's obligations, or waive any of County's rights, under Contract Documents.

14.16 CONSENT TO PHOTOGRAPHING

Contractor is advised that County intends, from time to time, to take photographs, videotapes and/or motion pictures of the Work, and workers located on the Site and proximate settings. Contractor consents to the use of Contractor's name and likeness in instructional or training uses, news releases, advertising and/or publicity throughout the world in perpetuity, in all media now known or hereafter invented. Contractor shall include in its contracts with its Subcontractors a consent by the Subcontractor to the use of Subcontractor's name and the likenesses of its employees on the same terms as provided for herein applicable to such consent by Contractor.

ARTICLE 15
DEFAULT, TERMINATION AND SUSPENSION

15.1 COUNTY REMEDIES FOR DEFAULT

15.1.1 **Event of Default.** Each and any of the following shall be considered an Event of Contractor Default:

.1 Contractor files a petition, or has filed against it a petition, for bankruptcy or is adjudged bankrupt;

.2 Contractor makes a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors;

.3 a receiver is appointed on account of Contractor's insolvency;

.4 Contractor defaults, by failing or refusing to perform any obligation set forth in the Construction Contract, General Conditions or elsewhere in the Contract Documents (including, without limitation, the performance or installation of Defective Work) and thereafter: (1) fails to commence to cure such default within two (2) working days after receipt of written notice of default; (2) if the default can be cured within three (3) Days, Contractor fails or refuses after commencing to cure in accordance with Clause (1) hereof to fully cure such default within three (3) Days after receipt of written notice of default; or (3) if the default cannot be fully cured within three (3) Days, Contractor fails after commencing to cure in accordance with Clause (1) hereof to diligently and continuously prosecute and fully cure such default within ten (10) Days after receipt of such written notice;

.5 Contractor fails or refuses to perform an obligation set forth in the Construction Contract, General Conditions or other Contract Documents that either (1) cannot be cured, or (2) cannot be cured within the 10-Day cure period set forth in Subparagraph 15.1.1.4, above;

.6 a breach of any other agreement between County and Contractor as provided in Paragraph 15.1.9, below; or

.7 if Contractor was previously prequalified as a condition for its bidding the Project pursuant to a Prequalification conducted by County, Contractor's prequalification status has been revoked or cancelled due to any of the following: (1) receipt by County of new information indicating that a statement made in Contractor's Prequalification Submittal (as defined in the Prequalification Documents) was false or misleading; (2) ownership of 50% of more of the stock or assets Contractor has changed; (3) if Contractor is a Project Joint Venture, its Principal Managing Partner (as those terms are defined in the Prequalification Documents) has ceased to function, or fully function, in the capacity of a Principal Managing Partner; or (4) Contractor has failed to comply with the requirements of the Prequalification Documents pertaining to minimum safety Prequalification requirements for Subcontractors.

15.1.2 **County's Remedies.** Without limitation to the County's other rights or remedies under the Contract Documents or Applicable Laws, if there is an Event of Contractor Default, County shall have the right to exercise any one or more of the following remedies:

.1 **Take Over Work.** County may, without terminating the Construction Contract and without incurring any additional liability or responsibility to Contractor (including, without limitation, any obligation to agree to a Contract Adjustment for any portion of the taken-over or non-taken-over Work), take over and perform, or engage others to perform, all or a portion of the Work.

.2 **Suspend Work.** County may, without terminating the Construction Contract and without incurring any additional liability or responsibility to Contractor (including, without limitation, any obligation to agree to a Contract Adjustment for any portion of the suspended or non-suspended Work), suspend Contractor's performance of all or a portion of the Work for as long a period of time as the County determines, in its sole discretion, is appropriate.

.3 **Termination.** County may, without incurring any additional liability or responsibility to Contractor, terminate the Construction Contract, the Work or any portion thereof.

