

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
BOARD ACTION SUMMARY

DEPT: Public Works

BOARD AGENDA #: *C-3

AGENDA DATE: April 19, 2016

SUBJECT:

Approval of a Professional Design Services Master Agreement with BaseCamp Environmental, Inc., North State Resources, Inc., Dokken Engineering, and Firstcarbon Solutions to Provide On-Call Environmental Services for Various Department of Public Works and Department of Planning and Community Development Projects through April 19, 2019

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No.

2016-184

On motion of Supervisor O'Brien, Seconded by Supervisor Withrow
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Chiesa, Withrow, DeMartini, and Chairman Monteith

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) Approved as recommended

2) Denied

3) Approved as amended

4) Other:

MOTION:

ATTEST: Elizabeth A. King
ELIZABETH A. KING, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

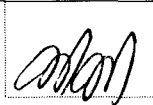
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**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
AGENDA ITEM**

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CEO CONCURRENCE: _____

4/5 Vote Required: Yes No

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STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve the Professional Design Services Master Agreements with BaseCamp Environmental, Inc., North State Resources, Inc., Dokken Engineering, and Firstcarbon Solutions to provide on-call environmental services for various Department of Public Works and Department of Planning and Community Development projects through April 19, 2019, each at an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.
2. Authorize the Public Works Director and the Planning and Community Development Director to sign the agreement.
3. Authorize the Public Works Director and the Planning and Community Development Director to sign future amendments during the life of the agreement and within the approved compensation limits.

DISCUSSION:

Environmental Services are an integral part of the project development process. They ensure that all environmental regulations and requirements applicable to the project are in compliance. Professional environmental services include, but are not limited to, preparing Caltrans Preliminary Environmental Studies (PES), preparation and review of environmental technical studies, obtaining California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) clearances, obtaining National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) clearances, and obtaining permits from various regulatory agencies.

In anticipation of the upcoming design projects in years 2016 through 2019, the need for environmental services for current projects, and to assist the County in complying with environmental regulations, the Departments of Public Works and Planning and Community Development collaboratively posted a Request for Qualifications. The Request for Qualifications for on-call environmental services was posted to the Modesto Reprographics website on December 30, 2015.

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On January 22, 2016, eleven consultants submitted qualifications for review. All consultants were evaluated and scored based on qualifications only. The consultant's rates were included but not part of the evaluation process. Below is a list of consultants that submitted proposals:

- Foothill Associates
- GPA Consulting
- Drake Haglan and Associates
- AWCA Environmental Consultants
- Horizon Water and Environmental
- Firstcarbon Solutions
- Dokken Engineering
- Sycamore Environmental Consultants
- Dudek
- North State Resources
- BaseCamp Environmental

These consultants were evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Understanding of the work to be done;
- Experience with similar kinds of work;
- Quality of staff for work to be done;
- Approach/work plan; and,
- Meeting the requirements of the proposal.

Public Works and Planning staff reviewed, evaluated, and ranked the proposals based on the above criteria, in the following order:

Ranking	Consultant
1	BaseCamp Environmental
2	North State Resources
3	Firstcarbon Solutions
4	Dokken Engineering
5	Dudek
6	Horizon Water and Environmental
7	Sycamore Environmental Consultants
8	Drake Haglan and Associates
9	AWCA Environmental Consultants
10	GPA Consulting
11	Foothill Associates

Public Works and Planning staff selected BaseCamp Environmental, Inc., North State Resources, Inc., Firstcarbon Solutions, and Dokken Engineering as the most qualified consultants based on the results of the evaluation criteria.

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The Professional Design Services Master Agreement for each consultant will commence on April 19, 2016 and will expire on April 19, 2019, with a not to exceed amount of \$1,000,000 per consulting firm. The County may extend these agreements on a year-to-year basis; however, in no case shall the renewal extend beyond 2 years from the expiration.

POLICY ISSUE:

The Board of Supervisors' approval is necessary to approve Design Services Master Agreements exceeding \$175,000.

FISCAL IMPACT:

At this time there is no direct fiscal impact. Environmental Services will be awarded on an as-needed basis and will be addressed at each project's Board approval.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PRIORITY:

The recommended actions are consistent with the Board's priorities of providing A Safe Community, A Healthy Community and A Well Planned Infrastructure System by ensuring all environmental regulations and requirements applicable to County projects are in compliance.

STAFFING IMPACT:

Public Works and Planning staff will administer the necessary consultant contracts and manage the projects.

CONTACT PERSON:

Matt Machado, Public Works Director	(209) 525-4153
Angela Freitas, Planning and Community Development Director	(209) 525-6330

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Contract for Basecamp Environmental, Inc.
2. Contract for North State Resources, Inc.
3. Contract for Dokken Engineering
4. Contract for Firstcarbon Solutions

ATTACHMENT 1
CONTRACT FOR BASECAMP ENVIRONMENTAL, INC.

STANISLAUS COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES MASTER AGREEMENT

This Master Agreement, hereinafter referred to as "Agreement" is made and entered into by and between the County of Stanislaus, a political subdivision of the State of California, hereinafter referred to as "County" and BaseCamp Environmental, Inc., hereinafter referred to as "Consultant".

WHEREAS, County, by its Resolution No. 2016-184 adopted on the 19th day of April, 2016 awarded to Consultant an Agreement for on-call environmental services.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions contained herein, the parties hereby agree as follows:

1.0 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY CONSULTANT

1.1 Scope of Services: Consultant shall provide the professional services described in the County's Request for Proposal ("RFP") and Consultant's Response to County's RFP (the "Response") which are incorporated by reference in Section 2.0 entitled "Contract Documents".

Each project added to and to be performed under this Agreement shall be separately approved by the parties. Each project where the cost of services does not exceed \$100,000 shall be approved by purchase order issued by the County Purchasing Agent or designee; projects greater than \$100,000 shall be approved by resolution of the Board of Supervisors for the County.

1.2 Professional Practices: All professional services to be provided by Consultant pursuant to this Agreement shall be provided by personnel experienced in their respective fields and in a manner consistent with the standards of care, diligence and skill ordinarily exercised by professional consultants in similar fields and circumstances in accordance with sound professional practices. Consultant also represents that it is familiar with all laws that may affect its performance of this Agreement and shall advise County of any changes in any laws that may affect Consultant's performance of this Agreement.

1.3 Representations: Consultant represents that it has reviewed the RFP and that in its professional judgment the services to be performed under this Agreement can be performed within the maximum fee set forth in Section 3.1 – Compensation. Consultant represents that it is qualified to perform the professional services required by this Agreement and possesses the necessary licenses and permits required to perform said services.

1.4 Compliance with Laws: Consultant agrees that it shall perform the services required by this Agreement in compliance with all applicable Federal and California laws including, but not limited to, those laws related to minimum hours and wages; occupational health and safety; fair employment and employment practices; workers' compensation insurance and safety in employment; and all other Federal, State and local laws and ordinances applicable to the services required under this Agreement.

1.5 Non-Discrimination: During the performance of this Agreement, Consultant and its officers, employees, agents, representatives or subconsultants shall not unlawfully discriminate, harass, or allow harassment against any employee or applicant for employment in violation of any federal, state or local law, rule or regulation against any employee, applicant for employment or person receiving services under this Agreement because of race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, physical or mental disability, medical condition (including genetic characteristics), marital status, age, political affiliation,

sex or sexual orientation. Consultant and its officers, employees, agents, representatives or subconsultants shall comply with all applicable Federal, State and local laws and regulations related to non-discrimination and equal opportunity, including without limitation the County's nondiscrimination policy; the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Government Code sections 12900 et seq.); California Labor Code sections 1101, 1102 and 1102.1; the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352), as amended; and all applicable regulations promulgated in the California Code of Regulations or the Code of Federal Regulations.

1.6 Non-Exclusive Agreement: Consultant acknowledges that County may enter into agreements with other consultants for services similar to the services that are subject to this Agreement or may have its own employees perform services similar to those services contemplated by this Agreement.

1.7 Delegation and Assignment: This is a personal service contract, and the duties set forth herein shall not be delegated or assigned to any person or entity without the prior written consent of County. Consultant may engage a subconsultant(s) as permitted by law and may employ other personnel to perform services contemplated by this Agreement at Consultant's sole cost and expense.

1.8 Subcontracting: Nothing contained in this contract or otherwise, shall create any contractual relation between County and any subconsultants(s), and no subconsultant shall relieve Consultant of its responsibilities and obligations hereunder. Consultant agrees to be as fully responsible to County for the acts and omissions of its subconsultant(s) and of persons either directly or indirectly employed by any of them as it is for the acts and omissions of persons directly employed by Consultant. Consultant's obligation to pay its subconsultant(s) is an independent obligation from County's obligation to make payments to the Consultant.

Consultant shall perform the services with resources available within its own organization; and no portion of the work pertinent to this Agreement shall be subcontracted without written authorization by the County, except that, which is expressly identified in the approved Cost Proposal.

Any substitution of subconsultants must be approved in writing by the County.

1.9 Conflict of Interest: Consultant shall disclose any financial, business, or other relationship with County that may have an impact upon the outcome of this Agreement, or any ensuing County construction project. The Consultant shall also list current clients who may have a financial interest in the outcome of this Agreement, or any ensuing County construction project, which will follow.

Consultant represents that it has no interest and shall not acquire any interest direct or indirect which conflicts, or has the appearance of conflicting, in any manner or degree with the performance of the work and services under this Agreement.

Consultant hereby certifies that neither Consultant, nor any firm affiliated with the Consultant will bid on any construction agreement, or on any agreement to provide construction inspection for any construction project resulting from this Agreement. An affiliated firm is one, which is subject to the control of the same persons through joint ownership, or otherwise.

Except for subconsultants whose services are limited to providing surveying or materials testing information, no subconsultant who has provided design services in connection with this Agreement shall be eligible to bid on any construction agreement, or on any agreement to provide construction inspection for any construction project resulting from this Agreement.

1.10 Covenant Against Contingent Fees: Consultant warrants that he/she has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working for the consultant; to solicit or secure this Master Agreement; and that he/she has not paid or agreed to pay any company or person other than a bona fide employee, any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift, or any other consideration, contingent upon or resulting from the award, or formation of this Master Agreement. For breach or violation of this warranty, the local agency shall have the right to annul this Master Agreement without liability, or at its discretion; to deduct from the Master Agreement price or consideration, or otherwise recover the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift, or contingent fee.

1.11 Rebates, Kickbacks or Other Unlawful Consideration: The Consultant warrants that this Master Agreement was not obtained or secured through rebates, kickbacks or other unlawful consideration, either promised or paid to any County employee. For breach or violation of this warranty, County shall have the right in its discretion; to terminate the agreement without liability; to pay only for the value of the work actually performed; or to deduct from the agreement price; or otherwise recover the full amount of such rebate, kickback or other unlawful consideration.

1.12 Prohibition of Expending State or Federal Funds for Lobbying: The Consultant certifies to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that:

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

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 federal 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 Consultant shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

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 Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. 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 Consultant also agrees by signing this document that he or she shall require that the language of this certification be included in all lower-tier subcontracts, which exceed \$100,000, and that all such sub recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

1.13 Debarment and Suspension Certification: The Consultant's signature affixed herein, shall constitute a certification under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that the Consultant has complied with Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 29, Debarment and Suspension Certificate, which certifies that he/she or any person associated therewith in the capacity of owner, partner, director, officer, or manager, is not currently under suspension, debarment, voluntary exclusion,

or determination of ineligibility by any federal agency; has not been suspended, debarred, voluntarily excluded, or determined ineligible by any federal agency within the past three (3) years; does not have a proposed debarment pending; and has not been indicted, convicted, or had a civil judgment rendered against it by a court of competent jurisdiction in any matter involving fraud or official misconduct with the past three (3) years. Any exceptions to this certification must be disclosed to the County.

Exceptions will not necessarily result in denial of recommendation for award, but will be considered in determining Consultant responsibility. Disclosures must indicate to who exceptions apply, initiating agency, and dates of actions.

2.0 CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

Contract documents consist of the following documents, including all changes, addenda, and modifications thereto:

1. Agreement and all attachments
 - a. Exhibit A – Fee Schedule
2. County's Request for Qualifications
3. Consultant's Response

3.0 COMPENSATION AND BILLING

3.1 Compensation: For each task or project let under this Agreement Consultant shall be paid in accordance with the fee schedule set forth in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and made a part of this Agreement (the "Fee Schedule"). Consultant will be compensated on a time and materials basis, based on the hours worked by the Consultant's employees or subconsultants at the hourly rates specified in the Fee Schedule. Fee Schedule rates shall include direct salary costs, employee benefits, and overhead. The rates stated in the Fee Schedule are not adjustable during the term of this Agreement. Consultant's compensation under this Agreement shall in no case exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) during the term of this Agreement. The County may retain ten percent of all periodic or progress payments made to the Consultant until completion and acceptance of all work tasks and County shall have right to withhold payment from Consultant for any unsatisfactory service until such time service is performed satisfactorily.

3.2 Reimbursements: In addition to the aforementioned fees, Consultant will be reimbursed for any expenses specifically set forth in a Project Scope of Work. All such reimbursement amounts are limited to those costs and expenses that are reasonable, necessary and actually incurred by the Consultant in connection with the services provided. The County shall not pay a mark up on any item of reimbursement. The County shall not pay for any item of overhead such as telephone, facsimile, postage, etc. All requests for reimbursement shall be accompanied by a copy of the original invoice.

3.3 Additional Services: Consultant shall not receive compensation for any services provided outside the scope of services specified in the County's ("RFQ") and the Consultant's ("Response") and also as specified in each Project Scope of Services unless the County or the Project Manager for the Project, prior to Consultant performing the additional services, approves such additional services in writing. It is specifically understood that oral requests and/or approvals of such additional services or additional compensation shall be barred and are unenforceable.

3.4 Method of Billing: Consultant may submit invoices to County's Project Manager for approval on a progress basis, but no more often than once each calendar month. Said invoice shall be based on the total of all Consultants' services that have been completed to County's sole satisfaction.

County shall pay Consultant's invoice within forty-five (45) days from the date County receives said invoice. Each invoice shall describe in detail, the services performed and the associated percentage of tasks completed. Any additional services approved and performed pursuant to this Agreement shall be designated as "Additional Services" and shall identify the number of the authorized change order, where applicable, on all invoices.

3.5 Records and Audits: Records of Consultant's services relating to this Agreement shall be maintained in accordance with generally recognized accounting principles and shall be made available to County, its Project Manager, The State, State Auditor, FHWA, or any duly authorized representative of the Federal Government for inspection and/or audit at mutually convenient times for a period of three (3) years from the termination of this Agreement.

3.6 Extension of Term of Agreement: The original Fee Schedule shall apply to the extension of the term of the agreement unless renegotiated and approved by both parties in writing.

3.7 Cost Principles: The Consultant agrees that the Contract Cost Principles and Procedures, 48 CFR, Federal Acquisition Regulations System, Chapter 1, Part 31.000 et seq., shall be used to determine the allowability of cost individual items.

The Consultant also agrees to comply with federal procedures in accordance with 49 CFR, Part 18, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments.

Any costs for which payment has been made to Consultant that are determined by subsequent audit to be unallowable under 48 CFR, Federal Acquisition Regulations System, Chapter 1, Part 31.000 et seq., are subject to repayment by Consultant to the County.

All subcontracts in excess of \$25,000 shall contain the above provisions.

4.0 TIME OF PERFORMANCE

4.1 Commencement and Completion of Work: The professional services to be performed pursuant to this Agreement shall commence within five (5) days after County delivers its Notice to Proceed for each separately approved Project. Said services shall be performed in strict compliance with the Project Schedule approved by County as set forth in each Project Scope of Services. Each Project Schedule may be amended by mutual agreement of the parties. Failure to commence work in a timely manner and/or diligently pursue work to completion may be grounds for termination of this Agreement.

4.2 Excusable Delays: Neither party shall be responsible for delays or lack of performance resulting from acts beyond the reasonable control of the party or parties. Such acts shall include, but not be limited to, acts of God, fire, strikes, material shortages, compliance with laws or regulations, riots, acts of war, or any other conditions beyond the reasonable control of a party.

5.0 TERM OF CONTRACT AND TERMINATION

5.1 Term: This Agreement shall commence on the date of the award of this agreement and shall continue for a period of thirty-six months, or until all work on each project let during the thirty-six month period is completed, unless previously terminated as provided herein or as otherwise agreed to in writing by the parties. Additionally, the term of this agreement may be extended for an additional twenty-four months by the parties mutual agreement.

5.2 Notice of Termination: The County reserves and has the right and privilege of canceling, suspending or abandoning the execution of all or any part of the work contemplated by this Agreement, with or without cause, at any time, by providing written notice to Consultant. The termination of this Agreement shall be deemed effective upon receipt of the notice of termination. In the event of such termination, Consultant shall immediately stop rendering services under this Agreement unless directed otherwise by the County.

5.3 Compensation: In the event of termination, County shall pay Consultant for reasonable costs incurred and professional services satisfactorily performed up to and including the date of County's written notice of termination. Compensation for work in progress shall be prorated as to the percentage of work completed as of the effective date of termination in accordance with the fees set forth in Exhibit "A". In ascertaining the professional services actually rendered hereunder up to the effective date of termination of this Agreement, consideration shall be given to both completed work and work in progress, to complete and incomplete drawings, and to other documents pertaining to the services contemplated herein whether delivered to the County or in the possession of the Consultant.

5.4 Documents: In the event of termination of this Agreement, all documents prepared by Consultant in its performance of this Agreement including, but not limited to, finished or unfinished design, development and construction documents, data studies, drawings, maps, reports, correspondence, and all electronic files, shall be delivered to the County within ten (10) days of delivery of termination notice to Consultant, at no cost to County. Any use of uncompleted documents without specific written authorization from Consultant shall be at County's sole risk and without liability or legal expense to Consultant.

