



Rancho Murieta CSD

Community Services District

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

**RANCHO MURIETA COMMUNITY SERVICES
DISTRICT**

COST ALLOCATION PLAN

Proposals Due By: November 13, 2019

1. PROPOSALS REQUESTED

Rancho Murieta Community Services District (the “District”) solicits proposals from qualified firms (“Proposers”) to provide a Cost Allocation Plan (CAP) described below. Both small and large qualified firms with competitive rates are encouraged to apply. All proposals must be received by November 13th, 2019, at 5:00PM. Proposals received after said time will not be considered.

2. BACKGROUND

Rancho Murieta Community Services District (District) was formed in 1982 by State Government Code 61000 to provide essential services in Rancho Murieta. The District provides essential services to an area of 3,500 acres (covering roughly five and a half square miles) located in the beautiful wooded hills of eastern Sacramento County. The approved master plan calls for residential development on 1,920 acres with single-family residences, townhouses, apartments, and mobile homes for a total of 5,189 units. Current estimates indicate Rancho Murieta has 2,500 households with a population of approximately 5,488 persons (2010 census). The community is a balanced blend of both custom and production homes, townhouses, mobile homes, and a thriving retail complex. In addition, an airport, office building, fire station, and equestrian center are located in the District.

The District is an independent special district which provides the following services:

- **Water supply collection, treatment, and distribution**
- **Wastewater collection, treatment, and reuse**
- **Storm drainage collection, disposal, and flood control**
- **Security**
- **Solid Waste collection**

While each service maintains and operates under its own separate budget, a combination of taxes and user fees fund these services.

The District is determined to deliver superior community services efficiently and professionally at a reasonable cost while responding to and sustaining the enhanced quality of life the community desires. Information about the Rancho Murieta community and the fiscal situation of the District is available on the District website at www.rnachomurietacsd.com.

3. SCOPE OF WORK

(a) Work with selected District staff to define the purpose, uses and goals for a cost allocation plan for fiscal year ended June 30th, 2018 and 2019 to ensure that the developed plan will be both accurate and appropriate for the District’s current needs. That includes conducting interviews as needed to gain an understanding of the District’s business process and operations.

(b) Develop and prepare a detailed full cost allocation model to calculate the full costs of providing the District's services.

(c) Present "draft" Cost Allocation Plans to the District's management for staff review. Collect and document comments and concerns from staff. Following discussion with staff the Proposer will make the agreed upon changes to the plan.

(d) Present the report to the District Board of Directors to facilitate their understanding of the study and its implications for the District. Make necessary adjustments as deemed appropriate. This presentation will be under the guidance and at the discretion of the General Manager.

(e) Prepare the final full Cost Allocation Plan. Provide three hard copies of the final plan as well as one electronic searchable PDF file and an Excel file for all tables presented in the PDF.

(f) Provide the District's staff with an electronic cost allocation model in excel format for calculating the full costs of providing each service. The requirements of the model shall allow for:

1. The addition or removal of direct and overhead costs so that the CAP can be developed from a simple plan to a progressively more inclusive plan.
2. The ability to continuously update the model and CAP from year-to-year as the organization changes.
3. Develop a model and methodology for gathering data and periodically updating the CAP as new costs are added or old costs are eliminated or modified. The model should be in commonly used spreadsheet or database format that automatically recalculates as cost items are input.
4. The model should allow the addition of hypothetical service area information for future services enhancements, and the ability to calculate the estimated costs of providing the service under consideration.
5. The model should allow for a uniform transfer of data from a common budget and general ledger system such as Microsoft Dynamics Great Plains.

(g) Review the District's data collection worksheets, allocation bases, overhead cost pools and methods of distributing costs for best practices appropriateness and to identify alternative methodologies which may favorably impact cost recoveries.

(h) Train designated District personnel in the specifics of the Cost Allocation Plan and the methodologies used to develop the plan, including cost analysis, cost flow structuring and computation, and plan implementation.