.4 **Surety.** If there is an Event of Contractor Default pursuant to any of Subparagraphs 15.1.1.1 through 15.1.1.5, above, County may, with or without terminating the Construction Contract and without incurring any additional liability or responsibility to Contractor or Surety (including, without limitation, any obligation to agree to a Contract Adjustment), exercise its rights under the Performance Bond furnished by Contractor by giving Surety ten (10) Days' written notice of demand to perform; provided, however, that if the Surety fails, within seven (7) Days after receipt by Surety of written demand, to deliver to the County written notice of its unconditional intention to perform or does not commence performance of the Work within ten (10) Days from receipt of such notice of demand, the County may, at Contractor's Own Expense and/or the expense of the Surety, and with or without terminating the Construction Contract, proceed to complete the Work by any other means County deems expedient. By executing its Performance Bond incorporating the terms of the Construction Contract, Surety shall be deemed to have agreed, without limitation, to the provisions of this Paragraph 15.1.2 as constituting a binding obligation of Surety under its Performance Bond that shall control over any conflicting provisions set forth in the Performance Bond. Neither delivery by Surety of such written notice of unconditional intention to perform nor its timely performance of the Work in accordance with the terms of the Contract Documents and Performance Bond shall constitute waiver by Surety of any rights it may have under the Performance Bond and Applicable Laws to limit its liability to the penal amount of the Performance Bond.

15.1.3 **Contractor Tools, Equipment.** Upon County's exercise of one or more of its remedies following an Event of Contractor Default, County shall have the right, but not the obligation, to perform or complete all or any portion of the Work using any means that County may deem expedient, including, without limitation, taking possession and utilization of any or all of the materials, equipment, appliances, tools, plant and other property not owned by Contractor that are on the Site for County's use in performing the Work.

15.1.4 **Contractor Obligations.** Upon exercise by County of its remedies following an Event of Contractor Default, Contractor shall, unless County directs in writing otherwise, do the following:

.1 immediately discontinue performance of the Work to the extent specified in writing by County;

.2 remove no materials, equipment or tools (other than those owned by Contractor and not necessary for performance of a portion of the Work not terminated or discontinued) from the Site unless directed to do so by County and take all actions necessary or appropriate, or that the County may direct in writing, for the protection and preservation of the Work, any materials, equipment or tools at the Site and any materials or equipment in transit to the Site;

.3 place no further orders or subcontracts for materials, equipment, services or facilities, except as may be necessary for Contractor to continue performance of such portion, if any, of the Work that is not discontinued or terminated by County in its written notice;

.4 provide to the County, in writing, no later than two (2) Days after request by County, a statement listing or providing: (1) all subcontract agreements, purchase orders and contracts that are outstanding, as well as any change orders, amendments and modifications thereto; (2) the status of invoicing, payments and balance owing under each such subcontract agreement, purchase order and contract; (3) the status of performance and any claims asserted under each such subcontract agreement, purchase order and contract; and (4) providing such other information as the County may determine to be necessary in order to decide whether to accept assignment of any such subcontract agreement, purchase order or contract;

.5 promptly following and in accordance with County's written direction: (1) assign to the County or its designee those subcontract agreements, purchase orders or contracts, or portions thereof, that the County elects in writing to accept by assignment; (2) cancel, on the most favorable terms reasonably possible, any subcontract agreement, purchase order or contract, or portion thereof, that the County does not elect to accept by assignment; and (3) if requested by County, settle, with the prior written approval of County of the terms of settlement, outstanding liabilities to Subcontractors with respect to the Work terminated or discontinued;

6. not terminate any insurance required by the Contract Documents;

7. thereafter continue only such performance as may be directed by County;

8. deliver to the County the documents required to delivered pursuant to Paragraph 1.3.6, above; and

9. at the written request and option of County, exercised in its sole discretion, deliver to the County, and transfer title to the County of, any completed items, materials, products, equipment or other unincorporated parts of the Work that have not been previously delivered to the Site.

15.1.5 **Accounting and Payment**

.1 **Full Termination or Discontinuance.**

(1) **Further Payment.** In the event an exercise by County of any of its remedies following an Event of Contractor Default results in a termination or discontinuance of the entire Work, then no further payment shall be due to Contractor for the Work until an accounting has been conducted in accordance with this Paragraph 15.1.5.