6.0 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

6.1 Minimum Scope and Limits of Insurance: Consultant, at its sole cost and expense, for the full term of this Agreement (and any extensions thereof), shall obtain and maintain, at minimum, compliance with all of the following insurance coverage(s) and requirements. If Consultant normally carries insurance in an amount greater than the minimum amount listed below, that greater amount shall become the minimum required amount of insurance for purposes of this Agreement. The insurance listed below shall have a retroactive date of placement prior to, or coinciding with, the date services are first provided that are governed by the terms of this Agreement:

- (a) Comprehensive general liability, including premises-operations, products/ completed operations, broad form property damage, blanket contractual liability, independent contractors, personal injury with a policy limit of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000), combined single limits, per occurrence and aggregate. If Commercial General Liability Insurance or other form with a general aggregate limit is used, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to any act or omission by Consultant under this Agreement or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit.
- (b) Automobile liability for owned vehicles, hired, and non-owned vehicles, with a policy limit of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000), combined single limits, per occurrence and aggregate.
- (c) Workers' compensation insurance as required by the State of California.
- (d) Professional errors and omissions ("E&O") liability insurance with policy limits of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000), combined single limit for each occurrence. If Consultant cannot provide an occurrence policy, Consultant shall provide insurance covering claims made as a result of performance of Work on this Project and shall maintain such insurance

in effect for not less than three years following Final Completion of the Project.

6.2 Endorsements: The Consultant shall obtain a specific endorsement to all required insurance policies, except Professional Liability insurance, naming the County of Stanislaus, its Officers, Directors, Officials, Agents, Employees and Volunteers as additional insureds for at least three years after the completion of the work to be performed under this Agreement, but, to the extent that any insurance issued to Consultant in effect after the expiration of three years provides additional insured coverage to parties Consultant agreed in writing to name as an additional insured, then Consultant shall have the obligation under this contract to obtain such additional insured coverage for the County, under any and all policies Consultant has regarding:

- (a) Liability arising from or in connection with the performance or omission to perform any term or condition of this Agreement by or on behalf of the Consultant, including the insured's general supervision of its subconsultants;
- (b) Ongoing services, products and completed operations of the Consultant;
- (c) Premises owned, occupied or used by the Consultant; and
- (d) Automobiles owned, leased, hired or borrowed by the Consultant.
- (e) For Workers' Compensation insurance, the insurance carrier shall agree to waive all rights of subrogation against the County, its officers, officials and employees for losses arising from the performance of or the omission to perform any term or condition of this Agreement by the Consultant.

6.3 Deductibles: Any deductibles, self-insured retentions or named insureds must be declared in writing and approved by County. At the option of the County, either: (a) the insurer shall reduce or eliminate such deductibles, self-insured retentions or named insureds, or (b) the Consultant shall provide a bond, cash, letter of credit, guaranty or other security satisfactory to the County guaranteeing payment of the self-insured retention or deductible and payment of any and all costs, losses, related investigations, claim administration and defense expenses. The County, in its sole discretion, may waive the requirement to reduce or eliminate deductibles or self-insured retentions, in which case, the Consultant agrees that it will be responsible for and pay any self-insured retention or deductible and will pay any and all costs, losses, related investigations, claim administration and defense expenses related to or arising out of the Consultant's defense and indemnification obligations as set forth in this Agreement.

6.4 Certificates of Insurance: At least ten (10) days prior to the date the Consultant begins performance of its obligations under this Agreement, Consultant shall furnish County with certificates of insurance, and with original endorsements, showing coverage required by this Agreement, including, without limitation, those that verify coverage for subconsultants of the Consultant. The certificates and endorsements for each insurance policy are to be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. All certificates and endorsements shall be received and, in County's sole and absolute discretion, approved by County. County reserves the right to require complete copies of all required insurance policies and endorsements, at any time.

6.5 Non-limiting: Nothing in this Section or the insurance described herein shall be construed as limiting in any way, the indemnification provisions contained in this Agreement, or the liability of Consultant and Consultant's officers, employees, agents, representatives or subconsultants for payments of damages to persons or property.

6.6 Primary Insurance: The Consultant's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance regarding the County of Stanislaus, its Officers, Directors, Officials, Agents, Employees and Volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the County of Stanislaus, its Officers, Directors, Officials,

Agents, Employees and Volunteers shall be excess of the Consultant's insurance and shall not contribute with Consultant's insurance. Any failure to comply with reporting provisions of the policies shall not affect coverage provided to the County or its officers, officials and employees. The Consultant's insurance shall apply separately to each insured against whom claim is made or suit is brought, except with respect to the limits of the insurer's liability. Any and all insurances cared by it shall be deemed liability coverage for any and all actions it performs in connection with this Contract.

6.7 Cancellation of Insurance: Each insurance policy required by this section shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be suspended, voided, canceled by either party except after thirty (30) days prior written notice has been given to County. The Consultant shall promptly notify, or cause the insurance carrier to promptly notify, the County of any change in the insurance policy or policies required under this Agreement, including, without limitation, any reduction in coverage or in limits of the required policy or policies. Consultant shall maintain such coverage in effect for three years after substantial completion of the project to the extent it is commercially available at reasonable rates.

6.8 California Admitted Insurer: Insurance shall be placed with California admitted insurers (licensed to do business in California) with a current rating by Best's Key Rating Guide of no less than A-:VII; provided, however, that if no California admitted insurance company provides the required insurance, it is acceptable to provide the required insurance through a United States domiciled carrier that meets the required Best's rating and that is listed on the current List of Eligible Surplus Line Insurers maintained by the California Department of Insurance.

6.9 Subconsultants: Consultant shall require that all of its subconsultants are subject to the insurance and indemnity requirements stated herein, or shall include all subconsultants as additional insureds under its insurance policies.

7.0 INDEMNIFICATION

7.1 Indemnification: To the fullest extent allowed by law, Consultant shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County and its officers, directors, officials, agents, employees, volunteers and representatives (collectively, "Indemnitee") from and against any and all claims, suits, actions, losses, injuries, damages or expenses of every name, kind, and description, including litigation costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred, (collectively, "losses") which are founded upon, arise out of, pertain to, or relate to, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, the alleged negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct of Consultant, its officers, agents, employees, volunteers, representatives, contractors and subconsultants, excluding, however, such liabilities caused in part by the sole negligence, active negligence or willful misconduct of the County, its agents, employees, and representatives. These indemnification obligations shall not be limited by any assertion or finding that (1) the person or entity indemnified is liable by reason of non-delegable duty, or (2) the losses were caused in part by the negligence of, breach of contract by, or violation of law by Indemnitee. Nothing in this Agreement, including the provisions of this paragraph, shall constitute a waiver or limitation of any rights which Indemnitee may have under applicable law, including without limitation, the right to implied indemnity.

7.2 Duty to Defend: The duty of Consultant to indemnify and save harmless as set forth herein, shall include both the duty to indemnify and at Consultant's own cost and expense the duty to defend as set forth in Section 2778 of the California Civil Code and as limited in section 2782.8 of the California Civil Code. This duty to defend arises immediately when such claim is made and shall be independent of any finding of negligence and shall arise regardless of any claim or assertion that Indemnitee caused or contributed to the Losses. Consultant shall provide legal counsel acceptable to the County.

7.3 Duty to Cooperate: Each party shall notify the other party within ten (10) days in writing of any claim or damage related to activities performed under this Agreement. The parties shall cooperate with each other in the investigation and disposition of any claim arising out of the activities under this Agreement. Specifically, Consultant shall take all steps necessary to assist the County in the defense of any claim brought by a contractor hired to construct the Project regarding any errors, flaws, and/or omissions in the plans or specifications of the Project.

7.4 Patent Rights: Consultant represents that professional services provided by Consultant pursuant to this Agreement does not infringe on any other copyrighted work. Consultant shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County from all loss, cost, damage, expense, liability or claims, including attorneys' fees, court costs, litigation expenses and expert consultant or witness fees, that may at any time arise for any infringement of the patent rights, copyright, trade secret, trade name, trademark, service mark or any other proprietary right of any person or persons in consequence of the use by the County of any articles or services supplied under this agreement.

The foregoing provisions in this section "Indemnification" shall survive the term and termination of this Agreement.

8.0 GENERAL PROVISIONS

8.1 Entire Agreement: This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between the parties with respect to any matter referenced herein and supersedes any and all other prior writings and oral negotiations. This Agreement may be modified only in writing, and signed by the parties in interest at the time of such modification. The terms of this Agreement shall prevail over any inconsistent provision in any other contract document appurtenant hereto, including exhibits to this Agreement.

8.2 Representatives: The Director of the Stanislaus County Department of Public Works, or his designee, shall be the representative of County for purposes of this Agreement and may issue all consents, approvals, directives and agreements on behalf of the County, called for by this Agreement, except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement. Consultant shall designate a representative for purposes of this Agreement who shall be authorized to issue all consents, approvals, directives and agreements on behalf of Consultant called for by this Agreement, except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement.

8.3 Project Managers: County shall designate a Project Manager to work directly with Consultant in the performance of this Agreement. Consultant shall designate a Project Manager who shall represent it and be its agent in all consultations with County during the term of this Agreement. Consultant or its Project Manager shall attend and assist in all coordination meetings called by County.

8.4 Designated Personnel: A material covenant of this agreement is that the Consultant shall assign the individuals designated below to perform the functions designated so long as they continue in the employ of the Consultant. The designated individuals shall, so long as their performance continues to be acceptable to County, remain in charge of the services for the Project from beginning through completion of services.

- a. Project Manager: Charles R. Simpson, President
- b. Lead/Manager: n/a

8.5 Removal of Personnel or Sub-Consultants: If the County, in its sole discretion at any time during the term of this agreement, desires the removal of any person or sub-consultant assigned by Consultant to perform services, then the Consultant shall remove such person or consultant immediately upon receiving notice from the County.

8.6 Notices: Any notices, documents, correspondence or other communications concerning this Agreement or the work hereunder may be provided by personal delivery, facsimile or mail and shall be addressed as set forth below. Such communication shall be deemed served or delivered: a) at the time of delivery if such communication is sent by personal delivery; b) at the time of transmission if such communication is sent by facsimile; and c) 48 hours after deposit in the U.S. Mail as reflected by the official U.S. postmark if such communication is sent through regular United States mail.

If to County: Chris Brady, P.E., Deputy Director
Stanislaus County Public Works Department
1716 Morgan Road, Modesto, CA 95358

If to Consultant: Charles R. Simpson, President
BaseCamp Environmental, Inc.
115 South School Street, Suite 14
Lodi, CA 95240

8.7 Attorneys' Fees: In the event that litigation is brought by any party in connection with this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the opposing party all costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred by the prevailing party in the exercise of any of its rights or remedies hereunder or the enforcement of any of the terms, conditions, or provisions hereof.

8.8 Claims Filed by County's Construction Contractor: If claims are filed by County's construction contractor relating to work performed by Consultant's personnel, and additional information or assistance from Consultant's personnel is required in order to evaluate or defend against such claims; Consultant agrees to make its personnel available for consultation with County's construction contract administration and legal staff and for testimony, if necessary, at depositions and at trial or arbitration proceedings.

Consultant's personnel that County considers essential to assist in defending against construction contractor claims will be made available on reasonable notice from County. Consultation or testimony will be reimbursed at the same rates, including travel costs that are being paid for Consultant's personnel services under this contract.

8.9 Governing Law: This Agreement shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of California without giving effect to that body of laws pertaining to conflict of laws. In the event of any legal action to enforce or interpret this Agreement, the parties hereto agree that the sole and exclusive venue shall be a court of competent jurisdiction located in Stanislaus County, California.

8.10 Assignment: Consultant shall not voluntarily or by operation of law assign, transfer, sublet or encumber all or any part of Consultant's interest in this Agreement without County's prior written consent. Any attempted assignment, transfer, subletting or encumbrance shall be void and shall constitute a breach of this Agreement and cause for termination of this Agreement. Regardless of County's consent, no subletting or assignment shall release Consultant of Consultant's obligation to perform all other obligations to be performed by Consultant hereunder for the term of this Agreement.

8.11 Independent Contractor: Consultant is and shall be acting at all times as an independent contractor and not as an employee of County. Consultant shall secure, at his expense, and be responsible for any and all payment of Income Tax, Social Security, State Disability Insurance Compensation, Unemployment Compensation, and other payroll deductions for Consultant and its officers, agents, and employees, and all business licenses, if any are required, in connection with the services to be performed hereunder. Consultant hereby indemnifies and holds County harmless from any and all claims that may be made against County based upon any contention by any third party that an employer-employee relationship exists by reason of this Agreement.

8.12 Confidentiality: The Consultant agrees to keep confidential all information obtained or learned during the course of furnishing services under this Agreement and to not disclose or reveal such information for any purpose not directly connected with the matter for which services are provided.

Permission to Disclose information on one occasion, or public hearing held by the County relating to the contract, shall not authorize the Consultant to further disclose such information, or disseminate the same on any other occasion.

The Consultant shall not comment publicly to the press or any other media regarding the contract or the County's actions on the same, except to the County's staff, Consultant's own personnel involved in the performance of this contract, at public hearings or in response to questions from a Legislative committee.

The Consultant shall not issue any news release or public relations item of any nature, whatsoever, regarding work performed or to be performed under this contract without prior review of the contents thereof by the County, and receipt of the County's written permission.

Any subcontract entered into as a result of this contract shall contain all of the provisions of this Article.

8.13 National Labor Relations Board Certification: In accordance with Public Contract Code Section 10296, Consultant hereby states under penalty of perjury that no more than one final unappealable finding of contempt of court by a federal court has been issued against Consultant with the immediately preceding two-year period, because of Consultant's failure to comply with an order of a federal court that orders Consultant to comply with an order of the National Labor Relations Board.

8.14 Ownership of Documents: Any interest, including copyright interests, of Consultant or its contractors or subconsultants in studies, reports, memoranda, computational sheets, drawings, plans or any other documents, including electronic data, prepared in connection with the Services, shall be the property of County. To the extent permitted by law, work product produced under this Agreement shall be deemed works for hire and all copyrights in such works shall be the property of the County. In the event that it is ever determined that any works created by Consultant or its subconsultants under this Agreement are not works for hire, Consultant hereby assigns to County all copyrights to such works. With the County's prior written approval, Consultant may retain and use copies of such works for reference and as documentation of experience and capabilities.

8.15 Reuse of Design Documents: Should the County desire to reuse the documents specified above and not use the services of the Consultant, then the County agrees to require the new consultant to assume any and all obligations for the reuse of the documents, and the County releases Consultant and its subconsultants from all liability associated with the reuse of such documents.

8.16 Public Records Act Disclosure: Consultant has been advised and is aware that all

reports, documents, information and data including, but not limited to, computer tapes, discs or files furnished or prepared by Consultant, or any of its subconsultants, and provided to County may be subject to public disclosure as required by the California Public Records Act (California Government Code Section 6250 et. seq.). Exceptions to public disclosure may be those documents or information that qualifies as trade secrets, as that term is defined in the California Government Code Section 6254.7, and of which Consultant informs County of such trade secret. The County will endeavor to maintain as confidential all information obtained by it that is designated as a trade secret. The County shall not, in any way, be liable or responsible for the disclosure of any trade secret including, without limitation, those records so marked if disclosure is deemed to be required by law or by order of the Court.

8.17 Responsibility for Errors: Consultant shall be responsible for its work and results under this Agreement. Consultant, when requested, shall furnish clarification and/or explanation as may be required by the County's representative, regarding any services rendered under this Agreement at no additional cost to County. In the event that an error or omission attributable to Consultant occurs, then Consultant shall, at no cost to County, provide all necessary design drawings, estimates and other Consultant professional services necessary to rectify and correct the matter to the sole satisfaction of County and to participate in any meeting required with regard to the correction.

8.18 Order of Precedence: In the event of inconsistency among any of the Contract Documents, the following order of precedence applies:

1. This agreement shall prevail over all other documents;
2. The attachments to this agreement shall prevail over the RFQ and Response;
3. The RFQ shall prevail over the Response.

8.19 Costs: Each party shall bear its own costs and fees incurred in the preparation and negotiation of this Agreement and in the performance of its obligations hereunder except as expressly provided herein.

8.20 No Third Party Beneficiary Rights: This Agreement is entered into for the sole benefit of County and Consultant and no other parties are intended to be direct or incidental beneficiaries of this Agreement and no third party shall have any right in, under or to this Agreement.

8.21 Construction: The parties have participated jointly in the negotiation and drafting of this Agreement. In the event an ambiguity or question of intent or interpretation arises with respect to this Agreement, this Agreement shall be construed as if drafted jointly by the parties and in accordance with its fair meaning. There shall be no presumption or burden of proof favoring or disfavoring any party by virtue of the authorship of any of the provisions of this Agreement.

8.22 Amendments: This Agreement may be amended only by a writing executed by the parties hereto or their respective successors and assigns.

8.23 Waiver: The delay or failure of either party at any time to require performance or compliance by the other of any of its obligations or agreements shall in no way be deemed a waiver of those rights to require such performance or compliance. No waiver of any provision of this Agreement shall be effective unless in writing and signed by a duly authorized representative of the party against whom enforcement of a waiver is sought. The waiver of any right or remedy in respect to any occurrence or event shall not be deemed a waiver of any right or remedy in respect to any other occurrence or event, nor shall any waiver constitute a continuing waiver.


8.24 Severability: If any provision of this Agreement is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unenforceable in any circumstance, such determination shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining terms and provisions hereof or of the offending provision in any other circumstance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the value of this Agreement, based upon the substantial benefit of the bargain for any party is materially impaired, which determination as made by the presiding court or arbitrator of competent jurisdiction shall be binding, then both parties agree to substitute such provision(s) through good faith negotiations.