(i) Identify opportunities to utilize full overhead costs for internal management and budgetary purposes.

(j) Consult with District staff should the needs arise to defend the cost allocation plan because of audits or other external challenges.

(k) Recommend other tasks deemed appropriate to achieve the objectives of this task.

(l) Evaluation of the proposals will be based on qualifications, the experience of staff proposed to be assigned to the project, references and thoroughness of the Proposers' response to the Scope of Work.

(m) Recommend potential new fees and charges for services that the District currently provides but does not have any fees and/or charges established.

PROPOSAL CONTENT

Interested and qualified firms are requested to submit three copies of a written proposal as well as one electronic searchable PDF file and an Excel file for all tables presented in the PDF no later than 5:00 p.m. on the date set forth above. It is the Proposer's responsibility to ensure that proposals are submitted and received in a timely manner. The submittal materials shall provide the following information:

(n) Firm name, address, telephone number and website, and principal contact name, telephone number and e-mail address.

(o) Brief description of the firm and a statement of the firm's qualifications to perform the requested services.

(p) Name of the principal staff persons who will be primarily responsible for providing services to the District and their resume and qualifications.

(q) Explanation of the firm's experience in providing the requested services. Include the client, type of work, project start and completion dates, project name, and project size.

(r) List of three (3) client references, including name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, along with a brief description of the services provided to the client, and dates of service.

(s) Description of the firm's proposed fees, costs and charges, including an explanation of what services will be provided on an hourly rate, flat rate, fixed retainer or other basis. Explain how often the District will be invoiced for services. Explain what costs would be charged to the District and the firm's policy for billing fees and costs relating to travel.

(t) Description of the firm's general liability, automobile liability and professional liability insurance coverages. The successful firm will need to provide proof of insurance satisfactory to the District.

Proposals shall be addressed and delivered to:

Tom Hennig
P.O. BOX 1050
Rancho Murieta, CA 95683
Email: thennig@rmcsd.com
Phone: 916 354 3708

Questions regarding this request for proposals may be directed to Tom Hennig at the above address or thennig@rmcsd.com or 916 354 3708.

4. EVALUATION AND SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROCESS

The District will review all submitted proposals and evaluate them against the following selection criteria:

- (a) Understanding of the Scope of Work required by the District
- (b) Quality, clarity and responsiveness of the proposal
- (c) Demonstrated competence and professional qualifications necessary for successfully performing the work required by the District
- (d) Recent experience in successfully performing similar services
- (e) Proposed approach and methodology in completing the work
- (f) References
- (g) Background and related experience of the specific individuals to be assigned to this project
- (h) Proposed compensation

The District may schedule interviews with selected firms or it may select based on the written submittal materials. Interviews may be conducted in person or telephonically.

Proposals will be reviewed and considered by the District Board of Directors, based on a recommendation from District staff. Contract award, if any, will be on the basis of the selection criteria set forth above. Proposal price alone will not be the determinative criterion. If the Board decides to proceed with retaining a firm, the District will enter into contract negotiations with the selected firm. The contract will be based on the District's standard form of services contract (Attachment A). Any exceptions to the standard form of service contract should be detailed in the proposal. The selected firm will be expected to begin work without delay.

5. GENERAL CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

- (a) The District reserves the right to conduct contract negotiations with any firm (whether or not it has submitted a proposal), to verify the information in any proposal, to waive any informality in the process, to alter the selection process in any way, to request additional information or clarifications, to allow corrections of errors or

omissions, to revise the scope of services and work, to extend the deadline for submission, to withdraw this request for proposals at any time without prior notice, to reject any and all proposals, and to decide whether or not to contract with any firm.

(b) The District makes no representation that any contract will be awarded to any firm responding to this request. Nothing in this request for proposals shall be construed to obligate the District to negotiate or enter into a contract with any particular firm. This request for proposals is not an offer to contract.