(2) Time for Accounting. Within forty-five (45) Days after Final Completion of the Work by Contractor, Surety, County or others at request of County, an accounting shall be made pursuant to this Paragraph 15.1.5 of the amount due to Contractor or County.

(3) Payment Amount. If, based on the accounting conducted pursuant to this Paragraph 15.1.5, the Contractor Amount exceeds the County Amount, then the difference shall be paid by County to Contractor within fifteen (15) Days after demand by Contractor following completion of such accounting. If the County Amount exceeds the Contractor Amount, then the difference shall be paid by Contractor to County within fifteen (15) Days after demand by County following completion of such accounting. Payment by Contractor of the amount due to County pursuant to such accounting shall not be construed as a release of Contractor's obligation to County for, or County's right to recover from Contractor, any Losses, of any kind whatsoever, not part of the calculation of the County Amount (including, without limitation, additional Losses related to circumstances that formed the basis for calculation of the County Amount) that may be then or thereafter owing to or recoverable by County under Applicable Laws or the Contract Documents.

(4) Contractor Amount. The Contractor Amount used as the basis for payment pursuant to the accounting under this Paragraph 15.1.5 shall be calculated as follows:

(a) take a portion of the Contract Price determined by multiplying (i) the Contract Price, by (ii) the County's Good Faith Determination of the percentage of the Work properly performed by Contractor and (A) in permanent place, (B) previously fabricated and delivered to the Site or (C) fabricated and en route for delivery to the Site and delivered to the Site within a reasonable time after Contractor's receipt of such written notice; and

(b) subtract therefrom all amounts previously paid by County to Contractor or to Subcontractors.

(5) County Amount. The County Amount used as the basis for payment pursuant to the accounting under this Paragraph 15.1.5 shall be calculated based on the sum of all past, present and future Losses to County resulting or reasonably certain to result, directly or indirectly, from any or all of the following: (a) any negligence, willful misconduct, or Defective Work on the part of Contractor or any Subcontractor; (b) any Event of Contractor Default, whether or not constituting the basis of the County's termination or discontinuance; (c) the County's exercise of its rights and remedies under and in accordance with the Contract Documents or Applicable Laws following the occurrence of an Event of Contractor Default; and (d) the payment by County of amounts to Contractor or any Subcontractor that were not owing to Contractor or that were in excess of the amount to which Contractor was entitled under the Contract Documents.

.2 Partial Termination or Discontinuance. In the event an exercise by County of its remedies for an Event of Contractor Default results in a discontinuance or termination of only a portion of the Work, then the Contract Price and Contract Time shall be adjusted under the provisions of Article 7 and Article 8, above, applicable to Deleted Work. Contractor shall thereafter continue to be paid for its performance of the other portions of the Work in accordance with the terms of the Contract Documents, less any amounts that County is entitled to withhold under the terms of the Contract Documents.

.3 Exclusive Compensation. Contractor agrees to accept such amounts, if any, as allowed under this Paragraph 15.1.5 as its sole and exclusive compensation in the event of an exercise by County of its remedies permitted by the Contract Documents or Applicable Laws following an Event of Contractor Default.

15.1.6 **Surety.** Without limitation to any of the County's other rights or remedies under a Performance Bond furnished by Contractor, Contract Documents or Applicable Laws, the County has the right to suspend, take over or terminate the performance of the Work by Surety in the event of any of the following: (1) failure of Surety or its contractors to begin the Work within a reasonable time in such manner as to ensure full compliance with the Contract Documents within the Contract Time; (2) abandonment of the Work by Surety or its contractors; (3) if at any time the County makes a Good Faith Determination that the Work is unnecessarily or unreasonably delayed by Surety or its contractors; (4) violation by Surety or its contractors of any terms of the Contract Documents, Performance Bond or Applicable Laws; or (5) failure by Surety or its contractors to follow instructions of the County for performance of the Work or for performance of the Work within the Contract Time. By executing its Performance Bond incorporating the terms of the Construction Contract, Surety shall be deemed to have agreed, without limitation, to the provisions of this

Paragraph 15.1.6 as constituting a binding obligation of Surety under its Performance Bond that shall control over any conflicting provisions set forth in the Performance Bond.