8.25 Counterparts: This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original. All counterparts shall be construed together and shall constitute one agreement.

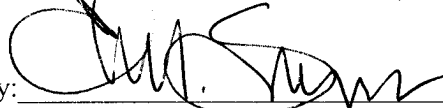
8.26 Corporate Authority: The persons executing this Agreement on behalf of the parties hereto warrant that they are duly authorized to execute this Agreement on behalf of said parties and that by doing so, the parties hereto are formally bound to the provisions of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by and through their respective authorized officers:

COUNTY OF STANISLAUS

By: 
Matt Machado, Director
Department of Public Works

BASECAMP ENVIRONMENTAL, INC.

By: 
Charles R. Simpson
President

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

John P. Doering
County Counsel

By: 
Amanda DeHart
Deputy County Counsel

COUNTY OF STANISLAUS

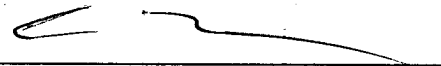
By: 
Angela Freitas, Director
Planning & Community Development

EXHIBIT A
FEE SCHEDULE

STANDARD SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES
BASECAMP ENVIRONMENTAL, INC.
2016-2018

HOURLY FEES FOR PERSONNEL

Principal	\$190
Senior Planner	\$150
Project Planner	\$130
Assistant Environmental Planner	\$110
Research Specialist	\$90
Graphics Technician	\$90
Document Processing	\$80

COPYING CHARGES

Charges for copying by BaseCamp Environmental will be charged as follows:

Copies (b/w)	\$0.10/page
Copies (color)	\$0.15/page

EXPENSES

Materials and services purchased by BaseCamp in connection with services provided under this Agreement will be invoiced at actual cost, including subcontractor charges. Materials and services include but are not limited to costs for subcontractor, travel and subsistence, insurance certificates necessitated by the job, document and map reproduction, computer time, telecommunications, out-of-house fax, rented or leased equipment, supplies, and postage and shipping expenses.

ATTACHMENT 2
CONTRACT FOR NORTH STATE RESOURCES, INC.

STANISLAUS COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES MASTER AGREEMENT

This Master Agreement, hereinafter referred to as "Agreement" is made and entered into by and between the County of Stanislaus, a political subdivision of the State of California, hereinafter referred to as "County" and North State Resources, hereinafter referred to as "Consultant".

WHEREAS, County, by its Resolution No. 2016-184 adopted on the 19th day of April, 2016 awarded to Consultant an Agreement for on-call environmental services.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions contained herein, the parties hereby agree as follows:

1.0 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY CONSULTANT

1.1 Scope of Services: Consultant shall provide the professional services described in the County's Request for Proposal ("RFP") and Consultant's Response to County's RFP (the "Response") which are incorporated by reference in Section 2.0 entitled "Contract Documents".

Each project added to and to be performed under this Agreement shall be separately approved by the parties. Each project where the cost of services does not exceed \$100,000 shall be approved by purchase order issued by the County Purchasing Agent or designee; projects greater than \$100,000 shall be approved by resolution of the Board of Supervisors for the County.

1.2 Professional Practices: All professional services to be provided by Consultant pursuant to this Agreement shall be provided by personnel experienced in their respective fields and in a manner consistent with the standards of care, diligence and skill ordinarily exercised by professional consultants in similar fields and circumstances in accordance with sound professional practices. Consultant also represents that it is familiar with all laws that may affect its performance of this Agreement and shall advise County of any changes in any laws that may affect Consultant's performance of this Agreement.

1.3 Representations: Consultant represents that it has reviewed the RFP and that in its professional judgment the services to be performed under this Agreement can be performed within the maximum fee set forth in Section 3.1 – Compensation. Consultant represents that it is qualified to perform the professional services required by this Agreement and possesses the necessary licenses and permits required to perform said services.

1.4 Compliance with Laws: Consultant agrees that it shall perform the services required by this Agreement in compliance with all applicable Federal and California laws including, but not limited to, those laws related to minimum hours and wages; occupational health and safety; fair employment and employment practices; workers' compensation insurance and safety in employment; and all other Federal, State and local laws and ordinances applicable to the services required under this Agreement.

1.5 Non-Discrimination: During the performance of this Agreement, Consultant and its officers, employees, agents, representatives or subconsultants shall not unlawfully discriminate, harass, or allow harassment against any employee or applicant for employment in violation of any federal, state or local law, rule or regulation against any employee, applicant for employment or person receiving services under this Agreement because of race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, physical or mental disability, medical condition (including genetic characteristics), marital status, age, political affiliation,

sex or sexual orientation. Consultant and its officers, employees, agents, representatives or subconsultants shall comply with all applicable Federal, State and local laws and regulations related to non-discrimination and equal opportunity, including without limitation the County's nondiscrimination policy; the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Government Code sections 12900 et seq.); California Labor Code sections 1101, 1102 and 1102.1; the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352), as amended; and all applicable regulations promulgated in the California Code of Regulations or the Code of Federal Regulations.

1.6 Non-Exclusive Agreement: Consultant acknowledges that County may enter into agreements with other consultants for services similar to the services that are subject to this Agreement or may have its own employees perform services similar to those services contemplated by this Agreement.

1.7 Delegation and Assignment: This is a personal service contract, and the duties set forth herein shall not be delegated or assigned to any person or entity without the prior written consent of County. Consultant may engage a subconsultant(s) as permitted by law and may employ other personnel to perform services contemplated by this Agreement at Consultant's sole cost and expense.

1.8 Subcontracting: Nothing contained in this contract or otherwise, shall create any contractual relation between County and any subconsultants(s), and no subconsultant shall relieve Consultant of its responsibilities and obligations hereunder. Consultant agrees to be as fully responsible to County for the acts and omissions of its subconsultant(s) and of persons either directly or indirectly employed by any of them as it is for the acts and omissions of persons directly employed by Consultant. Consultant's obligation to pay its subconsultant(s) is an independent obligation from County's obligation to make payments to the Consultant.

Consultant shall perform the services with resources available within its own organization; and no portion of the work pertinent to this Agreement shall be subcontracted without written authorization by the County, except that, which is expressly identified in the approved Cost Proposal.

Any substitution of subconsultants must be approved in writing by the County.

1.9 Conflict of Interest: Consultant shall disclose any financial, business, or other relationship with County that may have an impact upon the outcome of this Agreement, or any ensuing County construction project. The Consultant shall also list current clients who may have a financial interest in the outcome of this Agreement, or any ensuing County construction project, which will follow.

Consultant represents that it has no interest and shall not acquire any interest direct or indirect which conflicts, or has the appearance of conflicting, in any manner or degree with the performance of the work and services under this Agreement.

Consultant hereby certifies that neither Consultant, nor any firm affiliated with the Consultant will bid on any construction agreement, or on any agreement to provide construction inspection for any construction project resulting from this Agreement. An affiliated firm is one, which is subject to the control of the same persons through joint ownership, or otherwise.

Except for subconsultants whose services are limited to providing surveying or materials testing information, no subconsultant who has provided design services in connection with this Agreement shall be eligible to bid on any construction agreement, or on any agreement to provide construction inspection for any construction project resulting from this Agreement.

1.10 Covenant Against Contingent Fees: Consultant warrants that he/she has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working for the consultant; to solicit or secure this Master Agreement; and that he/she has not paid or agreed to pay any company or person other than a bona fide employee, any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift, or any other consideration, contingent upon or resulting from the award, or formation of this Master Agreement. For breach or violation of this warranty, the local agency shall have the right to annul this Master Agreement without liability, or at its discretion; to deduct from the Master Agreement price or consideration, or otherwise recover the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift, or contingent fee.

1.11 Rebates, Kickbacks or Other Unlawful Consideration: The Consultant warrants that this Master Agreement was not obtained or secured through rebates, kickbacks or other unlawful consideration, either promised or paid to any County employee. For breach or violation of this warranty, County shall have the right in its discretion; to terminate the agreement without liability; to pay only for the value of the work actually performed; or to deduct from the agreement price; or otherwise recover the full amount of such rebate, kickback or other unlawful consideration.

1.12 Prohibition of Expending State or Federal Funds for Lobbying: The Consultant certifies to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that:

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

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 federal 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 Consultant shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

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 Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. 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 Consultant also agrees by signing this document that he or she shall require that the language of this certification be included in all lower-tier subcontracts, which exceed \$100,000, and that all such sub recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

1.13 Debarment and Suspension Certification: The Consultant's signature affixed herein, shall constitute a certification under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that the Consultant has complied with Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 29, Debarment and Suspension Certificate, which certifies that he/she or any person associated therewith in the capacity of owner, partner, director, officer, or manager, is not currently under suspension, debarment, voluntary exclusion,

or determination of ineligibility by any federal agency; has not been suspended, debarred, voluntarily excluded, or determined ineligible by any federal agency within the past three (3) years; does not have a proposed debarment pending; and has not been indicted, convicted, or had a civil judgment rendered against it by a court of competent jurisdiction in any matter involving fraud or official misconduct with the past three (3) years. Any exceptions to this certification must be disclosed to the County.

Exceptions will not necessarily result in denial of recommendation for award, but will be considered in determining Consultant responsibility. Disclosures must indicate to who exceptions apply, initiating agency, and dates of actions.

2.0 CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

Contract documents consist of the following documents, including all changes, addenda, and modifications thereto:

1. Agreement and all attachments
 - a. Exhibit A – Fee Schedule
2. County's Request for Qualifications
3. Consultant's Response

3.0 COMPENSATION AND BILLING

3.1 Compensation: For each task or project let under this Agreement Consultant shall be paid in accordance with the fee schedule set forth in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and made a part of this Agreement (the "Fee Schedule"). Consultant will be compensated on a time and materials basis, based on the hours worked by the Consultant's employees or subconsultants at the hourly rates specified in the Fee Schedule. Fee Schedule rates shall include direct salary costs, employee benefits, and overhead. The rates stated in the Fee Schedule are not adjustable during the term of this Agreement. Consultant's compensation under this Agreement shall in no case exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) during the term of this Agreement. The County may retain ten percent of all periodic or progress payments made to the Consultant until completion and acceptance of all work tasks and County shall have right to withhold payment from Consultant for any unsatisfactory service until such time service is performed satisfactorily.

3.2 Reimbursements: In addition to the aforementioned fees, Consultant will be reimbursed for any expenses specifically set forth in a Project Scope of Work. All such reimbursement amounts are limited to those costs and expenses that are reasonable, necessary and actually incurred by the Consultant in connection with the services provided. The County shall not pay a mark up on any item of reimbursement. The County shall not pay for any item of overhead such as telephone, facsimile, postage, etc. All requests for reimbursement shall be accompanied by a copy of the original invoice.

3.3 Additional Services: Consultant shall not receive compensation for any services provided outside the scope of services specified in the County's ("RFQ") and the Consultant's ("Response") and also as specified in each Project Scope of Services unless the County or the Project Manager for the Project, prior to Consultant performing the additional services, approves such additional services in writing. It is specifically understood that oral requests and/or approvals of such additional services or additional compensation shall be barred and are unenforceable.

3.4 Method of Billing: Consultant may submit invoices to County's Project Manager for approval on a progress basis, but no more often than once each calendar month. Said invoice shall be based on the total of all Consultants' services that have been completed to County's sole satisfaction.

County shall pay Consultant's invoice within forty-five (45) days from the date County receives said invoice. Each invoice shall describe in detail, the services performed and the associated percentage of tasks completed. Any additional services approved and performed pursuant to this Agreement shall be designated as "Additional Services" and shall identify the number of the authorized change order, where applicable, on all invoices.

3.5 Records and Audits: Records of Consultant's services relating to this Agreement shall be maintained in accordance with generally recognized accounting principles and shall be made available to County, its Project Manager, The State, State Auditor, FHWA, or any duly authorized representative of the Federal Government for inspection and/or audit at mutually convenient times for a period of three (3) years from the termination of this Agreement.

3.6 Extension of Term of Agreement: The original Fee Schedule shall apply to the extension of the term of the agreement unless renegotiated and approved by both parties in writing.

3.7 Cost Principles: The Consultant agrees that the Contract Cost Principles and Procedures, 48 CFR, Federal Acquisition Regulations System, Chapter 1, Part 31.000 et seq., shall be used to determine the allowability of cost individual items.

The Consultant also agrees to comply with federal procedures in accordance with 49 CFR, Part 18, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments.

Any costs for which payment has been made to Consultant that are determined by subsequent audit to be unallowable under 48 CFR, Federal Acquisition Regulations System, Chapter 1, Part 31.000 et seq., are subject to repayment by Consultant to the County.

All subcontracts in excess of \$25,000 shall contain the above provisions.

4.0 TIME OF PERFORMANCE

4.1 Commencement and Completion of Work: The professional services to be performed pursuant to this Agreement shall commence within five (5) days after County delivers its Notice to Proceed for each separately approved Project. Said services shall be performed in strict compliance with the Project Schedule approved by County as set forth in each Project Scope of Services. Each Project Schedule may be amended by mutual agreement of the parties. Failure to commence work in a timely manner and/or diligently pursue work to completion may be grounds for termination of this Agreement.

4.2 Excusable Delays: Neither party shall be responsible for delays or lack of performance resulting from acts beyond the reasonable control of the party or parties. Such acts shall include, but not be limited to, acts of God, fire, strikes, material shortages, compliance with laws or regulations, riots, acts of war, or any other conditions beyond the reasonable control of a party.

5.0 TERM OF CONTRACT AND TERMINATION

5.1 Term: This Agreement shall commence on the date of the award of this agreement and shall continue for a period of thirty-six months, or until all work on each project let during the thirty-six month period is completed, unless previously terminated as provided herein or as otherwise agreed to in writing by the parties. Additionally, the term of this agreement may be extended for an additional twenty-four months by the parties mutual agreement.

5.2 Notice of Termination: The County reserves and has the right and privilege of canceling, suspending or abandoning the execution of all or any part of the work contemplated by this Agreement, with or without cause, at any time, by providing written notice to Consultant. The termination of this Agreement shall be deemed effective upon receipt of the notice of termination. In the event of such termination, Consultant shall immediately stop rendering services under this Agreement unless directed otherwise by the County.

5.3 Compensation: In the event of termination, County shall pay Consultant for reasonable costs incurred and professional services satisfactorily performed up to and including the date of County's written notice of termination. Compensation for work in progress shall be prorated as to the percentage of work completed as of the effective date of termination in accordance with the fees set forth in Exhibit "A". In ascertaining the professional services actually rendered hereunder up to the effective date of termination of this Agreement, consideration shall be given to both completed work and work in progress, to complete and incomplete drawings, and to other documents pertaining to the services contemplated herein whether delivered to the County or in the possession of the Consultant.

5.4 Documents: In the event of termination of this Agreement, all documents prepared by Consultant in its performance of this Agreement including, but not limited to, finished or unfinished design, development and construction documents, data studies, drawings, maps, reports, correspondence, and all electronic files, shall be delivered to the County within ten (10) days of delivery of termination notice to Consultant, at no cost to County. Any use of uncompleted documents without specific written authorization from Consultant shall be at County's sole risk and without liability or legal expense to Consultant.

6.0 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

6.1 Minimum Scope and Limits of Insurance: Consultant, at its sole cost and expense, for the full term of this Agreement (and any extensions thereof), shall obtain and maintain, at minimum, compliance with all of the following insurance coverage(s) and requirements. If Consultant normally carries insurance in an amount greater than the minimum amount listed below, that greater amount shall become the minimum required amount of insurance for purposes of this Agreement. The insurance listed below shall have a retroactive date of placement prior to, or coinciding with, the date services are first provided that are governed by the terms of this Agreement:

- (a) Comprehensive general liability, including premises-operations, products/ completed operations, broad form property damage, blanket contractual liability, independent contractors, personal injury with a policy limit of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000), combined single limits, per occurrence and aggregate. If Commercial General Liability Insurance or other form with a general aggregate limit is used, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to any act or omission by Consultant under this Agreement or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit.
- (b) Automobile liability for owned vehicles, hired, and non-owned vehicles, with a policy limit of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000), combined single limits, per occurrence and aggregate.
- (c) Workers' compensation insurance as required by the State of California.
- (d) Professional errors and omissions ("E&O") liability insurance with policy limits of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000), combined single limit for each occurrence. If Consultant cannot provide an occurrence policy, Consultant shall provide insurance covering claims made as a result of performance of Work on this Project and shall maintain such insurance

in effect for not less than three years following Final Completion of the Project.

6.2 Endorsements: The Consultant shall obtain a specific endorsement to all required insurance policies, except Professional Liability insurance, naming the County of Stanislaus, its Officers, Directors, Officials, Agents, Employees and Volunteers as additional insureds for at least three years after the completion of the work to be performed under this Agreement, but, to the extent that any insurance issued to Consultant in effect after the expiration of three years provides additional insured coverage to parties Consultant agreed in writing to name as an additional insured, then Consultant shall have the obligation under this contract to obtain such additional insured coverage for the County, under any and all policies Consultant has regarding:

- (a) Liability arising from or in connection with the performance or omission to perform any term or condition of this Agreement by or on behalf of the Consultant, including the insured's general supervision of its subconsultants;
- (b) Ongoing services, products and completed operations of the Consultant;
- (c) Premises owned, occupied or used by the Consultant; and
- (d) Automobiles owned, leased, hired or borrowed by the Consultant.
- (e) For Workers' Compensation insurance, the insurance carrier shall agree to waive all rights of subrogation against the County, its officers, officials and employees for losses arising from the performance of or the omission to perform any term or condition of this Agreement by the Consultant.