(c) All costs of response and proposal preparation shall be borne by the Proposer. The District shall not be liable for any pre-contractual expenses incurred by the Proposer, including any time and costs associated with the preparation and submission of the proposal and any interview.

(d) All submitted proposals shall become the property of the District. The District shall have the right to copy, publicly review and discuss, retain and dispose of each proposal. All responses received by the District will be considered public records subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act.

(e) Proposals (three copies) must be submitted in writing as well as one electronic searchable PDF file and an Excel file for all tables presented in the PDF. Please be succinct. Unnecessarily elaborate or lengthy responses or other presentations beyond those needed to give sufficient and clear response to the request for proposals requirements are not desired. Proposals generally should not exceed ten (10) pages.

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Rancho Murieta Community Services District Services Agreement

This Agreement is entered into as of the date last signed and dated below by and between Rancho Murieta Community Services District, a local government agency (“District”), and

_____, a _____ *[Insert type and jurisdiction of entity]* (“Contractor”), who agree as follows:

1 Scope of Work

Contractor shall perform the work and render the services described in the attached Exhibit A (the “Work”). Contractor shall provide all labor, services, equipment, tools, material and supplies required or necessary to properly, competently and completely perform the Work. Contractor shall determine the method, details and means of doing the Work.

2 Payment

2.1 District shall pay to Contractor a fee based on *[check one]*:

___ Contractor’s time and expenses necessarily and actually expended or incurred on the Work in accordance with Contractor’s fee schedule on the attached Exhibit A.

___ The fee arrangement described on the attached Exhibit A.

The total fee for the Work shall not exceed \$_____ *[delete this sentence if not applicable]*. There shall be no compensation for extra or additional work or services by Contractor unless approved in advance in writing by District. Contractor’s fee includes all of Contractor’s costs and expenses related to the Work.

2.2 At the end of each month, Contractor shall submit to District an invoice for the Work performed during the preceding month. The invoice shall include a brief description of the Work performed, the dates of Work, number of hours worked and by whom (if payment is based on time), payment due, and an itemization of any reimbursable expenditures. If the Work is satisfactorily completed and the invoice is accurately computed, District shall pay the invoice within 30 days of its receipt.

3 Term

3.1 This Agreement shall take effect on the above date and continue in effect until completion of the Work, unless sooner terminated as provided below. Time is of the essence in this Agreement. If Exhibit A includes a Work schedule or deadline, then Contractor must complete the Work in accordance with the specified schedule or deadline, which may be extended by District for good cause shown by Contractor. If Exhibit A does not include a Work schedule or deadline, then Contractor must perform the Work diligently and as expeditiously as possible, consistent with the professional skill and care appropriate for the orderly progress of the Work.

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3.2 This Agreement may be terminated at any time by District upon 10 days advance written notice to Contractor. In the event of such termination, Contractor shall be fairly compensated for all work performed to the date of termination as calculated by District based on the above fee and payment provisions. Compensation under this section shall not include any termination-related expenses, cancellation or demobilization charges, or lost profit associated with the expected completion of the Work or other such similar payments relating to Contractor's claimed benefit of the bargain.

4 Professional Ability of Contractor

4.1 Contractor represents that it is specially trained and experienced, and possesses the skill, ability, knowledge and certification, to competently perform the Work provided by this Agreement. District has relied upon Contractor's training, experience, skill, ability, knowledge and certification as a material inducement to enter into this Agreement. All Work performed by Contractor shall be in accordance with applicable legal requirements and meet the standard of care and quality ordinarily to be expected of competent professionals in Contractor's field.

[The paragraphs in section 4.2 can be replaced with "Intentionally omitted" if the District is not requiring the Contractor to designate key personnel.]