15.1.7 **Conversion.** In the event a termination for cause by the County is adjudged by a court or by binding arbitration conducted in accordance with the Contract Documents to have been wrongful, such termination shall be deemed converted to a termination for convenience pursuant to Section 15.3, below, in which case Contractor agrees to accept such amount, if any, as permitted by Paragraph 15.3.3, below, as its sole and exclusive compensation and agrees to waive any right to recovery of any other compensation or Loss, including, but not limited to, loss of anticipated profits, loss of revenue, lost opportunity or other consequential, direct, indirect or incidental damages, of any kind.

15.1.8 **Substantial Performance Waived.** The legal doctrine that a contractor may recover for substantial performance of a building contract is to have no application to the Construction Contract. Any Event of Contractor Default, whether occurring before or after the Work is Substantially Completed, shall be deemed material and shall give rise to the right of County to exercise its remedies permitted under the Contract Documents or Applicable Laws.

15.1.9 **Cross Default.** Contractor agrees that a breach of any other agreement between Contractor and County, whether related or unrelated to the Project, that is not cured in accordance with the terms of such other agreement constitutes an Event of Contractor Default under the Construction Contract, thereby entitling County to assert all its rights and remedies hereunder including, but not limited to, a specific right of off set by County against any amounts otherwise payable to Contractor under the Construction Contract or any other agreement between Contractor and County.

15.1.10 **Rights Cumulative.** All of County's rights and remedies under the Contract Documents are cumulative, and shall be in addition to and not a limitation upon those rights and remedies available under Applicable Laws.

15.1.11 **Materiality.** Designation in the Contract Documents of certain defaults as "material" shall not be construed as implying that other defaults not so designated are not material nor as limiting County's right to terminate or exercise its other rights or remedies for default to only material defaults.

15.1.12 **County Action.** No termination or action taken by County after termination shall prejudice any rights or remedies of County provided by Applicable Laws or by the Contract Documents, including, without limitation, the right of County to proceed against Contractor to recover all Losses suffered by reason of Contractor's default.

15.2 SUSPENSION BY COUNTY FOR CONVENIENCE

15.2.1 **Suspension Order.** Without limitation to the County's rights under Section 15.1, above, County may, at any time, for its convenience and without the occurrence of any Event of Contractor Default, order Contractor, in writing, to suspend, delay or interrupt performance of the Work, in whole or in part. Upon receipt of such an order, Contractor shall comply with its terms and take all reasonable steps to minimize additional costs that are incurred applicable to the portion of the Work suspended, delayed or interrupted by County.

15.2.2 **Resumption.** If an order issued by the County pursuant to this Section 15.2 is canceled or expires, Contractor shall resume and continue with the previously affected portion of the Work. In such event, Contractor shall be entitled to a Contract Adjustment for additional Allowable Costs necessarily caused by such order and compensation allowed under Section 3.3 of the Construction Contract for Compensable Delay; provided, however, that no such Contract Adjustment shall be made: (1) to the extent that performance either is, was or would have been so suspended, delayed or interrupted by another cause for which Contractor or any of the Subcontractors is responsible or for which Contractor would not be entitled to a Contract Adjustment; (2) to the extent that a Contract Adjustment on account thereof is made or denied under another provision of the Contract Documents; or (3) for any general or specific escalation in prices of the Work.

15.2.3 **Limitation.** The provisions of this Section 15.2 shall not apply unless a written order is issued by County pursuant to this Section 15.2.

15.3 TERMINATION BY COUNTY FOR CONVENIENCE

15.3.1 **Right to Terminate for Convenience.** Without limitation upon any of County's other rights or remedies under the Contract Documents or Applicable Laws, County shall have the option, at its sole discretion and without the occurrence of any Event of Contractor Default or any other cause, to terminate the Construction Contract or Work, in whole or in part, for its convenience by giving five (5) Days written notice to Contractor.