6.3 Deductibles: Any deductibles, self-insured retentions or named insureds must be declared in writing and approved by County. At the option of the County, either: (a) the insurer shall reduce or eliminate such deductibles, self-insured retentions or named insureds, or (b) the Consultant shall provide a bond, cash, letter of credit, guaranty or other security satisfactory to the County guaranteeing payment of the self-insured retention or deductible and payment of any and all costs, losses, related investigations, claim administration and defense expenses. The County, in its sole discretion, may waive the requirement to reduce or eliminate deductibles or self-insured retentions, in which case, the Consultant agrees that it will be responsible for and pay any self-insured retention or deductible and will pay any and all costs, losses, related investigations, claim administration and defense expenses related to or arising out of the Consultant's defense and indemnification obligations as set forth in this Agreement.

6.4 Certificates of Insurance: At least ten (10) days prior to the date the Consultant begins performance of its obligations under this Agreement, Consultant shall furnish County with certificates of insurance, and with original endorsements, showing coverage required by this Agreement, including, without limitation, those that verify coverage for subconsultants of the Consultant. The certificates and endorsements for each insurance policy are to be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. All certificates and endorsements shall be received and, in County's sole and absolute discretion, approved by County. County reserves the right to require complete copies of all required insurance policies and endorsements, at any time.

6.5 Non-limiting: Nothing in this Section or the insurance described herein shall be construed as limiting in any way, the indemnification provisions contained in this Agreement, or the liability of Consultant and Consultant's officers, employees, agents, representatives or subconsultants for payments of damages to persons or property.

6.6 Primary Insurance: The Consultant's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance regarding the County of Stanislaus, its Officers, Directors, Officials, Agents, Employees and Volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the County of Stanislaus, its Officers, Directors, Officials,

Agents, Employees and Volunteers shall be excess of the Consultant's insurance and shall not contribute with Consultant's insurance. Any failure to comply with reporting provisions of the policies shall not affect coverage provided to the County or its officers, officials and employees. The Consultant's insurance shall apply separately to each insured against whom claim is made or suit is brought, except with respect to the limits of the insurer's liability. Any and all insurances cared by it shall be deemed liability coverage for any and all actions it performs in connection with this Contract.

6.7 Cancellation of Insurance: Each insurance policy required by this section shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be suspended, voided, canceled by either party except after thirty (30) days prior written notice has been given to County. The Consultant shall promptly notify, or cause the insurance carrier to promptly notify, the County of any change in the insurance policy or policies required under this Agreement, including, without limitation, any reduction in coverage or in limits of the required policy or policies. Consultant shall maintain such coverage in effect for three years after substantial completion of the project to the extent it is commercially available at reasonable rates.

6.8 California Admitted Insurer: Insurance shall be placed with California admitted insurers (licensed to do business in California) with a current rating by Best's Key Rating Guide of no less than A-:VII; provided, however, that if no California admitted insurance company provides the required insurance, it is acceptable to provide the required insurance through a United States domiciled carrier that meets the required Best's rating and that is listed on the current List of Eligible Surplus Line Insurers maintained by the California Department of Insurance.

6.9 Subconsultants: Consultant shall require that all of its subconsultants are subject to the insurance and indemnity requirements stated herein, or shall include all subconsultants as additional insureds under its insurance policies.

7.0 INDEMNIFICATION

7.1 Indemnification: To the fullest extent allowed by law, Consultant shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County and its officers, directors, officials, agents, employees, volunteers and representatives (collectively, "Indemnitee") from and against any and all claims, suits, actions, losses, injuries, damages or expenses of every name, kind, and description, including litigation costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred, (collectively, "losses") which are founded upon, arise out of, pertain to, or relate to, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, the alleged negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct of Consultant, its officers, agents, employees, volunteers, representatives, contractors and subconsultants, excluding, however, such liabilities caused in part by the sole negligence, active negligence or willful misconduct of the County, its agents, employees, and representatives. These indemnification obligations shall not be limited by any assertion or finding that (1) the person or entity indemnified is liable by reason of non-delegable duty, or (2) the losses were caused in part by the negligence of, breach of contract by, or violation of law by Indemnitee. Nothing in this Agreement, including the provisions of this paragraph, shall constitute a waiver or limitation of any rights which Indemnitee may have under applicable law, including without limitation, the right to implied indemnity.

7.2 Duty to Defend: The duty of Consultant to indemnify and save harmless as set forth herein, shall include both the duty to indemnify and at Consultant's own cost and expense the duty to defend as set forth in Section 2778 of the California Civil Code and as limited in section 2782.8 of the California Civil Code. This duty to defend arises immediately when such claim is made and shall be independent of any finding of negligence and shall arise regardless of any claim or assertion that Indemnitee caused or contributed to the Losses. Consultant shall provide legal counsel acceptable to the County.

7.3 **Duty to Cooperate:** Each party shall notify the other party within ten (10) days in writing of any claim or damage related to activities performed under this Agreement. The parties shall cooperate with each other in the investigation and disposition of any claim arising out of the activities under this Agreement. Specifically, Consultant shall take all steps necessary to assist the County in the defense of any claim brought by a contractor hired to construct the Project regarding any errors, flaws, and/or omissions in the plans or specifications of the Project.

7.4 **Patent Rights:** Consultant represents that professional services provided by Consultant pursuant to this Agreement does not infringe on any other copyrighted work. Consultant shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County from all loss, cost, damage, expense, liability or claims, including attorneys' fees, court costs, litigation expenses and expert consultant or witness fees, that may at any time arise for any infringement of the patent rights, copyright, trade secret, trade name, trademark, service mark or any other proprietary right of any person or persons in consequence of the use by the County of any articles or services supplied under this agreement.

The foregoing provisions in this section "Indemnification" shall survive the term and termination of this Agreement.

8.0 GENERAL PROVISIONS

8.1 **Entire Agreement:** This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between the parties with respect to any matter referenced herein and supersedes any and all other prior writings and oral negotiations. This Agreement may be modified only in writing, and signed by the parties in interest at the time of such modification. The terms of this Agreement shall prevail over any inconsistent provision in any other contract document appurtenant hereto, including exhibits to this Agreement.

8.2 **Representatives:** The Director of the Stanislaus County Department of Public Works, or his designee, shall be the representative of County for purposes of this Agreement and may issue all consents, approvals, directives and agreements on behalf of the County, called for by this Agreement, except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement. Consultant shall designate a representative for purposes of this Agreement who shall be authorized to issue all consents, approvals, directives and agreements on behalf of Consultant called for by this Agreement, except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement.

8.3 **Project Managers:** County shall designate a Project Manager to work directly with Consultant in the performance of this Agreement. Consultant shall designate a Project Manager who shall represent it and be its agent in all consultations with County during the term of this Agreement. Consultant or its Project Manager shall attend and assist in all coordination meetings called by County.

8.4 **Designated Personnel:** A material covenant of this agreement is that the Consultant shall assign the individuals designated below to perform the functions designated so long as they continue in the employ of the Consultant. The designated individuals shall, so long as their performance continues to be acceptable to County, remain in charge of the services for the Project from beginning through completion of services.

- a. Project Manager: Randy Chaffin
- b. Lead/Manager: n/a

8.5 **Removal of Personnel or Sub-Consultants:** If the County, in its sole discretion at any

time during the term of this agreement, desires the removal of any person or sub-consultant assigned by Consultant to perform services, then the Consultant shall remove such person or consultant immediately upon receiving notice from the County.

8.6 Notices: Any notices, documents, correspondence or other communications concerning this Agreement or the work hereunder may be provided by personal delivery, facsimile or mail and shall be addressed as set forth below. Such communication shall be deemed served or delivered: a) at the time of delivery if such communication is sent by personal delivery; b) at the time of transmission if such communication is sent by facsimile; and c) 48 hours after deposit in the U.S. Mail as reflected by the official U.S. postmark if such communication is sent through regular United States mail.

If to County: Chris Brady, P.E., Deputy Director
Stanislaus County Public Works Department
1716 Morgan Road, Modesto, CA 95358

If to Consultant: Randy Chaffin, AICP ✓
Sacramento Regional Manager, Director of Environmental Planning
North State Resources, Inc.
2020 L Street, Suite 340
Sacramento, CA 95811

8.7 Attorneys' Fees: In the event that litigation is brought by any party in connection with this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the opposing party all costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred by the prevailing party in the exercise of any of its rights or remedies hereunder or the enforcement of any of the terms, conditions, or provisions hereof.

8.8 Claims Filed by County's Construction Contractor: If claims are filed by County's construction contractor relating to work performed by Consultant's personnel, and additional information or assistance from Consultant's personnel is required in order to evaluate or defend against such claims; Consultant agrees to make its personnel available for consultation with County's construction contract administration and legal staff and for testimony, if necessary, at depositions and at trial or arbitration proceedings.

Consultant's personnel that County considers essential to assist in defending against construction contractor claims will be made available on reasonable notice from County. Consultation or testimony will be reimbursed at the same rates, including travel costs that are being paid for Consultant's personnel services under this contract.

8.9 Governing Law: This Agreement shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of California without giving effect to that body of laws pertaining to conflict of laws. In the event of any legal action to enforce or interpret this Agreement, the parties hereto agree that the sole and exclusive venue shall be a court of competent jurisdiction located in Stanislaus County, California.

8.10 Assignment: Consultant shall not voluntarily or by operation of law assign, transfer, sublet or encumber all or any part of Consultant's interest in this Agreement without County's prior written consent. Any attempted assignment, transfer, subletting or encumbrance shall be void and shall constitute a breach of this Agreement and cause for termination of this Agreement. Regardless of County's consent, no subletting or assignment shall release Consultant of Consultant's obligation to perform all other obligations to be performed by Consultant hereunder for the term of this Agreement.

8.11 Independent Contractor: Consultant is and shall be acting at all times as an independent contractor and not as an employee of County. Consultant shall secure, at his expense, and be responsible for any and all payment of Income Tax, Social Security, State Disability Insurance Compensation, Unemployment Compensation, and other payroll deductions for Consultant and its officers, agents, and employees, and all business licenses, if any are required, in connection with the services to be performed hereunder. Consultant hereby indemnifies and holds County harmless from any and all claims that may be made against County based upon any contention by any third party that an employer-employee relationship exists by reason of this Agreement.

8.12 Confidentiality: The Consultant agrees to keep confidential all information obtained or learned during the course of furnishing services under this Agreement and to not disclose or reveal such information for any purpose not directly connected with the matter for which services are provided.

Permission to Disclose information on one occasion, or public hearing held by the County relating to the contract, shall not authorize the Consultant to further disclose such information, or disseminate the same on any other occasion.

The Consultant shall not comment publicly to the press or any other media regarding the contract or the County's actions on the same, except to the County's staff, Consultant's own personnel involved in the performance of this contract, at public hearings or in response to questions from a Legislative committee.

The Consultant shall not issue any news release or public relations item of any nature, whatsoever, regarding work performed or to be performed under this contract without prior review of the contents thereof by the County, and receipt of the County's written permission.

Any subcontract entered into as a result of this contract shall contain all of the provisions of this Article.

8.13 National Labor Relations Board Certification: In accordance with Public Contract Code Section 10296, Consultant hereby states under penalty of perjury that no more than one final unappealable finding of contempt of court by a federal court has been issued against Consultant with the immediately preceding two-year period, because of Consultant's failure to comply with an order of a federal court that orders Consultant to comply with an order of the National Labor Relations Board.

8.14 Ownership of Documents: Any interest, including copyright interests, of Consultant or its contractors or subconsultants in studies, reports, memoranda, computational sheets, drawings, plans or any other documents, including electronic data, prepared in connection with the Services, shall be the property of County. To the extent permitted by law, work product produced under this Agreement shall be deemed works for hire and all copyrights in such works shall be the property of the County. In the event that it is ever determined that any works created by Consultant or its subconsultants under this Agreement are not works for hire, Consultant hereby assigns to County all copyrights to such works. With the County's prior written approval, Consultant may retain and use copies of such works for reference and as documentation of experience and capabilities.

8.15 Reuse of Design Documents: Should the County desire to reuse the documents specified above and not use the services of the Consultant, then the County agrees to require the new consultant to assume any and all obligations for the reuse of the documents, and the County releases Consultant and its subconsultants from all liability associated with the reuse of such documents.

8.16 Public Records Act Disclosure: Consultant has been advised and is aware that all reports, documents, information and data including, but not limited to, computer tapes, discs or files furnished or prepared by Consultant, or any of its subconsultants, and provided to County may be subject to public disclosure as required by the California Public Records Act (California Government Code Section 6250 et. seq.). Exceptions to public disclosure may be those documents or information that qualifies as trade secrets, as that term is defined in the California Government Code Section 6254.7, and of which Consultant informs County of such trade secret. The County will endeavor to maintain as confidential all information obtained by it that is designated as a trade secret. The County shall not, in any way, be liable or responsible for the disclosure of any trade secret including, without limitation, those records so marked if disclosure is deemed to be required by law or by order of the Court.

8.17 Responsibility for Errors: Consultant shall be responsible for its work and results under this Agreement. Consultant, when requested, shall furnish clarification and/or explanation as may be required by the County's representative, regarding any services rendered under this Agreement at no additional cost to County. In the event that an error or omission attributable to Consultant occurs, then Consultant shall, at no cost to County, provide all necessary design drawings, estimates and other Consultant professional services necessary to rectify and correct the matter to the sole satisfaction of County and to participate in any meeting required with regard to the correction.

8.18 Order of Precedence: In the event of inconsistency among any of the Contract Documents, the following order of precedence applies:

1. This agreement shall prevail over all other documents;
2. The attachments to this agreement shall prevail over the RFQ and Response;
3. The RFQ shall prevail over the Response.

8.19 Costs: Each party shall bear its own costs and fees incurred in the preparation and negotiation of this Agreement and in the performance of its obligations hereunder except as expressly provided herein.

8.20 No Third Party Beneficiary Rights: This Agreement is entered into for the sole benefit of County and Consultant and no other parties are intended to be direct or incidental beneficiaries of this Agreement and no third party shall have any right in, under or to this Agreement.

8.21 Construction: The parties have participated jointly in the negotiation and drafting of this Agreement. In the event an ambiguity or question of intent or interpretation arises with respect to this Agreement, this Agreement shall be construed as if drafted jointly by the parties and in accordance with its fair meaning. There shall be no presumption or burden of proof favoring or disfavoring any party by virtue of the authorship of any of the provisions of this Agreement.

8.22 Amendments: This Agreement may be amended only by a writing executed by the parties hereto or their respective successors and assigns.

8.23 Waiver: The delay or failure of either party at any time to require performance or compliance by the other of any of its obligations or agreements shall in no way be deemed a waiver of those rights to require such performance or compliance. No waiver of any provision of this Agreement shall be effective unless in writing and signed by a duly authorized representative of the party against whom enforcement of a waiver is sought. The waiver of any right or remedy in respect to any occurrence or event shall not be deemed a waiver of any right or remedy in respect to any other occurrence or event, nor shall any waiver constitute a continuing waiver.


8.24 Severability: If any provision of this Agreement is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unenforceable in any circumstance, such determination shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining terms and provisions hereof or of the offending provision in any other circumstance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the value of this Agreement, based upon the substantial benefit of the bargain for any party is materially impaired, which determination as made by the presiding court or arbitrator of competent jurisdiction shall be binding, then both parties agree to substitute such provision(s) through good faith negotiations.

8.25 Counterparts: This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original. All counterparts shall be construed together and shall constitute one agreement.

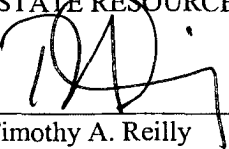
8.26 Corporate Authority: The persons executing this Agreement on behalf of the parties hereto warrant that they are duly authorized to execute this Agreement on behalf of said parties and that by doing so, the parties hereto are formally bound to the provisions of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by and through their respective authorized officers:

COUNTY OF STANISLAUS

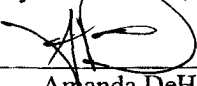
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Department of Public Works

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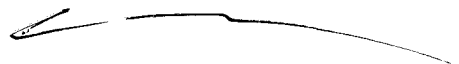
By: 
Timothy A. Reilly
Principal

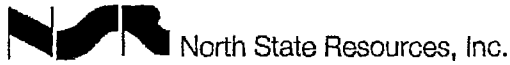
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

John P. Doering
County Counsel

By: 
Amanda DeHart
Deputy County Counsel

COUNTY OF STANISLAUS

By: 
Angela Freitas, Director
Planning & Community Development



NSR's hourly labor rates for 2016, 2017, and 2018 are shown in the Standard Rate Schedule below. The rates shown are fully burdened (i.e., direct labor, labor fringe, and overhead). A schedule of Other Direct Costs follows.