4.2 The following individuals are designated as key personnel and are considered to be essential to the successful performance of the work hereunder: ***[Describe Contractor's key personnel by name or by reference, e.g. the individuals whose resumes are included in Exhibit A.]*** Contractor agrees that these individuals may not be removed from the Work or replaced without compliance with the following sections:

4.2.1 If one or more of the key personnel, for whatever reason, becomes, or is expected to become, unavailable for work under this contract for a continuous period exceeding 30 work days, or is expected to devote substantially less effort to the work than indicated in the proposal or initially anticipated, Contractor shall immediately notify District and shall, subject to District's concurrence, promptly replace the personnel with personnel of at least substantially equal ability and qualifications.

4.2.2 Each request for approval of substitutions must be in writing and contain a detailed explanation of the circumstances necessitating the proposed substitutions. The request must also contain a complete resume for the proposed substitute and other information requested or needed by District to evaluate the proposed substitution. District shall evaluate Contractor's request and District shall promptly notify Contractor of its decision in writing.

5 Conflict of Interest

Contractor (including principals, associates and professional employees) represents and acknowledges that (a) it does not now have and shall not acquire any direct or indirect investment, interest in real property or source of income that would be affected in any manner or degree by the performance of Contractor's services under this agreement, and (b) no person having any such interest shall perform any portion of the Work. The parties agree that Contractor is not a designated employee within the meaning of the Political Reform Act and District's conflict of interest code because Contractor will perform the Work independent

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of the control and direction of the District or of any District official, other than normal contract monitoring, and Contractor possesses no authority with respect to any District decision beyond the rendition of information, advice, recommendation or counsel.

6 Contractor Records

6.1 Contractor shall keep and maintain all ledgers, books of account, invoices, vouchers, canceled checks, and other records and documents evidencing or relating to the Work and invoice preparation and support for a minimum period of three years (or for any longer period required by law) from the date of final payment to Contractor under this Agreement. District may inspect and audit such books and records, including source documents, to verify all charges, payments and reimbursable costs under this Agreement.

6.2 In accordance with California Government Code section 8546.7, the parties acknowledge that this Agreement, and performance and payments under it, are subject to examination and audit by the California State Auditor for three years following final payment under the Agreement.

7 Ownership of Documents

All works of authorship and every report, study, spreadsheet, worksheet, plan, design, blueprint, specification, drawing, map, photograph, computer model, computer disk, magnetic tape, CAD data file, computer software and any other document or thing prepared, developed or created by Contractor under this Agreement and provided to District (“Work Product”) shall be the property of District, and District shall have the rights to use, modify, reuse, reproduce, publish, display, broadcast and distribute the Work Product and to prepare derivative and additional documents or works based on the Work Product without further compensation to Contractor or any other party. Contractor may retain a copy of any Work Product and use, reproduce, publish, display, broadcast and distribute any Work Product and prepare derivative and additional documents or works based on any Work Product; provided, however, that Contractor shall not provide any Work Product to any third party without District’s prior written approval, unless compelled to do so by legal process. If any Work Product is copyrightable, Contractor may copyright the same, except that, as to any Work Product that is copyrighted by Contractor, District reserves a royalty-free, nonexclusive and irrevocable license to use, reuse, reproduce, publish, display, broadcast and distribute the Work Product and to prepare derivative and additional documents or works based on the Work Product. If District reuses or modifies any Work Product for a use or purpose other than that intended by the scope of work under this Agreement, then District shall hold Contractor harmless against all claims, damages, losses and expenses arising from such reuse or modification. For any Work Product provided to District in paper format, upon request by District at any time (including, but not limited to, at expiration or termination of this Agreement), Contractor agrees to provide the Work Product to District in a readable, transferable and usable electronic format generally acknowledged as being an industry-standard format for information exchange between computers (e.g., Word file, Excel spreadsheet file, AutoCAD file).

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8 Confidentiality of Information

[The paragraphs in this section can be replaced with the phrase “Intentionally omitted” if the District will not provide any confidential information to the Contractor.]