15.3.2 **Contractor Obligations.** Upon receipt of notice of termination for convenience pursuant to this Section 15.3, Contractor shall, unless such notice directs otherwise, comply with all of the provisions of Paragraph 15.1.4, above.

15.3.3 **Contractor Compensation.** Following a termination for convenience pursuant to this Section 15.3 and within sixty (60) Days after receipt of a complete and timely Application for Payment from Contractor, an accounting shall be conducted in accordance with the process set forth in Paragraph 15.1.5, above. In such event, the amount due to Contractor shall be the Contractor Amount as calculated in the same manner provided for in Paragraph 15.1.5, above, except that there shall be added to the calculation of the Contractor Amount an amount for: (1) the reasonable, actual and direct Allowable Costs incurred and paid by Contractor (and not by Subcontractors) for (a) demobilizing Contractor's facilities from the Site, and (b) Contractor's administering the close out of its participation in the Project for a period of no longer than fifteen (15) Days; plus (2) a markup to Contractor on the Contractor's Allowable Costs incurred under Clause (1) of this Paragraph 15.3.4 that is based on the percentage for Allowable Markup that Contractor is permitted to charge pursuant to Article 7, above, for Compensable Changes involving Extra Work that is Self-Performed Work.

15.3.4 **Exclusive Compensation.** Contractor agrees to accept the compensation allowed under Paragraph 15.3.3, above, as its sole and exclusive compensation in the event of a termination by County for convenience and waives any claim for Loss related to County's termination for convenience, including, but not limited to, loss of anticipated profits, loss of revenue, lost opportunity, or other consequential, direct, indirect, or incidental damages, of any kind.

15.3.5 **Subcontractors.** Contractor shall include provisions in all of its subcontracts, purchase orders and other contracts with the Subcontractors permitting termination for convenience by Contractor on terms that are consistent with, and that afford no greater rights of recovery against Contractor for termination than are afforded to Contractor under, this Section 15.3.

15.4 TERMINATION BY CONTRACTOR

15.4.1 **Contractor's Remedies.** Subject to the provisions of Paragraph 15.4.2, below and Paragraph 15.4.3, below, Contractor's sole right to terminate the Construction Contract shall be its right to terminate, for cause only, upon the occurrence of either of the following:

.1 the entire Work is stopped for one hundred sixty (160) consecutive Days, through no act or fault of Contractor or any of the Subcontractors, of any Tier, or any employee or agent of any of them, due to issuance of an order of a court or other Governmental Authority or due to a declaration of a national emergency making material unavailable; or

.2 the entire Work is suspended by Contractor, in accordance with a proper exercise by Contractor of its rights under Section 9.8, above, for a continuous period of thirty (30) Days.

15.4.2 **Notice of Intention to Terminate.** If one of the reasons to terminate as described in Paragraph 15.4.1, above, exists, Contractor may, upon thirty (30) Days written notice to County, terminate the Construction Contract and recover from County as its sole and exclusive compensation such sums as are permitted under Paragraph 15.3.3, above.

15.4.3 **Continuous Performance.** Provided that Contractor is paid undisputed sums due in accordance with the requirements of the Construction Contract, Contractor shall not stop, delay or interrupt continuous performance of the Work by reason of any dispute or disagreement with County, including, without limitation, any disputes or disagreements over payments of money claimed due under the Contract Documents.

15.5 **WARRANTIES**

All obligations of Contractor and the Subcontractors under the Contract Documents with respect to warranties and guarantees of the Work will continue in force and shall apply, notwithstanding a termination or other discontinuance of the Work by County or Contractor pursuant to an exercise of rights by either under this Article 15, to any portion of the Work that at the time of such termination or discontinuance has been completed or partially completed by Contractor to the point that it is substantially ready (exclusive of any incidental work that may be needed to connect such portion to other Work to other Work or Existing Improvements or to energize such portion of the Work for operation) for use or occupancy by County.