STANDARD RATE SCHEDULE				
STAFF CATEGORY	LEVEL	2016¹	2017¹	2018¹
Principal		\$202.00	\$208.06	\$214.30
Technical Consultant/Senior Consultant		\$200.00	\$206.00	\$212.18
Program Manager	4	\$202.00	\$208.06	\$214.30
Program Manager	3	\$153.00	\$157.59	\$162.32
Program Manager	2	\$138.00	\$142.14	\$146.40
Program Manager	1	\$123.00	\$126.69	\$130.49
Project Manager	4	\$173.00	\$178.19	\$183.54
Project Manager	3	\$122.00	\$125.66	\$129.43
Task Manager	2	\$102.00	\$105.06	\$108.21
Task Manager	1	\$83.00	\$85.49	\$88.05
Biologist	4	\$141.00	\$145.23	\$149.59
Biologist	3	\$100.00	\$103.00	\$106.09
Biologist	2	\$86.00	\$88.58	\$91.24
Biologist	1	\$63.00	\$64.89	\$66.84
Cultural Resource Specialist	4	\$141.00	\$145.23	\$149.59
Cultural Resource Specialist	3	\$100.00	\$103.00	\$106.09
Cultural Resource Specialist	2	\$86.00	\$88.58	\$91.24
Cultural Resource Specialist	1	\$63.00	\$64.89	\$66.84
Environmental Analyst/Tech Writer	4	\$141.00	\$145.23	\$149.59
Environmental Analyst/Tech Writer	3	\$100.00	\$103.00	\$106.09
Environmental Analyst/Tech Writer	2	\$86.00	\$88.58	\$91.24
Environmental Analyst/Tech Writer	1	\$63.00	\$64.89	\$66.84
Environmental Scientist/Geologist	4	\$141.00	\$145.23	\$149.59
Environmental Scientist/Geologist	3	\$100.00	\$103.00	\$106.09
Environmental Scientist/Geoscientist	2	\$86.00	\$88.58	\$91.24
Environmental Scientist/Geoscientist	1	\$63.00	\$64.89	\$66.84
GIS & Mapping Analyst	4	\$141.00	\$145.23	\$149.59
GIS & Mapping Analyst	3	\$100.00	\$103.00	\$106.09
GIS & Mapping Analyst	2	\$86.00	\$88.58	\$91.24
GIS & Mapping Analyst	1	\$63.00	\$64.89	\$66.84
Admin Manager	4	\$128.00	\$131.84	\$135.80
Admin Assistant/Admin Manager	3	\$98.00	\$100.94	\$103.97
Admin Assistant	2	\$76.00	\$78.28	\$80.63
Admin Assistant	1	\$50.00	\$51.50	\$53.05
Technician	4	\$80.00	\$82.40	\$84.87
Technician	3	\$62.00	\$63.86	\$65.78
Technician	2	\$50.00	\$51.50	\$53.05

¹This schedule shows the maximum rate for each staff category; actual rates may be less, depending upon the specific staff assigned for each delivery order.

ATTACHMENT 3
CONTRACT FOR DOKKEN ENGINEERING

STANISLAUS COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES MASTER AGREEMENT

This Master Agreement, hereinafter referred to as "Agreement" is made and entered into by and between the County of Stanislaus, a political subdivision of the State of California, hereinafter referred to as "County" and Dokken Engineering, hereinafter referred to as "Consultant".

WHEREAS, County, by its Resolution No. 2016-184 adopted on the 19th day of April, 2016 awarded to Consultant an Agreement for on-call environmental services.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions contained herein, the parties hereby agree as follows:

1.0 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY CONSULTANT

1.1 Scope of Services: Consultant shall provide the professional services described in the County's Request for Proposal ("RFP") and Consultant's Response to County's RFP (the "Response") which are incorporated by reference in Section 2.0 entitled "Contract Documents".

Each project added to and to be performed under this Agreement shall be separately approved by the parties. Each project where the cost of services does not exceed \$100,000 shall be approved by purchase order issued by the County Purchasing Agent or designee; projects greater than \$100,000 shall be approved by resolution of the Board of Supervisors for the County.

1.2 Professional Practices: All professional services to be provided by Consultant pursuant to this Agreement shall be provided by personnel experienced in their respective fields and in a manner consistent with the standards of care, diligence and skill ordinarily exercised by professional consultants in similar fields and circumstances in accordance with sound professional practices. Consultant also represents that it is familiar with all laws that may affect its performance of this Agreement and shall advise County of any changes in any laws that may affect Consultant's performance of this Agreement.

1.3 Representations: Consultant represents that it has reviewed the RFP and that in its professional judgment the services to be performed under this Agreement can be performed within the maximum fee set forth in Section 3.1 – Compensation. Consultant represents that it is qualified to perform the professional services required by this Agreement and possesses the necessary licenses and permits required to perform said services.

1.4 Compliance with Laws: Consultant agrees that it shall perform the services required by this Agreement in compliance with all applicable Federal and California laws including, but not limited to, those laws related to minimum hours and wages; occupational health and safety; fair employment and employment practices; workers' compensation insurance and safety in employment; and all other Federal, State and local laws and ordinances applicable to the services required under this Agreement.

1.5 Non-Discrimination: During the performance of this Agreement, Consultant and its officers, employees, agents, representatives or subconsultants shall not unlawfully discriminate, harass, or allow harassment against any employee or applicant for employment in violation of any federal, state or local law, rule or regulation against any employee, applicant for employment or person receiving services under this Agreement because of race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, physical or mental disability, medical condition (including genetic characteristics), marital status, age, political affiliation,

sex or sexual orientation. Consultant and its officers, employees, agents, representatives or subconsultants shall comply with all applicable Federal, State and local laws and regulations related to non-discrimination and equal opportunity, including without limitation the County's nondiscrimination policy; the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Government Code sections 12900 et seq.); California Labor Code sections 1101, 1102 and 1102.1; the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352), as amended; and all applicable regulations promulgated in the California Code of Regulations or the Code of Federal Regulations.

1.6 Non-Exclusive Agreement: Consultant acknowledges that County may enter into agreements with other consultants for services similar to the services that are subject to this Agreement or may have its own employees perform services similar to those services contemplated by this Agreement.

1.7 Delegation and Assignment: This is a personal service contract, and the duties set forth herein shall not be delegated or assigned to any person or entity without the prior written consent of County. Consultant may engage a subconsultant(s) as permitted by law and may employ other personnel to perform services contemplated by this Agreement at Consultant's sole cost and expense.

1.8 Subcontracting: Nothing contained in this contract or otherwise, shall create any contractual relation between County and any subconsultants(s), and no subconsultant shall relieve Consultant of its responsibilities and obligations hereunder. Consultant agrees to be as fully responsible to County for the acts and omissions of its subconsultant(s) and of persons either directly or indirectly employed by any of them as it is for the acts and omissions of persons directly employed by Consultant. Consultant's obligation to pay its subconsultant(s) is an independent obligation from County's obligation to make payments to the Consultant.

Consultant shall perform the services with resources available within its own organization; and no portion of the work pertinent to this Agreement shall be subcontracted without written authorization by the County, except that, which is expressly identified in the approved Cost Proposal.

Any substitution of subconsultants must be approved in writing by the County.

1.9 Conflict of Interest: Consultant shall disclose any financial, business, or other relationship with County that may have an impact upon the outcome of this Agreement, or any ensuing County construction project. The Consultant shall also list current clients who may have a financial interest in the outcome of this Agreement, or any ensuing County construction project, which will follow.

Consultant represents that it has no interest and shall not acquire any interest direct or indirect which conflicts, or has the appearance of conflicting, in any manner or degree with the performance of the work and services under this Agreement.

Consultant hereby certifies that neither Consultant, nor any firm affiliated with the Consultant will bid on any construction agreement, or on any agreement to provide construction inspection for any construction project resulting from this Agreement. An affiliated firm is one, which is subject to the control of the same persons through joint ownership, or otherwise.

Except for subconsultants whose services are limited to providing surveying or materials testing information, no subconsultant who has provided design services in connection with this Agreement shall be eligible to bid on any construction agreement, or on any agreement to provide construction inspection for any construction project resulting from this Agreement.

1.10 Covenant Against Contingent Fees: Consultant warrants that he/she has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working for the consultant; to solicit or secure this Master Agreement; and that he/she has not paid or agreed to pay any company or person other than a bona fide employee, any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift, or any other consideration, contingent upon or resulting from the award, or formation of this Master Agreement. For breach or violation of this warranty, the local agency shall have the right to annul this Master Agreement without liability, or at its discretion; to deduct from the Master Agreement price or consideration, or otherwise recover the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift, or contingent fee.

1.11 Rebates, Kickbacks or Other Unlawful Consideration: The Consultant warrants that this Master Agreement was not obtained or secured through rebates, kickbacks or other unlawful consideration, either promised or paid to any County employee. For breach or violation of this warranty, County shall have the right in its discretion; to terminate the agreement without liability; to pay only for the value of the work actually performed; or to deduct from the agreement price; or otherwise recover the full amount of such rebate, kickback or other unlawful consideration.

1.12 Prohibition of Expending State or Federal Funds for Lobbying: The Consultant certifies to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that:

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

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 federal 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 Consultant shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

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 Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. 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 Consultant also agrees by signing this document that he or she shall require that the language of this certification be included in all lower-tier subcontracts, which exceed \$100,000, and that all such sub recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

1.13 Debarment and Suspension Certification: The Consultant's signature affixed herein, shall constitute a certification under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that the Consultant has complied with Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 29, Debarment and Suspension Certificate, which certifies that he/she or any person associated therewith in the capacity of owner, partner, director, officer, or manager, is not currently under suspension, debarment, voluntary exclusion,

or determination of ineligibility by any federal agency; has not been suspended, debarred, voluntarily excluded, or determined ineligible by any federal agency within the past three (3) years; does not have a proposed debarment pending; and has not been indicted, convicted, or had a civil judgment rendered against it by a court of competent jurisdiction in any matter involving fraud or official misconduct with the past three (3) years. Any exceptions to this certification must be disclosed to the County.

Exceptions will not necessarily result in denial of recommendation for award, but will be considered in determining Consultant responsibility. Disclosures must indicate to who exceptions apply, initiating agency, and dates of actions.

2.0 CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

Contract documents consist of the following documents, including all changes, addenda, and modifications thereto:

1. Agreement and all attachments
 - a. Exhibit A – Fee Schedule
2. County's Request for Qualifications
3. Consultant's Response

3.0 COMPENSATION AND BILLING

3.1 Compensation: For each task or project let under this Agreement Consultant shall be paid in accordance with the fee schedule set forth in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and made a part of this Agreement (the "Fee Schedule"). Consultant will be compensated on a time and materials basis, based on the hours worked by the Consultant's employees or subconsultants at the hourly rates specified in the Fee Schedule. Fee Schedule rates shall include direct salary costs, employee benefits, and overhead. The rates stated in the Fee Schedule are not adjustable during the term of this Agreement. Consultant's compensation under this Agreement shall in no case exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) during the term of this Agreement. The County may retain ten percent of all periodic or progress payments made to the Consultant until completion and acceptance of all work tasks and County shall have right to withhold payment from Consultant for any unsatisfactory service until such time service is performed satisfactorily.

3.2 Reimbursements: In addition to the aforementioned fees, Consultant will be reimbursed for any expenses specifically set forth in a Project Scope of Work. All such reimbursement amounts are limited to those costs and expenses that are reasonable, necessary and actually incurred by the Consultant in connection with the services provided. The County shall not pay a mark up on any item of reimbursement. The County shall not pay for any item of overhead such as telephone, facsimile, postage, etc. All requests for reimbursement shall be accompanied by a copy of the original invoice.

3.3 Additional Services: Consultant shall not receive compensation for any services provided outside the scope of services specified in the County's ("RFQ") and the Consultant's ("Response") and also as specified in each Project Scope of Services unless the County or the Project Manager for the Project, prior to Consultant performing the additional services, approves such additional services in writing. It is specifically understood that oral requests and/or approvals of such additional services or additional compensation shall be barred and are unenforceable.

3.4 Method of Billing: Consultant may submit invoices to County's Project Manager for approval on a progress basis, but no more often than once each calendar month. Said invoice shall be based on the total of all Consultants' services that have been completed to County's sole satisfaction.

County shall pay Consultant's invoice within forty-five (45) days from the date County receives said invoice. Each invoice shall describe in detail, the services performed and the associated percentage of tasks completed. Any additional services approved and performed pursuant to this Agreement shall be designated as "Additional Services" and shall identify the number of the authorized change order, where applicable, on all invoices.

3.5 Records and Audits: Records of Consultant's services relating to this Agreement shall be maintained in accordance with generally recognized accounting principles and shall be made available to County, its Project Manager, The State, State Auditor, FHWA, or any duly authorized representative of the Federal Government for inspection and/or audit at mutually convenient times for a period of three (3) years from the termination of this Agreement.

3.6 Extension of Term of Agreement: The original Fee Schedule shall apply to the extension of the term of the agreement unless renegotiated and approved by both parties in writing.

3.7 Cost Principles: The Consultant agrees that the Contract Cost Principles and Procedures, 48 CFR, Federal Acquisition Regulations System, Chapter 1, Part 31.000 et seq., shall be used to determine the allowability of cost individual items.

The Consultant also agrees to comply with federal procedures in accordance with 49 CFR, Part 18, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments.

Any costs for which payment has been made to Consultant that are determined by subsequent audit to be unallowable under 48 CFR, Federal Acquisition Regulations System, Chapter 1, Part 31.000 et seq., are subject to repayment by Consultant to the County.

All subcontracts in excess of \$25,000 shall contain the above provisions.

4.0 TIME OF PERFORMANCE

4.1 Commencement and Completion of Work: The professional services to be performed pursuant to this Agreement shall commence within five (5) days after County delivers its Notice to Proceed for each separately approved Project. Said services shall be performed in strict compliance with the Project Schedule approved by County as set forth in each Project Scope of Services. Each Project Schedule may be amended by mutual agreement of the parties. Failure to commence work in a timely manner and/or diligently pursue work to completion may be grounds for termination of this Agreement.

4.2 Excusable Delays: Neither party shall be responsible for delays or lack of performance resulting from acts beyond the reasonable control of the party or parties. Such acts shall include, but not be limited to, acts of God, fire, strikes, material shortages, compliance with laws or regulations, riots, acts of war, or any other conditions beyond the reasonable control of a party.

5.0 TERM OF CONTRACT AND TERMINATION

5.1 Term: This Agreement shall commence on the date of the award of this agreement and shall continue for a period of thirty-six months, or until all work on each project let during the thirty-six month period is completed, unless previously terminated as provided herein or as otherwise agreed to in writing by the parties. Additionally, the term of this agreement may be extended for an additional twenty-four months by the parties mutual agreement.

5.2 Notice of Termination: The County reserves and has the right and privilege of canceling, suspending or abandoning the execution of all or any part of the work contemplated by this Agreement, with or without cause, at any time, by providing written notice to Consultant. The termination of this Agreement shall be deemed effective upon receipt of the notice of termination. In the event of such termination, Consultant shall immediately stop rendering services under this Agreement unless directed otherwise by the County.

5.3 Compensation: In the event of termination, County shall pay Consultant for reasonable costs incurred and professional services satisfactorily performed up to and including the date of County's written notice of termination. Compensation for work in progress shall be prorated as to the percentage of work completed as of the effective date of termination in accordance with the fees set forth in Exhibit "A". In ascertaining the professional services actually rendered hereunder up to the effective date of termination of this Agreement, consideration shall be given to both completed work and work in progress, to complete and incomplete drawings, and to other documents pertaining to the services contemplated herein whether delivered to the County or in the possession of the Consultant.

5.4 Documents: In the event of termination of this Agreement, all documents prepared by Consultant in its performance of this Agreement including, but not limited to, finished or unfinished design, development and construction documents, data studies, drawings, maps, reports, correspondence, and all electronic files, shall be delivered to the County within ten (10) days of delivery of termination notice to Consultant, at no cost to County. Any use of uncompleted documents without specific written authorization from Consultant shall be at County's sole risk and without liability or legal expense to Consultant.

6.0 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

6.1 Minimum Scope and Limits of Insurance: Consultant, at its sole cost and expense, for the full term of this Agreement (and any extensions thereof), shall obtain and maintain, at minimum, compliance with all of the following insurance coverage(s) and requirements. If Consultant normally carries insurance in an amount greater than the minimum amount listed below, that greater amount shall become the minimum required amount of insurance for purposes of this Agreement. The insurance listed below shall have a retroactive date of placement prior to, or coinciding with, the date services are first provided that are governed by the terms of this Agreement:

- (a) Comprehensive general liability, including premises-operations, products/ completed operations, broad form property damage, blanket contractual liability, independent contractors, personal injury with a policy limit of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000), combined single limits, per occurrence and aggregate. If Commercial General Liability Insurance or other form with a general aggregate limit is used, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to any act or omission by Consultant under this Agreement or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit.
- (b) Automobile liability for owned vehicles, hired, and non-owned vehicles, with a policy limit of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000), combined single limits, per occurrence and aggregate.
- (c) Workers' compensation insurance as required by the State of California.
- (d) Professional errors and omissions ("E&O") liability insurance with policy limits of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000), combined single limit for each occurrence. If Consultant cannot provide an occurrence policy, Consultant shall provide insurance covering claims made as a result of performance of Work on this Project and shall maintain such insurance

in effect for not less than three years following Final Completion of the Project.

6.2 Endorsements: The Consultant shall obtain a specific endorsement to all required insurance policies, except Professional Liability insurance, naming the County of Stanislaus, its Officers, Directors, Officials, Agents, Employees and Volunteers as additional insureds for at least three years after the completion of the work to be performed under this Agreement, but, to the extent that any insurance issued to Consultant in effect after the expiration of three years provides additional insured coverage to parties Consultant agreed in writing to name as an additional insured, then Consultant shall have the obligation under this contract to obtain such additional insured coverage for the County, under any and all policies Consultant has regarding:

- (a) Liability arising from or in connection with the performance or omission to perform any term or condition of this Agreement by or on behalf of the Consultant, including the insured's general supervision of its subconsultants;
- (b) Ongoing services, products and completed operations of the Consultant;
- (c) Premises owned, occupied or used by the Consultant; and
- (d) Automobiles owned, leased, hired or borrowed by the Consultant.
- (e) For Workers' Compensation insurance, the insurance carrier shall agree to waive all rights of subrogation against the County, its officers, officials and employees for losses arising from the performance of or the omission to perform any term or condition of this Agreement by the Consultant.

6.3 Deductibles: Any deductibles, self-insured retentions or named insureds must be declared in writing and approved by County. At the option of the County, either: (a) the insurer shall reduce or eliminate such deductibles, self-insured retentions or named insureds, or (b) the Consultant shall provide a bond, cash, letter of credit, guaranty or other security satisfactory to the County guaranteeing payment of the self-insured retention or deductible and payment of any and all costs, losses, related investigations, claim administration and defense expenses. The County, in its sole discretion, may waive the requirement to reduce or eliminate deductibles or self-insured retentions, in which case, the Consultant agrees that it will be responsible for and pay any self-insured retention or deductible and will pay any and all costs, losses, related investigations, claim administration and defense expenses related to or arising out of the Consultant's defense and indemnification obligations as set forth in this Agreement.