8.1 Contractor shall keep in strict confidence all confidential, privileged, trade secret, and proprietary information, data and other materials in any format generated, used or obtained by the District or created by Contractor in connection with the performance of the Work under this Agreement (the “Confidential Material”). Contractor shall not use any Confidential Material for any purpose other than the performance of the Work under this Agreement, unless otherwise authorized in writing by District. Contractor also shall not disclose any Confidential Material to any person or entity not connected with the performance of the Work under this Agreement, unless otherwise authorized in advance in writing by District. If there is a question if Confidential Material is protected from disclosure or is a public record or in the public domain, the party considering disclosure of such materials shall consult with the other party concerning the proposed disclosure.

8.2 Contractor, and its officers, employees, agents, and subcontractors, shall at all times take all steps that are necessary to protect and preserve all Confidential Material. At no time shall Contractor, or its officers, employees, agents, or subcontractors in any manner, either directly or indirectly, use for personal benefit or divulge, disclose, or communicate in any manner, any Confidential Material to any person or entity unless specifically authorized in writing by the District or by order of a court or regulatory entity with jurisdiction over the matter. Contractor, and its officers, employees, agents, and subcontractors shall protect the Confidential Material and treat it as strictly confidential in accordance with applicable law, District policies and directives, and best industry security practices and standards.

8.3 If any person or entity, other than District or Contractor, requests or demands, by subpoena, discovery request, California Public Records Act request or otherwise, Confidential Material or its contents, the party to whom the request is made will immediately notify the other party, so that the parties may collectively consider appropriate steps to protect the disclosure of those materials. The parties agree to take all steps reasonably necessary to preserve the confidential and privileged nature of the Confidential Material and its content. In the event that the parties cannot agree whether to oppose or comply with a disclosure demand, the opposing party may oppose the demand at its sole cost and expense, in which event the party favoring disclosure will refrain from disclosing the demanded Confidential Material until such time as a final agreement regarding disclosure is reached or, if an agreement is not reached, a judicial determination is made concerning the demand.

8.4 Unless otherwise directed in writing by the District, upon contract completion or termination, Contractor must destroy all Confidential Materials (written, printed and/or electronic) and shall provide a written statement to the District that such materials have been destroyed.

9 Compliance with Laws

9.1 General. Contractor shall perform the Work in compliance with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations. Contractor shall possess, maintain and comply with all federal, state and local permits, licenses and certificates that may be required for it to perform the Work. Contractor shall comply with all federal, state and local air pollution

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control laws and regulations applicable to the Contractor and its Work (as required by California Code of Regulations title 13, section 2022.1). Contractor shall be responsible for the safety of its workers and Contractor shall comply with applicable federal and state worker safety-related laws and regulations.

9.2 California Labor Code Compliance for Pre- and Post-Construction Related Work and Maintenance.

9.2.1 This section 9.2 applies if the Work includes either of the following:

9.2.1.1 Labor performed during the design and pre-construction phases of construction, including, but not limited to, inspection and land surveying work, and labor performed during the post-construction phases of construction, including, but not limited to, cleanup work at the jobsite. (See California Labor Code section 1720(a).) If the Work includes some labor as described in the preceding sentence and other labor that is not, then this section 9.2 applies only to workers performing the pre-construction and post-construction work.

9.2.1.2 “Maintenance” work, which means (i) routine, recurring and usual work for the preservation, protection and keeping of any District facility, plant, building, structure, utility system or other property (“District Facility”) in a safe and continually usable condition, (ii) carpentry, electrical, plumbing, glazing, touchup painting, and other craft work designed to preserve any District Facility in a safe, efficient and continuously usable condition, including repairs, cleaning and other operations on District machinery and equipment, and (iii) landscape maintenance. “Maintenance” excludes (i) janitorial or custodial services of a routine, recurring or usual nature, and (ii) security, guard or other protection-related services. (See California Labor Code section 1771 and 8 California Code of Regulations section 16000.) If the Work includes some “maintenance” work and other work that is not “maintenance,” then this section 9.2 applies only to workers performing the “maintenance” work.