ARTICLE 16
NON-DISCRIMINATION

16.1 **NON-DISCRIMINATION IN SERVICES**

16.1.1 Contractor must, in accordance with Applicable Laws, not discriminate in the provision of services hereunder because of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, sexual orientation, marital status, AIDS or disability. For the purpose of this Section 16.1, discrimination in the provision of services may include, but is not limited to the following:

.1 denying any person any service or benefit or the availability of a facility;

.2 providing any service or benefit to any person which is not equivalent to, or is in a non-equivalent manner or at a non-equivalent time from, that provided to others;

.3 subjecting any person to segregation or separate treatment in any manner related to the receipt of any service;

.4 restricting any person in any way in the enjoyment of any advantage or privilege enjoyed by others receiving any service or benefit; or

.5 treating any person differently from others in determining admission, enrollment, eligibility, membership, or any other requirement or condition which persons must meet in order to be provided any service or benefit.

16.1.2 Contractor shall ensure that services are provided without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, sexual orientation, marital status, AIDS or disability.

16.1.3 Contractor shall establish and maintain written procedures under which any person applying for, performing or receiving services hereunder, may seek resolution from Contractor of a complaint with respect to any alleged discrimination. Such persons shall be advised by Contractor of these procedures. A copy of such procedures shall be posted by Contractor in a conspicuous place, available and open to the public, in each of Contractor's facilities where services are provided hereunder.

16.2 **NON-DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT**

Contractor must, in accordance with Applicable Laws, not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, sexual orientation, marital status, AIDS or disability. Without limitation to any other provisions of this Section 16.2, in the performance of the obligations under the Contract Documents, Contractor and the Subcontractors shall comply with all applicable provisions of the California Fair Employment Practices Act (California Government Code §§12940-48) and the applicable equal employment provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. §§200e - 217), whichever is more restrictive. Contractor and the Subcontractors shall ensure that qualified applicants are employed and that employees are treated during employment without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, sexual orientation, marital status, AIDS or disability, in accordance with requirements of Applicable Laws. Such shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

.1 employment, promotion, demotion, transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation; or

.2 selection for training, including apprenticeship.

16.2.1 Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places in each of Contractor's facilities providing services hereunder, available and open to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this Section 16.2.

16.2.2 Contractor shall, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of Contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, sexual orientation, marital status, AIDS or disability, in accordance with requirements of Applicable Laws.

16.2.3 Contractor shall send to each labor union, or workers' representative with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice advising the labor union or the workers' representative of Contractor's commitments under this Section 16.2.

16.2.4 Contractor certifies and agrees that it will deal with the Subcontractors, bidders and vendors without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, sexual orientation, marital status, AIDS or disability, in accordance with the requirements of Applicable Laws.

16.2.5 In accordance with Applicable Laws, Contractor shall allow duly authorized representatives of the County, State, and Federal government access to its employment records during regular business hours in order to verify compliance with the provisions of this Section 16.2. Contractor shall provide such other information and records as such representatives may require in order to verify compliance with the provisions of this Section 16.2.

16.2.6 If County finds that any of the provisions of this Section 16.2 have been violated by Contractor or any of the Subcontractors, such violation shall constitute a material breach of the Construction Contract for which County may cancel, terminate or suspend the Construction Contract. While County reserves the right to determine independently that the anti-discrimination provisions of the Construction Contract have been violated, a determination by the California Fair Employment and Housing Commission or the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission that Contractor or the Subcontractor has violated State or Federal anti-discrimination laws shall constitute a finding by County that Contractor or the Subcontractor has violated the provisions of this Section 16.2.

16.2.7 Contractor hereby agrees that it will comply with §504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794) and similar Applicable Laws relating to employment of or access to persons with disabilities, all requirements imposed by applicable Federal Regulations, and all guidelines and interpretations issued pursuant thereto, to the end that no qualified disabled person shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity of Contractor receiving Federal Financial Assistance.

END OF GENERAL CONDITIONS