6.4 Certificates of Insurance: At least ten (10) days prior to the date the Consultant begins performance of its obligations under this Agreement, Consultant shall furnish County with certificates of insurance, and with original endorsements, showing coverage required by this Agreement, including, without limitation, those that verify coverage for subconsultants of the Consultant. The certificates and endorsements for each insurance policy are to be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. All certificates and endorsements shall be received and, in County's sole and absolute discretion, approved by County. County reserves the right to require complete copies of all required insurance policies and endorsements, at any time.

6.5 Non-limiting: Nothing in this Section or the insurance described herein shall be construed as limiting in any way, the indemnification provisions contained in this Agreement, or the liability of Consultant and Consultant's officers, employees, agents, representatives or subconsultants for payments of damages to persons or property.

6.6 Primary Insurance: The Consultant's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance regarding the County of Stanislaus, its Officers, Directors, Officials, Agents, Employees and Volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the County of Stanislaus, its Officers, Directors, Officials,

Agents, Employees and Volunteers shall be excess of the Consultant's insurance and shall not contribute with Consultant's insurance. Any failure to comply with reporting provisions of the policies shall not affect coverage provided to the County or its officers, officials and employees. The Consultant's insurance shall apply separately to each insured against whom claim is made or suit is brought, except with respect to the limits of the insurer's liability. Any and all insurances cared by it shall be deemed liability coverage for any and all actions it performs in connection with this Contract.

6.7 Cancellation of Insurance: Each insurance policy required by this section shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be suspended, voided, canceled by either party except after thirty (30) days prior written notice has been given to County. The Consultant shall promptly notify, or cause the insurance carrier to promptly notify, the County of any change in the insurance policy or policies required under this Agreement, including, without limitation, any reduction in coverage or in limits of the required policy or policies. Consultant shall maintain such coverage in effect for three years after substantial completion of the project to the extent it is commercially available at reasonable rates.

6.8 California Admitted Insurer: Insurance shall be placed with California admitted insurers (licensed to do business in California) with a current rating by Best's Key Rating Guide of no less than A-:VII; provided, however, that if no California admitted insurance company provides the required insurance, it is acceptable to provide the required insurance through a United States domiciled carrier that meets the required Best's rating and that is listed on the current List of Eligible Surplus Line Insurers maintained by the California Department of Insurance.

6.9 Subconsultants: Consultant shall require that all of its subconsultants are subject to the insurance and indemnity requirements stated herein, or shall include all subconsultants as additional insureds under its insurance policies.

7.0 INDEMNIFICATION

7.1 Indemnification: To the fullest extent allowed by law, Consultant shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County and its officers, directors, officials, agents, employees, volunteers and representatives (collectively, "Indemnatee") from and against any and all claims, suits, actions, losses, injuries, damages or expenses of every name, kind, and description, including litigation costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred, (collectively, "losses") which are founded upon, arise out of, pertain to, or relate to, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, the alleged negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct of Consultant, its officers, agents, employees, volunteers, representatives, contractors and subconsultants, excluding, however, such liabilities caused in part by the sole negligence, active negligence or willful misconduct of the County, its agents, employees, and representatives. These indemnification obligations shall not be limited by any assertion or finding that (1) the person or entity indemnified is liable by reason of non-delegable duty, or (2) the losses were caused in part by the negligence of, breach of contract by, or violation of law by Indemnatee. Nothing in this Agreement, including the provisions of this paragraph, shall constitute a waiver or limitation of any rights which Indemnatee may have under applicable law, including without limitation, the right to implied indemnity.

7.2 Duty to Defend: The duty of Consultant to indemnify and save harmless as set forth herein, shall include both the duty to indemnify and at Consultant's own cost and expense the duty to defend as set forth in Section 2778 of the California Civil Code and as limited in section 2782.8 of the California Civil Code. This duty to defend arises immediately when such claim is made and shall be independent of any finding of negligence and shall arise regardless of any claim or assertion that Indemnatee caused or contributed to the Losses. Consultant shall provide legal counsel acceptable to the County.

7.3 Duty to Cooperate: Each party shall notify the other party within ten (10) days in writing of any claim or damage related to activities performed under this Agreement. The parties shall cooperate with each other in the investigation and disposition of any claim arising out of the activities under this Agreement. Specifically, Consultant shall take all steps necessary to assist the County in the defense of any claim brought by a contractor hired to construct the Project regarding any errors, flaws, and/or omissions in the plans or specifications of the Project.

7.4 Patent Rights: Consultant represents that professional services provided by Consultant pursuant to this Agreement does not infringe on any other copyrighted work. Consultant shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County from all loss, cost, damage, expense, liability or claims, including attorneys' fees, court costs, litigation expenses and expert consultant or witness fees, that may at any time arise for any infringement of the patent rights, copyright, trade secret, trade name, trademark, service mark or any other proprietary right of any person or persons in consequence of the use by the County of any articles or services supplied under this agreement.

The foregoing provisions in this section "Indemnification" shall survive the term and termination of this Agreement.

8.0 GENERAL PROVISIONS

8.1 Entire Agreement: This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between the parties with respect to any matter referenced herein and supersedes any and all other prior writings and oral negotiations. This Agreement may be modified only in writing, and signed by the parties in interest at the time of such modification. The terms of this Agreement shall prevail over any inconsistent provision in any other contract document appurtenant hereto, including exhibits to this Agreement.

8.2 Representatives: The Director of the Stanislaus County Department of Public Works, or his designee, shall be the representative of County for purposes of this Agreement and may issue all consents, approvals, directives and agreements on behalf of the County, called for by this Agreement, except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement. Consultant shall designate a representative for purposes of this Agreement who shall be authorized to issue all consents, approvals, directives and agreements on behalf of Consultant called for by this Agreement, except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement.

8.3 Project Managers: County shall designate a Project Manager to work directly with Consultant in the performance of this Agreement. Consultant shall designate a Project Manager who shall represent it and be its agent in all consultations with County during the term of this Agreement. Consultant or its Project Manager shall attend and assist in all coordination meetings called by County.

8.4 Designated Personnel: A material covenant of this agreement is that the Consultant shall assign the individuals designated below to perform the functions designated so long as they continue in the employ of the Consultant. The designated individuals shall, so long as their performance continues to be acceptable to County, remain in charge of the services for the Project from beginning through completion of services.

- a. Project Manager: Namat Hosseinion
- b. Lead/Manager: n/a

8.5 Removal of Personnel or Sub-Consultants: If the County, in its sole discretion at any time during the term of this agreement, desires the removal of any person or sub-consultant assigned by Consultant to perform services, then the Consultant shall remove such person or consultant immediately upon receiving notice from the County.

8.6 Notices: Any notices, documents, correspondence or other communications concerning this Agreement or the work hereunder may be provided by personal delivery, facsimile or mail and shall be addressed as set forth below. Such communication shall be deemed served or delivered: a) at the time of delivery if such communication is sent by personal delivery; b) at the time of transmission if such communication is sent by facsimile; and c) 48 hours after deposit in the U.S. Mail as reflected by the official U.S. postmark if such communication is sent through regular United States mail.

If to County: Chris Brady, P.E., Deputy Director
Stanislaus County Public Works Department
1716 Morgan Road, Modesto, CA 95358

If to Consultant: Namat Hosseinion, Environmental Project Manager
110 Blue Ravine Road, Suite 200
Folsom, CA 95630-4713

8.7 Attorneys' Fees: In the event that litigation is brought by any party in connection with this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the opposing party all costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred by the prevailing party in the exercise of any of its rights or remedies hereunder or the enforcement of any of the terms, conditions, or provisions hereof.

8.8 Claims Filed by County's Construction Contractor: If claims are filed by County's construction contractor relating to work performed by Consultant's personnel, and additional information or assistance from Consultant's personnel is required in order to evaluate or defend against such claims; Consultant agrees to make its personnel available for consultation with County's construction contract administration and legal staff and for testimony, if necessary, at depositions and at trial or arbitration proceedings.

Consultant's personnel that County considers essential to assist in defending against construction contractor claims will be made available on reasonable notice from County. Consultation or testimony will be reimbursed at the same rates, including travel costs that are being paid for Consultant's personnel services under this contract.

8.9 Governing Law: This Agreement shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of California without giving effect to that body of laws pertaining to conflict of laws. In the event of any legal action to enforce or interpret this Agreement, the parties hereto agree that the sole and exclusive venue shall be a court of competent jurisdiction located in Stanislaus County, California.

8.10 Assignment: Consultant shall not voluntarily or by operation of law assign, transfer, sublet or encumber all or any part of Consultant's interest in this Agreement without County's prior written consent. Any attempted assignment, transfer, subletting or encumbrance shall be void and shall constitute a breach of this Agreement and cause for termination of this Agreement. Regardless of County's consent, no subletting or assignment shall release Consultant of Consultant's obligation to perform all other obligations to be performed by Consultant hereunder for the term of this Agreement.

8.11 Independent Contractor: Consultant is and shall be acting at all times as an independent contractor and not as an employee of County. Consultant shall secure, at his expense, and be responsible for any and all payment of Income Tax, Social Security, State Disability Insurance Compensation, Unemployment Compensation, and other payroll deductions for Consultant and its officers, agents, and employees, and all business licenses, if any are required, in connection with the services to be performed hereunder. Consultant hereby indemnifies and holds County harmless from any and all claims that may be made against County based upon any contention by any third party that an employer-employee relationship exists by reason of this Agreement.

8.12 Confidentiality: The Consultant agrees to keep confidential all information obtained or learned during the course of furnishing services under this Agreement and to not disclose or reveal such information for any purpose not directly connected with the matter for which services are provided.

Permission to Disclose information on one occasion, or public hearing held by the County relating to the contract, shall not authorize the Consultant to further disclose such information, or disseminate the same on any other occasion.

The Consultant shall not comment publicly to the press or any other media regarding the contract or the County's actions on the same, except to the County's staff, Consultant's own personnel involved in the performance of this contract, at public hearings or in response to questions from a Legislative committee.

The Consultant shall not issue any news release or public relations item of any nature, whatsoever, regarding work performed or to be performed under this contract without prior review of the contents thereof by the County, and receipt of the County's written permission.

Any subcontract entered into as a result of this contract shall contain all of the provisions of this Article.

8.13 National Labor Relations Board Certification: In accordance with Public Contract Code Section 10296, Consultant hereby states under penalty of perjury that no more than one final unappealable finding of contempt of court by a federal court has been issued against Consultant with the immediately preceding two-year period, because of Consultant's failure to comply with an order of a federal court that orders Consultant to comply with an order of the National Labor Relations Board.

8.14 Ownership of Documents: Any interest, including copyright interests, of Consultant or its contractors or subconsultants in studies, reports, memoranda, computational sheets, drawings, plans or any other documents, including electronic data, prepared in connection with the Services, shall be the property of County. To the extent permitted by law, work product produced under this Agreement shall be deemed works for hire and all copyrights in such works shall be the property of the County. In the event that it is ever determined that any works created by Consultant or its subconsultants under this Agreement are not works for hire, Consultant hereby assigns to County all copyrights to such works. With the County's prior written approval, Consultant may retain and use copies of such works for reference and as documentation of experience and capabilities.

8.15 Reuse of Design Documents: Should the County desire to reuse the documents specified above and not use the services of the Consultant, then the County agrees to require the new consultant to assume any and all obligations for the reuse of the documents, and the County releases Consultant and its subconsultants from all liability associated with the reuse of such documents.

8.16 Public Records Act Disclosure: Consultant has been advised and is aware that all reports, documents, information and data including, but not limited to, computer tapes, discs or files

furnished or prepared by Consultant, or any of its subconsultants, and provided to County may be subject to public disclosure as required by the California Public Records Act (California Government Code Section 6250 et. seq.). Exceptions to public disclosure may be those documents or information that qualifies as trade secrets, as that term is defined in the California Government Code Section 6254.7, and of which Consultant informs County of such trade secret. The County will endeavor to maintain as confidential all information obtained by it that is designated as a trade secret. The County shall not, in any way, be liable or responsible for the disclosure of any trade secret including, without limitation, those records so marked if disclosure is deemed to be required by law or by order of the Court.

8.17 Responsibility for Errors: Consultant shall be responsible for its work and results under this Agreement. Consultant, when requested, shall furnish clarification and/or explanation as may be required by the County's representative, regarding any services rendered under this Agreement at no additional cost to County. In the event that an error or omission attributable to Consultant occurs, then Consultant shall, at no cost to County, provide all necessary design drawings, estimates and other Consultant professional services necessary to rectify and correct the matter to the sole satisfaction of County and to participate in any meeting required with regard to the correction.

8.18 Order of Precedence: In the event of inconsistency among any of the Contract Documents, the following order of precedence applies:

1. This agreement shall prevail over all other documents;
2. The attachments to this agreement shall prevail over the RFQ and Response;
3. The RFQ shall prevail over the Response.

8.19 Costs: Each party shall bear its own costs and fees incurred in the preparation and negotiation of this Agreement and in the performance of its obligations hereunder except as expressly provided herein.

8.20 No Third Party Beneficiary Rights: This Agreement is entered into for the sole benefit of County and Consultant and no other parties are intended to be direct or incidental beneficiaries of this Agreement and no third party shall have any right in, under or to this Agreement.

8.21 Construction: The parties have participated jointly in the negotiation and drafting of this Agreement. In the event an ambiguity or question of intent or interpretation arises with respect to this Agreement, this Agreement shall be construed as if drafted jointly by the parties and in accordance with its fair meaning. There shall be no presumption or burden of proof favoring or disfavoring any party by virtue of the authorship of any of the provisions of this Agreement.

8.22 Amendments: This Agreement may be amended only by a writing executed by the parties hereto or their respective successors and assigns.

8.23 Waiver: The delay or failure of either party at any time to require performance or compliance by the other of any of its obligations or agreements shall in no way be deemed a waiver of those rights to require such performance or compliance. No waiver of any provision of this Agreement shall be effective unless in writing and signed by a duly authorized representative of the party against whom enforcement of a waiver is sought. The waiver of any right or remedy in respect to any occurrence or event shall not be deemed a waiver of any right or remedy in respect to any other occurrence or event, nor shall any waiver constitute a continuing waiver.


8.24 Severability: If any provision of this Agreement is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unenforceable in any circumstance, such determination shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining terms and provisions hereof or of the offending provision in any other circumstance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the value of this Agreement, based upon the substantial benefit of the bargain for any party is materially impaired, which determination as made by the presiding court or arbitrator of competent jurisdiction shall be binding, then both parties agree to substitute such provision(s) through good faith negotiations.

8.25 Counterparts: This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original. All counterparts shall be construed together and shall constitute one agreement.

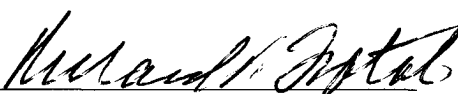
8.26 Corporate Authority: The persons executing this Agreement on behalf of the parties hereto warrant that they are duly authorized to execute this Agreement on behalf of said parties and that by doing so, the parties hereto are formally bound to the provisions of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by and through their respective authorized officers:

COUNTY OF STANISLAUS

By: 
Matt Machado, Director
Department of Public Works

DOKKEN ENGINEERING

By: 
Richard T. Liptak, PE
President

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

John P. Doering
County Counsel

By: 
Amanda DeHart
Deputy County Counsel

COUNTY OF STANISLAUS


By: 
Angela Freitas, Director
Planning & Community Development

EXHIBIT A
FEE SCHEDULE



RATE SCHEDULE – STANISLAUS COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL ON-CALL

Effective January 1, 2016

Staff will be billed at their actual pay rates, plus our current independent CPA-audited overhead rate (indirect cost rate) of 157.28%, and a 10% fee (Total Multiplier: 283.008%).

Name	Classification	2016	Estimated 2017*	Estimated 2018*
Namat Hosseinon	Environmental Manager	\$212.26	\$222.87	\$234.01
Michelle Campbell	Senior Environmental Planner	\$155.65	\$163.44	\$171.61
Sarah Holm	Senior Environmental Planner	\$133.01	\$139.66	\$146.65
Tim Chamberlain	Senior Environmental Planner	\$116.03	\$121.83	\$127.93
Carlene Saxton	Associate Env. Planner	\$97.64	\$102.52	\$107.65
Amy Dunay	Environmental Planner	\$96.22	\$101.03	\$106.09
Brian Marks	Environmental Planner	\$90.56	\$95.09	\$99.85
Zachary Liptak	Environmental Planner	\$87.73	\$92.12	\$96.73
Amy Storck	Environmental Planner	\$82.07	\$86.18	\$90.48
Angela Scudiere	Environmental Planner	\$79.24	\$83.20	\$87.36
Scott Salembier	Environmental Planner	\$70.75	\$74.29	\$78.00
Carolynn Daman	Environmental Planner	\$67.92	\$71.32	\$74.88
Pamela Dalcin-Walling, PE, QSP	Senior Engineer	\$189.62	\$199.10	\$209.05
Brian Stephenson, PE, QSP	Senior Engineer	\$169.80	\$178.30	\$187.21
Ryan Neves, PE, QSP	Senior Engineer	\$152.82	\$160.47	\$168.49
Jacqueline Lockhart, PE	Associate Engineer	\$133.01	\$139.66	\$146.65
Robert Burns, PE	Associate Engineer	\$147.16	\$154.52	\$162.25
Staff	Assistant Engineer	\$84.90	\$89.15	\$93.60
Khanh Dang	Senior CADD	\$149.99	\$157.49	\$165.37
Ryan Liptak	CAD	\$70.75	\$74.29	\$78.00

***ESCALATION:** Effective January 1, 2017 and January 1, 2018 billing rates will be adjusted based on employee actual pay rates as of January 1st of the respective year. The rates will be loaded using the contract multiplier of 283.008%. The estimated billing rates listed above for 2017 and 2018 represent an estimated 5% escalation each year. Actual billing rates will differ depending on actual changes to pay rates.