9.2.2 Contractor shall comply with the California Labor Code provisions concerning payment of prevailing wage rates, penalties, employment of apprentices, hours of work and overtime, keeping and retention of payroll records, and other requirements applicable to public works as may be required by the Labor Code and applicable state regulations. (See California Labor Code division 2, part 7, chapter 1 (sections 1720-1861), which is incorporated in this Agreement by this reference.) The state-approved prevailing rates of per diem wages are available at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/oprl/DPreWageDetermination.htm>. Contractor also shall comply with Labor Code sections 1775 and 1813, including provisions that require Contractor to (a) forfeit as a penalty to District up to \$200 for each calendar day or portion thereof for each worker (whether employed by Contractor or any subcontractor) paid less than the applicable prevailing wage rates for any labor done under this Agreement in violation of the Labor Code, (b) pay to each worker the difference between the prevailing wage rate and the amount paid to each worker for each calendar day or portion thereof for which the worker was paid less than the prevailing wage, and (c) forfeit as a penalty to District the sum of \$25 for each worker (whether employed by Contractor or any subcontractor) for each calendar day during which the worker is required or permitted to work more than 8 hours in any one day and 40 hours in any one calendar week in violation of Labor Code sections 1810 through 1815.

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9.2.3 If the Work includes labor during pre- or post-construction phases as defined in section 9.2.1.1 above and the amount of the fee payable to Contractor under section 2 of this Agreement exceeds \$25,000, Contractor must be registered and qualified to perform public work with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant section 1725.5 of the Labor Code.

Contractor's Public Works Contractor Registration Number: _____

9.2.4 If the Work includes maintenance as defined in section 9.2.1.2 above and the amount of the fee payable to Contractor under section 2 of this Agreement exceeds \$15,000, Contractor must be registered and qualified to perform public work with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant section 1725.5 of the Labor Code.

Contractor's Public Works Contractor Registration Number: _____

d. *[This paragraph may be replaced with "Intentionally omitted" if the Work is not subject to a grant or loan agreement]* Contractor may perform some of the Work pursuant to funding provided to the District by various federal and/or state grant and/or loan agreement(s) that impose certain funding conditions on District and its sub-recipients (the "Funding Conditions"). For any such Work, if District informs Contractor about the Funding Conditions, then Contractor agrees to determine, comply with and be subject to the Funding Conditions that apply to District's Contractors and contractors performing the Work, including, but not limited to, provisions concerning record keeping, retention and inspection, audits, state or federal government's right to inspect Contractor's work, nondiscrimination, workers' compensation insurance, drug-free workplace certification, and, compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and related State laws.

10 Indemnification.

10.1 Contractor shall indemnify, defend, protect, and hold harmless District, and its officers, employees and agents ("Indemnitees") from and against any claims, liability, losses, damages and expenses (including attorney, expert witness and Contractor fees, and litigation costs) (collectively a "Claim") that arise out of, pertain to, or relate to the negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct of Contractor or its employees, agents or subcontractors. The duty to indemnify, including the duty and the cost to defend, is limited as provided in this section. However, this indemnity provision will not apply to any Claim arising from the sole negligence or willful misconduct of District or its employees or agents. Contractor's obligations under this indemnification provision shall survive the termination of, or completion of Work under, this Agreement.

10.2 This section 10.2 applies if the Contractor is a "design professional" as that term is defined in Civil Code section 2782.8. If a court or arbitrator determines that the incident or occurrence that gave rise to the Claim was partially caused by the fault of an Indemnitee, then in no event shall Contractor's total costs incurred pursuant to its duty to defend Indemnitees exceed Contractor's proportionate percentage of fault as determined by a final judgment of a court or final decision of arbitrator.