OTHER STAFF: New hires or Dokken Engineering employees/classifications not included on this schedule will be billed at billing rates calculated using their actual pay rate at the time they first work on the respective task order loaded with the contract multiplier of 283.008%.

OTHER DIRECT COSTS: Ordinary supplies and equipment are included in the overhead rate. The following are considered project-specific items and their cost will be billed as a direct cost at their actual cost:

Outside Reproduction	Actual Cost
Permit Fees / Public Notice Advertisements	Actual Cost
Record Search Fees / Mapping Fees / EDR Reports	Actual Cost
Room and Equipment Rentals	Actual Cost
Traffic Control / Utility Potholing	Actual Cost
Title Reports	Actual Cost

ATTACHMENT 4
CONTRACT FOR FIRSTCARBON SOLUTIONS

STANISLAUS COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES MASTER AGREEMENT

This Master Agreement, hereinafter referred to as "Agreement" is made and entered into by and between the County of Stanislaus, a political subdivision of the State of California, hereinafter referred to as "County" and FirstCarbon Solutions, hereinafter referred to as "Consultant".

WHEREAS, County, by its Resolution No. 2016-184 adopted on the 19th day of April, 2016 awarded to Consultant an Agreement for on-call environmental services.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions contained herein, the parties hereby agree as follows:

1.0 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY CONSULTANT

1.1 Scope of Services: Consultant shall provide the professional services described in the County's Request for Proposal ("RFP") and Consultant's Response to County's RFP (the "Response") which are incorporated by reference in Section 2.0 entitled "Contract Documents".

Each project added to and to be performed under this Agreement shall be separately approved by the parties. Each project where the cost of services does not exceed \$100,000 shall be approved by purchase order issued by the County Purchasing Agent or designee; projects greater than \$100,000 shall be approved by resolution of the Board of Supervisors for the County.

1.2 Professional Practices: All professional services to be provided by Consultant pursuant to this Agreement shall be provided by personnel experienced in their respective fields and in a manner consistent with the standards of care, diligence and skill ordinarily exercised by professional consultants in similar fields and circumstances in accordance with sound professional practices. Consultant also represents that it is familiar with all laws that may affect its performance of this Agreement and shall advise County of any changes in any laws that may affect Consultant's performance of this Agreement.

1.3 Representations: Consultant represents that it has reviewed the RFP and that in its professional judgment the services to be performed under this Agreement can be performed within the maximum fee set forth in Section 3.1 – Compensation. Consultant represents that it is qualified to perform the professional services required by this Agreement and possesses the necessary licenses and permits required to perform said services.

1.4 Compliance with Laws: Consultant agrees that it shall perform the services required by this Agreement in compliance with all applicable Federal and California laws including, but not limited to, those laws related to minimum hours and wages; occupational health and safety; fair employment and employment practices; workers' compensation insurance and safety in employment; and all other Federal, State and local laws and ordinances applicable to the services required under this Agreement.

1.5 Non-Discrimination: During the performance of this Agreement, Consultant and its officers, employees, agents, representatives or subconsultants shall not unlawfully discriminate, harass, or allow harassment against any employee or applicant for employment in violation of any federal, state or local law, rule or regulation against any employee, applicant for employment or person receiving services under this Agreement because of race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, physical or mental disability, medical condition (including genetic characteristics), marital status, age, political affiliation,

sex or sexual orientation. Consultant and its officers, employees, agents, representatives or subconsultants shall comply with all applicable Federal, State and local laws and regulations related to non-discrimination and equal opportunity, including without limitation the County's nondiscrimination policy; the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Government Code sections 12900 et seq.); California Labor Code sections 1101, 1102 and 1102.1; the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352), as amended; and all applicable regulations promulgated in the California Code of Regulations or the Code of Federal Regulations.

1.6 Non-Exclusive Agreement: Consultant acknowledges that County may enter into agreements with other consultants for services similar to the services that are subject to this Agreement or may have its own employees perform services similar to those services contemplated by this Agreement.

1.7 Delegation and Assignment: This is a personal service contract, and the duties set forth herein shall not be delegated or assigned to any person or entity without the prior written consent of County. Consultant may engage a subconsultant(s) as permitted by law and may employ other personnel to perform services contemplated by this Agreement at Consultant's sole cost and expense.

1.8 Subcontracting: Nothing contained in this contract or otherwise, shall create any contractual relation between County and any subconsultants(s), and no subconsultant shall relieve Consultant of its responsibilities and obligations hereunder. Consultant agrees to be as fully responsible to County for the acts and omissions of its subconsultant(s) and of persons either directly or indirectly employed by any of them as it is for the acts and omissions of persons directly employed by Consultant. Consultant's obligation to pay its subconsultant(s) is an independent obligation from County's obligation to make payments to the Consultant.

Consultant shall perform the services with resources available within its own organization; and no portion of the work pertinent to this Agreement shall be subcontracted without written authorization by the County, except that, which is expressly identified in the approved Cost Proposal.

Any substitution of subconsultants must be approved in writing by the County.

1.9 Conflict of Interest: Consultant shall disclose any financial, business, or other relationship with County that may have an impact upon the outcome of this Agreement, or any ensuing County construction project. The Consultant shall also list current clients who may have a financial interest in the outcome of this Agreement, or any ensuing County construction project, which will follow.

Consultant represents that it has no interest and shall not acquire any interest direct or indirect which conflicts, or has the appearance of conflicting, in any manner or degree with the performance of the work and services under this Agreement.

Consultant hereby certifies that neither Consultant, nor any firm affiliated with the Consultant will bid on any construction agreement, or on any agreement to provide construction inspection for any construction project resulting from this Agreement. An affiliated firm is one, which is subject to the control of the same persons through joint ownership, or otherwise.

Except for subconsultants whose services are limited to providing surveying or materials testing information, no subconsultant who has provided design services in connection with this Agreement shall be eligible to bid on any construction agreement, or on any agreement to provide construction inspection for any construction project resulting from this Agreement.

1.10 Covenant Against Contingent Fees: Consultant warrants that he/she has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working for the consultant; to solicit or secure this Master Agreement; and that he/she has not paid or agreed to pay any company or person other than a bona fide employee, any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift, or any other consideration, contingent upon or resulting from the award, or formation of this Master Agreement. For breach or violation of this warranty, the local agency shall have the right to annul this Master Agreement without liability, or at its discretion; to deduct from the Master Agreement price or consideration, or otherwise recover the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift, or contingent fee.

1.11 Rebates, Kickbacks or Other Unlawful Consideration: The Consultant warrants that this Master Agreement was not obtained or secured through rebates, kickbacks or other unlawful consideration, either promised or paid to any County employee. For breach or violation of this warranty, County shall have the right in its discretion; to terminate the agreement without liability; to pay only for the value of the work actually performed; or to deduct from the agreement price; or otherwise recover the full amount of such rebate, kickback or other unlawful consideration.

1.12 Prohibition of Expending State or Federal Funds for Lobbying: The Consultant certifies to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that:

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

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 federal 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 Consultant shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

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 Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. 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 Consultant also agrees by signing this document that he or she shall require that the language of this certification be included in all lower-tier subcontracts, which exceed \$100,000, and that all such sub recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

1.13 Debarment and Suspension Certification: The Consultant's signature affixed herein, shall constitute a certification under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that the Consultant has complied with Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 29, Debarment and Suspension Certificate, which certifies that he/she or any person associated therewith in the capacity of owner, partner, director, officer, or manager, is not currently under suspension, debarment, voluntary exclusion,

or determination of ineligibility by any federal agency; has not been suspended, debarred, voluntarily excluded, or determined ineligible by any federal agency within the past three (3) years; does not have a proposed debarment pending; and has not been indicted, convicted, or had a civil judgment rendered against it by a court of competent jurisdiction in any matter involving fraud or official misconduct with the past three (3) years. Any exceptions to this certification must be disclosed to the County.

Exceptions will not necessarily result in denial of recommendation for award, but will be considered in determining Consultant responsibility. Disclosures must indicate to who exceptions apply, initiating agency, and dates of actions.

2.0 CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

Contract documents consist of the following documents, including all changes, addenda, and modifications thereto:

1. Agreement and all attachments
 - a. Exhibit A – Fee Schedule
2. County's Request for Qualifications
3. Consultant's Response

3.0 COMPENSATION AND BILLING

3.1 Compensation: For each task or project let under this Agreement Consultant shall be paid in accordance with the fee schedule set forth in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and made a part of this Agreement (the "Fee Schedule"). Consultant will be compensated on a time and materials basis, based on the hours worked by the Consultant's employees or subconsultants at the hourly rates specified in the Fee Schedule. Fee Schedule rates shall include direct salary costs, employee benefits, and overhead. The rates stated in the Fee Schedule are not adjustable during the term of this Agreement. Consultant's compensation under this Agreement shall in no case exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) during the term of this Agreement. The County may retain ten percent of all periodic or progress payments made to the Consultant until completion and acceptance of all work tasks and County shall have right to withhold payment from Consultant for any unsatisfactory service until such time service is performed satisfactorily.

3.2 Reimbursements: In addition to the aforementioned fees, Consultant will be reimbursed for any expenses specifically set forth in a Project Scope of Work. All such reimbursement amounts are limited to those costs and expenses that are reasonable, necessary and actually incurred by the Consultant in connection with the services provided. The County shall not pay a mark up on any item of reimbursement. The County shall not pay for any item of overhead such as telephone, facsimile, postage, etc. All requests for reimbursement shall be accompanied by a copy of the original invoice.

3.3 Additional Services: Consultant shall not receive compensation for any services provided outside the scope of services specified in the County's ("RFQ") and the Consultant's ("Response") and also as specified in each Project Scope of Services unless the County or the Project Manager for the Project, prior to Consultant performing the additional services, approves such additional services in writing. It is specifically understood that oral requests and/or approvals of such additional services or additional compensation shall be barred and are unenforceable.

3.4 Method of Billing: Consultant may submit invoices to County's Project Manager for approval on a progress basis, but no more often than once each calendar month. Said invoice shall be based on the total of all Consultants' services that have been completed to County's sole satisfaction.

County shall pay Consultant's invoice within forty-five (45) days from the date County receives said invoice. Each invoice shall describe in detail, the services performed and the associated percentage of tasks completed. Any additional services approved and performed pursuant to this Agreement shall be designated as "Additional Services" and shall identify the number of the authorized change order, where applicable, on all invoices.

3.5 Records and Audits: Records of Consultant's services relating to this Agreement shall be maintained in accordance with generally recognized accounting principles and shall be made available to County, its Project Manager, The State, State Auditor, FHWA, or any duly authorized representative of the Federal Government for inspection and/or audit at mutually convenient times for a period of three (3) years from the termination of this Agreement.

3.6 Extension of Term of Agreement: The original Fee Schedule shall apply to the extension of the term of the agreement unless renegotiated and approved by both parties in writing.

3.7 Cost Principles: The Consultant agrees that the Contract Cost Principles and Procedures, 48 CFR, Federal Acquisition Regulations System, Chapter 1, Part 31.000 et seq., shall be used to determine the allowability of cost individual items.

The Consultant also agrees to comply with federal procedures in accordance with 49 CFR, Part 18, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments.

Any costs for which payment has been made to Consultant that are determined by subsequent audit to be unallowable under 48 CFR, Federal Acquisition Regulations System, Chapter 1, Part 31.000 et seq., are subject to repayment by Consultant to the County.

All subcontracts in excess of \$25,000 shall contain the above provisions.

4.0 TIME OF PERFORMANCE

4.1 Commencement and Completion of Work: The professional services to be performed pursuant to this Agreement shall commence within five (5) days after County delivers its Notice to Proceed for each separately approved Project. Said services shall be performed in strict compliance with the Project Schedule approved by County as set forth in each Project Scope of Services. Each Project Schedule may be amended by mutual agreement of the parties. Failure to commence work in a timely manner and/or diligently pursue work to completion may be grounds for termination of this Agreement.

4.2 Excusable Delays: Neither party shall be responsible for delays or lack of performance resulting from acts beyond the reasonable control of the party or parties. Such acts shall include, but not be limited to, acts of God, fire, strikes, material shortages, compliance with laws or regulations, riots, acts of war, or any other conditions beyond the reasonable control of a party.

5.0 TERM OF CONTRACT AND TERMINATION

5.1 Term: This Agreement shall commence on the date of the award of this agreement and shall continue for a period of thirty-six months, or until all work on each project let during the thirty-six month period is completed, unless previously terminated as provided herein or as otherwise agreed to in writing by the parties. Additionally, the term of this agreement may be extended for an additional twenty-four months by the parties mutual agreement.

5.2 Notice of Termination: The County reserves and has the right and privilege of canceling, suspending or abandoning the execution of all or any part of the work contemplated by this Agreement, with or without cause, at any time, by providing written notice to Consultant. The termination of this Agreement shall be deemed effective upon receipt of the notice of termination. In the event of such termination, Consultant shall immediately stop rendering services under this Agreement unless directed otherwise by the County.

5.3 Compensation: In the event of termination, County shall pay Consultant for reasonable costs incurred and professional services satisfactorily performed up to and including the date of County's written notice of termination. Compensation for work in progress shall be prorated as to the percentage of work completed as of the effective date of termination in accordance with the fees set forth in Exhibit "A". In ascertaining the professional services actually rendered hereunder up to the effective date of termination of this Agreement, consideration shall be given to both completed work and work in progress, to complete and incomplete drawings, and to other documents pertaining to the services contemplated herein whether delivered to the County or in the possession of the Consultant.

5.4 Documents: In the event of termination of this Agreement, all documents prepared by Consultant in its performance of this Agreement including, but not limited to, finished or unfinished design, development and construction documents, data studies, drawings, maps, reports, correspondence, and all electronic files, shall be delivered to the County within ten (10) days of delivery of termination notice to Consultant, at no cost to County. Any use of uncompleted documents without specific written authorization from Consultant shall be at County's sole risk and without liability or legal expense to Consultant.

6.0 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

6.1 Minimum Scope and Limits of Insurance: Consultant, at its sole cost and expense, for the full term of this Agreement (and any extensions thereof), shall obtain and maintain, at minimum, compliance with all of the following insurance coverage(s) and requirements. If Consultant normally carries insurance in an amount greater than the minimum amount listed below, that greater amount shall become the minimum required amount of insurance for purposes of this Agreement. The insurance listed below shall have a retroactive date of placement prior to, or coinciding with, the date services are first provided that are governed by the terms of this Agreement:

- (a) Comprehensive general liability, including premises-operations, products/ completed operations, broad form property damage, blanket contractual liability, independent contractors, personal injury with a policy limit of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000), combined single limits, per occurrence and aggregate. If Commercial General Liability Insurance or other form with a general aggregate limit is used, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to any act or omission by Consultant under this Agreement or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit.
- (b) Automobile liability for owned vehicles, hired, and non-owned vehicles, with a policy limit of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000), combined single limits, per occurrence and aggregate.
- (c) Workers' compensation insurance as required by the State of California.
- (d) Professional errors and omissions ("E&O") liability insurance with policy limits of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000), combined single limit for each occurrence. If Consultant cannot provide an occurrence policy, Consultant shall provide insurance covering claims made as a result of performance of Work on this Project and shall maintain such insurance

in effect for not less than three years following Final Completion of the Project.

6.2 Endorsements: The Consultant shall obtain a specific endorsement to all required insurance policies, except Professional Liability insurance, naming the County of Stanislaus, its Officers, Directors, Officials, Agents, Employees and Volunteers as additional insureds for at least three years after the completion of the work to be performed under this Agreement, but, to the extent that any insurance issued to Consultant in effect after the expiration of three years provides additional insured coverage to parties Consultant agreed in writing to name as an additional insured, then Consultant shall have the obligation under this contract to obtain such additional insured coverage for the County, under any and all policies Consultant has regarding:

- (a) Liability arising from or in connection with the performance or omission to perform any term or condition of this Agreement by or on behalf of the Consultant, including the insured's general supervision of its subconsultants;
- (b) Ongoing services, products and completed operations of the Consultant;
- (c) Premises owned, occupied or used by the Consultant; and
- (d) Automobiles owned, leased, hired or borrowed by the Consultant.
- (e) For Workers' Compensation insurance, the insurance carrier shall agree to waive all rights of subrogation against the County, its officers, officials and employees for losses arising from the performance of or the omission to perform any term or condition of this Agreement by the Consultant.

6.3 Deductibles: Any deductibles, self-insured retentions or named insureds must be declared in writing and approved by County. At the option of the County, either: (a) the insurer shall reduce or eliminate such deductibles, self-insured retentions or named insureds, or (b) the Consultant shall provide a bond, cash, letter of credit, guaranty or other security satisfactory to the County guaranteeing payment of the self-insured retention or deductible and payment of any and all costs, losses, related investigations, claim administration and defense expenses. The County, in its sole discretion, may waive the requirement to reduce or eliminate deductibles or self-insured retentions, in which case, the Consultant agrees that it will be responsible for and pay any self-insured retention or deductible and will pay any and all costs, losses, related investigations, claim administration and defense expenses related to or arising out of the Consultant's defense and indemnification obligations as set forth in this Agreement.

6.4 Certificates of Insurance: At least ten (10) days prior to the date the Consultant begins performance of its obligations under this Agreement, Consultant shall furnish County with certificates of insurance, and with original endorsements, showing coverage required by this Agreement, including, without limitation, those that verify coverage for subconsultants of the Consultant. The certificates and endorsements for each insurance policy are to be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. All certificates and endorsements shall be received and, in County's sole and absolute discretion, approved by County. County reserves the right to require complete copies of all required insurance policies and endorsements, at any time.

6.5 Non-limiting: Nothing in this Section or the insurance described herein shall be construed as limiting in any way, the indemnification provisions contained in this Agreement, or the liability of Consultant and Consultant's officers, employees, agents, representatives or subconsultants for payments of damages to persons or property.

6.6 Primary Insurance: The Consultant's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance regarding the County of Stanislaus, its Officers, Directors, Officials, Agents, Employees and Volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the County of Stanislaus, its Officers, Directors, Officials,

Agents, Employees and Volunteers shall be excess of the Consultant's insurance and shall not contribute with Consultant's insurance. Any failure to comply with reporting provisions of the policies shall not affect coverage provided to the County or its officers, officials and employees. The Consultant's insurance shall apply separately to each insured against whom claim is made or suit is brought, except with respect to the limits of the insurer's liability. Any and all insurances cared by it shall be deemed liability coverage for any and all actions it performs in connection with this Contract.

6.7 Cancellation of Insurance: Each insurance policy required by this section shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be suspended, voided, canceled by either party except after thirty (30) days prior written notice has been given to County. The Consultant shall promptly notify, or cause the insurance carrier to promptly notify, the County of any change in the insurance policy or policies required under this Agreement, including, without limitation, any reduction in coverage or in limits of the required policy or policies. Consultant shall maintain such coverage in effect for three years after substantial completion of the project to the extent it is commercially available at reasonable rates.

6.8 California Admitted Insurer: Insurance shall be placed with California admitted insurers (licensed to do business in California) with a current rating by Best's Key Rating Guide of no less than A-:VII; provided, however, that if no California admitted insurance company provides the required insurance, it is acceptable to provide the required insurance through a United States domiciled carrier that meets the required Best's rating and that is listed on the current List of Eligible Surplus Line Insurers maintained by the California Department of Insurance.

6.9 Subconsultants: Consultant shall require that all of its subconsultants are subject to the insurance and indemnity requirements stated herein, or shall include all subconsultants as additional insureds under its insurance policies.

7.0 INDEMNIFICATION

7.1 Indemnification: To the fullest extent allowed by law, Consultant shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County and its officers, directors, officials, agents, employees, volunteers and representatives (collectively, "Indemnitee") from and against any and all claims, suits, actions, losses, injuries, damages or expenses of every name, kind, and description, including litigation costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred, (collectively, "losses") which are founded upon, arise out of, pertain to, or relate to, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, the alleged negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct of Consultant, its officers, agents, employees, volunteers, representatives, contractors and subconsultants, excluding, however, such liabilities caused in part by the sole negligence, active negligence or willful misconduct of the County, its agents, employees, and representatives. These indemnification obligations shall not be limited by any assertion or finding that (1) the person or entity indemnified is liable by reason of non-delegable duty, or (2) the losses were caused in part by the negligence of, breach of contract by, or violation of law by Indemnitee. Nothing in this Agreement, including the provisions of this paragraph, shall constitute a waiver or limitation of any rights which Indemnitee may have under applicable law, including without limitation, the right to implied indemnity.

7.2 Duty to Defend: The duty of Consultant to indemnify and save harmless as set forth herein, shall include both the duty to indemnify and at Consultant's own cost and expense the duty to defend as set forth in Section 2778 of the California Civil Code and as limited in section 2782.8 of the California Civil Code. This duty to defend arises immediately when such claim is made and shall be independent of any finding of negligence and shall arise regardless of any claim or assertion that Indemnitee caused or contributed to the Losses. Consultant shall provide legal counsel acceptable to the County.

7.3 Duty to Cooperate: Each party shall notify the other party within ten (10) days in writing of any claim or damage related to activities performed under this Agreement. The parties shall cooperate with each other in the investigation and disposition of any claim arising out of the activities under this Agreement. Specifically, Consultant shall take all steps necessary to assist the County in the defense of any claim brought by a contractor hired to construct the Project regarding any errors, flaws, and/or omissions in the plans or specifications of the Project.

7.4 Patent Rights: Consultant represents that professional services provided by Consultant pursuant to this Agreement does not infringe on any other copyrighted work. Consultant shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County from all loss, cost, damage, expense, liability or claims, including attorneys' fees, court costs, litigation expenses and expert consultant or witness fees, that may at any time arise for any infringement of the patent rights, copyright, trade secret, trade name, trademark, service mark or any other proprietary right of any person or persons in consequence of the use by the County of any articles or services supplied under this agreement.

The foregoing provisions in this section "Indemnification" shall survive the term and termination of this Agreement.

8.0 GENERAL PROVISIONS

8.1 Entire Agreement: This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between the parties with respect to any matter referenced herein and supersedes any and all other prior writings and oral negotiations. This Agreement may be modified only in writing, and signed by the parties in interest at the time of such modification. The terms of this Agreement shall prevail over any inconsistent provision in any other contract document appurtenant hereto, including exhibits to this Agreement.

8.2 Representatives: The Director of the Stanislaus County Department of Public Works, or his designee, shall be the representative of County for purposes of this Agreement and may issue all consents, approvals, directives and agreements on behalf of the County, called for by this Agreement, except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement. Consultant shall designate a representative for purposes of this Agreement who shall be authorized to issue all consents, approvals, directives and agreements on behalf of Consultant called for by this Agreement, except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement.

8.3 Project Managers: County shall designate a Project Manager to work directly with Consultant in the performance of this Agreement. Consultant shall designate a Project Manager who shall represent it and be its agent in all consultations with County during the term of this Agreement. Consultant or its Project Manager shall attend and assist in all coordination meetings called by County.

8.4 Designated Personnel: A material covenant of this agreement is that the Consultant shall assign the individuals designated below to perform the functions designated so long as they continue in the employ of the Consultant. The designated individuals shall, so long as their performance continues to be acceptable to County, remain in charge of the services for the Project from beginning through completion of services.

- a. Project Manager: Mary Bean, Vice President
- b. Lead/Manager: n/a

8.5 Removal of Personnel or Sub-Consultants: If the County, in its sole discretion at any time during the term of this agreement, desires the removal of any person or sub-consultant assigned by Consultant to perform services, then the Consultant shall remove such person or consultant immediately upon receiving notice from the County.

8.6 Notices: Any notices, documents, correspondence or other communications concerning this Agreement or the work hereunder may be provided by personal delivery, facsimile or mail and shall be addressed as set forth below. Such communication shall be deemed served or delivered: a) at the time of delivery if such communication is sent by personal delivery; b) at the time of transmission if such communication is sent by facsimile; and c) 48 hours after deposit in the U.S. Mail as reflected by the official U.S. postmark if such communication is sent through regular United States mail.

If to County: Chris Brady, P.E., Deputy Director
Stanislaus County Public Works Department
1716 Morgan Road, Modesto, CA 95358

If to Consultant: Mary Bean, Vice President
FirstCarbon Solutions
7265 N First Street, Suite 101
Fresno, CA 93720

8.7 Attorneys' Fees: In the event that litigation is brought by any party in connection with this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the opposing party all costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred by the prevailing party in the exercise of any of its rights or remedies hereunder or the enforcement of any of the terms, conditions, or provisions hereof.

8.8 Claims Filed by County's Construction Contractor: If claims are filed by County's construction contractor relating to work performed by Consultant's personnel, and additional information or assistance from Consultant's personnel is required in order to evaluate or defend against such claims; Consultant agrees to make its personnel available for consultation with County's construction contract administration and legal staff and for testimony, if necessary, at depositions and at trial or arbitration proceedings.

Consultant's personnel that County considers essential to assist in defending against construction contractor claims will be made available on reasonable notice from County. Consultation or testimony will be reimbursed at the same rates, including travel costs that are being paid for Consultant's personnel services under this contract.

8.9 Governing Law: This Agreement shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of California without giving effect to that body of laws pertaining to conflict of laws. In the event of any legal action to enforce or interpret this Agreement, the parties hereto agree that the sole and exclusive venue shall be a court of competent jurisdiction located in Stanislaus County, California.

8.10 Assignment: Consultant shall not voluntarily or by operation of law assign, transfer, sublet or encumber all or any part of Consultant's interest in this Agreement without County's prior written consent. Any attempted assignment, transfer, subletting or encumbrance shall be void and shall constitute a breach of this Agreement and cause for termination of this Agreement. Regardless of County's consent, no subletting or assignment shall release Consultant of Consultant's obligation to perform all other obligations to be performed by Consultant hereunder for the term of this Agreement.

8.11 Independent Contractor: Consultant is and shall be acting at all times as an independent contractor and not as an employee of County. Consultant shall secure, at his expense, and be responsible for any and all payment of Income Tax, Social Security, State Disability Insurance Compensation, Unemployment Compensation, and other payroll deductions for Consultant and its officers, agents, and employees, and all business licenses, if any are required, in connection with the services to be performed hereunder. Consultant hereby indemnifies and holds County harmless from any and all claims that may be made against County based upon any contention by any third party that an employer-employee relationship exists by reason of this Agreement.

8.12 Confidentiality: The Consultant agrees to keep confidential all information obtained or learned during the course of furnishing services under this Agreement and to not disclose or reveal such information for any purpose not directly connected with the matter for which services are provided.

Permission to Disclose information on one occasion, or public hearing held by the County relating to the contract, shall not authorize the Consultant to further disclose such information, or disseminate the same on any other occasion.

The Consultant shall not comment publicly to the press or any other media regarding the contract or the County's actions on the same, except to the County's staff, Consultant's own personnel involved in the performance of this contract, at public hearings or in response to questions from a Legislative committee.

The Consultant shall not issue any news release or public relations item of any nature, whatsoever, regarding work performed or to be performed under this contract without prior review of the contents thereof by the County, and receipt of the County's written permission.

Any subcontract entered into as a result of this contract shall contain all of the provisions of this Article.

8.13 National Labor Relations Board Certification: In accordance with Public Contract Code Section 10296, Consultant hereby states under penalty of perjury that no more than one final unappealable finding of contempt of court by a federal court has been issued against Consultant with the immediately preceding two-year period, because of Consultant's failure to comply with an order of a federal court that orders Consultant to comply with an order of the National Labor Relations Board.

8.14 Ownership of Documents: Any interest, including copyright interests, of Consultant or its contractors or subconsultants in studies, reports, memoranda, computational sheets, drawings, plans or any other documents, including electronic data, prepared in connection with the Services, shall be the property of County. To the extent permitted by law, work product produced under this Agreement shall be deemed works for hire and all copyrights in such works shall be the property of the County. In the event that it is ever determined that any works created by Consultant or its subconsultants under this Agreement are not works for hire, Consultant hereby assigns to County all copyrights to such works. With the County's prior written approval, Consultant may retain and use copies of such works for reference and as documentation of experience and capabilities.

8.15 Reuse of Design Documents: Should the County desire to reuse the documents specified above and not use the services of the Consultant, then the County agrees to require the new consultant to assume any and all obligations for the reuse of the documents, and the County releases Consultant and its subconsultants from all liability associated with the reuse of such documents.

8.16 Public Records Act Disclosure: Consultant has been advised and is aware that all reports, documents, information and data including, but not limited to, computer tapes, discs or files furnished or prepared by Consultant, or any of its subconsultants, and provided to County may be subject to public disclosure as required by the California Public Records Act (California Government Code Section 6250 et. seq.). Exceptions to public disclosure may be those documents or information that qualifies as trade secrets, as that term is defined in the California Government Code Section 6254.7, and of which Consultant informs County of such trade secret. The County will endeavor to maintain as confidential all information obtained by it that is designated as a trade secret. The County shall not, in any way, be liable or responsible for the disclosure of any trade secret including, without limitation, those records so marked if disclosure is deemed to be required by law or by order of the Court.

8.17 Responsibility for Errors: Consultant shall be responsible for its work and results under this Agreement. Consultant, when requested, shall furnish clarification and/or explanation as may be required by the County's representative, regarding any services rendered under this Agreement at no additional cost to County. In the event that an error or omission attributable to Consultant occurs, then Consultant shall, at no cost to County, provide all necessary design drawings, estimates and other Consultant professional services necessary to rectify and correct the matter to the sole satisfaction of County and to participate in any meeting required with regard to the correction.

8.18 Order of Precedence: In the event of inconsistency among any of the Contract Documents, the following order of precedence applies:

1. This agreement shall prevail over all other documents;
2. The attachments to this agreement shall prevail over the RFQ and Response;
3. The RFQ shall prevail over the Response.

8.19 Costs: Each party shall bear its own costs and fees incurred in the preparation and negotiation of this Agreement and in the performance of its obligations hereunder except as expressly provided herein.

8.20 No Third Party Beneficiary Rights: This Agreement is entered into for the sole benefit of County and Consultant and no other parties are intended to be direct or incidental beneficiaries of this Agreement and no third party shall have any right in, under or to this Agreement.

8.21 Construction: The parties have participated jointly in the negotiation and drafting of this Agreement. In the event an ambiguity or question of intent or interpretation arises with respect to this Agreement, this Agreement shall be construed as if drafted jointly by the parties and in accordance with its fair meaning. There shall be no presumption or burden of proof favoring or disfavoring any party by virtue of the authorship of any of the provisions of this Agreement.

8.22 Amendments: This Agreement may be amended only by a writing executed by the parties hereto or their respective successors and assigns.

8.23 Waiver: The delay or failure of either party at any time to require performance or compliance by the other of any of its obligations or agreements shall in no way be deemed a waiver of those rights to require such performance or compliance. No waiver of any provision of this Agreement shall be effective unless in writing and signed by a duly authorized representative of the party against whom enforcement of a waiver is sought. The waiver of any right or remedy in respect to any occurrence or event shall not be deemed a waiver of any right or remedy in respect to any other occurrence or event, nor shall any waiver constitute a continuing waiver.

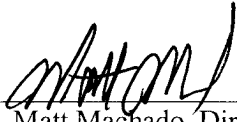
8.24 Severability: If any provision of this Agreement is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unenforceable in any circumstance, such determination shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining terms and provisions hereof or of the offending provision in any other circumstance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the value of this Agreement, based upon the substantial benefit of the bargain for any party is materially impaired, which determination as made by the presiding court or arbitrator of competent jurisdiction shall be binding, then both parties agree to substitute such provision(s) through good faith negotiations.

8.25 Counterparts: This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original. All counterparts shall be construed together and shall constitute one agreement.

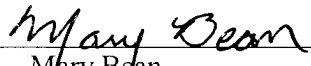
8.26 Corporate Authority: The persons executing this Agreement on behalf of the parties hereto warrant that they are duly authorized to execute this Agreement on behalf of said parties and that by doing so, the parties hereto are formally bound to the provisions of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by and through their respective authorized officers:

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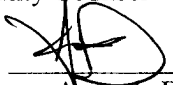
By: 
Matt Machado, Director
Department of Public Works

FIRSTCARBON SOLUTIONS

By: 
Mary Bean
Vice President

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

John P. Doering
County Counsel

By: 
Amanda DeHart
Deputy County Counsel

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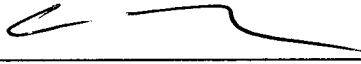
By: 
Angela Freitas, Director
Planning & Community Development

EXHIBIT A
FEE SCHEDULE



FirstCarbon Solutions
2015 Fee Schedule

FirstCarbon Solutions (FCS) provides consulting services in environmental impact assessment and regulatory compliance, planning, air quality and greenhouse gases, biological and cultural resources management. Compensation is based on the following fee schedule and charges.

Hourly Labor Rates

President/ Vice President	\$250 – 290 USD
Director	\$160 – 260 USD
Senior Project Manager/Senior Scientist/ Senior Regulatory Scientist	\$110 – 175 USD
Project Manager/Regulatory Scientist	\$100 – 150 USD
Assistant Project Manager/Assistant Regulatory Scientist	\$80 – 125 USD
Environmental Planner	\$70 – 90 USD
Environmental Analyst/Regulatory Analyst	\$60 – 75 USD
Research Analyst	\$50 – 60 USD
Publications Coordinator/Technical Editor	\$90 – 180 USD
GIS Analyst	\$70 – 125 USD
Graphics Designer/GIS Technician	\$65 – 90 USD
Word Processor	\$65 – 70 USD
Administrative Assistant/Accounting/Clerical	\$55 – 60 USD
Reprographics Assistant/Intern	\$55 USD

Other Labor Rates

Labor rates for expert testimony, litigation support, and depositions/court appearances will be billed at a minimum of two times the above rates. If additional services are authorized during the performance of a contract, compensation will be based on the fee schedule in effect at the time the services are authorized.

Direct Expenses

Direct expenses are billed at the amount charged, plus 15% administrative fee.

1. Out-of-pocket expenses-including, but not limited to, travel, messenger service, reprographics, lodging, meals, blueprint, reproduction, and photographic services: Cost, as charged to FCS.
2. Subcontractors' fees: As quoted.
3. Passenger Cars: \$0.565 per mile.
4. Four-wheel drive vehicles: \$75.00 per day (0.565 per mile).
5. Reproduction and Color Copies: See Reprographics Fee Schedule provided as necessary.
6. Records checks: Fees vary with facility and project.
7. USFWS/CDFG impacts or mitigation fees.
8. Museum curation: fees vary with the city and project.
9. Cultural resources storage/curation of fossil and artifact collections: Cost, as charged to FCS.
10. Per Diem: \$71.00 per day. This is the USA Federal Rate. Lodging surcharge may apply in high rate areas.

Terms

Compensation and direct expenses are invoiced monthly and payable upon receipt or as codified in project specific contract.

Rates effective June 1, 2014