11 Insurance

Types & Limits. Contractor at its sole cost and expense shall procure and maintain

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for the duration of this Agreement the following types and limits of insurance: *[The general liability and automobile coverage limits may be adjusted depending on the Work's overall risks, cost and complexity.]*

<i>Type</i>	<i>Limits</i>	<i>Scope</i>
Commercial general liability	\$2,000,000 per occurrence & \$5,000,000 aggregate	at least as broad as ISO CG 0001
Automobile liability	\$2,000,000 per accident	at least as broad as ISO CA 0001, code 1 (any auto)
Workers' compensation	Statutory limits	
Employers' liability	\$1,000,000 per accident	
Professional liability*	\$1,000,000 per claim	

*Required only if Contractor is a licensed engineer, land surveyor, geologist, architect, doctor or attorney.

11.1 Other Requirements. The general and automobile liability policy(ies) shall be endorsed to name District, its officers, employees, volunteers and agents as additional insureds regarding liability arising out of the Work. Contractor's coverage shall be primary and apply separately to each insurer against whom claim is made or suit is brought, except with respect to the limits of the insurer's liability. District's insurance or self-insurance, if any, shall be excess and shall not contribute with Contractor's insurance. Each insurance policy shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be canceled, except after 30 days (10 days for non-payment of premium) prior written notice to District. Insurance is to be placed with admitted insurers with a current A.M. Best's rating of A-:VII or better unless otherwise acceptable to District. Workers' compensation insurance issued by the State Compensation Insurance Fund is acceptable. Contractor agrees to waive subrogation that any insurer may acquire from Contractor by virtue of the payment of any loss relating to the Work. Contractor agrees to obtain any endorsement that may be necessary to implement this subrogation waiver. The workers' compensation policy must be endorsed to contain a subrogation waiver in favor of District for the Work performed by Contractor.

11.2 Proof of Insurance. Upon request, Contractor shall provide to District the following proof of insurance: (a) certificate(s) of insurance evidencing this insurance; and (b) endorsement(s) on ISO Form CG 2010 (or insurer's equivalent), signed by a person authorized to bind coverage on behalf of the insurer(s), and certifying the additional insured coverage.

12 General Provisions

12.1 **Entire Agreement; Amendment.** The parties intend this writing to be the sole, final, complete, exclusive and integrated expression and statement of the terms of their contract concerning the Work. This Agreement supersedes all prior oral or written negotiations, representations, contracts or other documents that may be related to the Work, except those other documents (if any) that are expressly referenced in this Agreement. This Agreement may be amended only by a subsequent written contract approved and signed by both parties.

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12.2 **Independent Contractor.** Contractor's relationship to District is that of an independent contractor. All persons hired by Contractor and performing the Work shall be Contractor's employees or agents. Contractor and its officers, employees and agents are not District employees, and they are not entitled to District employment salary, wages or benefits. Contractor shall pay, and District shall not be responsible in any way for, the salary, wages, workers' compensation, unemployment insurance, disability insurance, tax withholding, and benefits to and on behalf of Contractor's employees. Contractor shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law, indemnify District, and its officers, employees, volunteers and agents from and against any and all liability, penalties, expenses and costs resulting from any adverse determination by the federal Internal Revenue Service, California Franchise Tax Board, other federal or state agency, or court concerning Contractor's independent contractor status or employment-related liability.

12.3 **Subcontractors.** No subcontract shall be awarded nor any subcontractor engaged by Contractor without District's prior written approval. Contractor shall be responsible for requiring and confirming that each approved subcontractor meets the minimum insurance requirements specified in section 11 of this Agreement. Any approved subcontractor shall obtain the required insurance coverages and provide proof of same to District in the manner provided in section 11 of this Agreement.

12.4 **Assignment.** This Agreement and all rights and obligations under it are personal to the parties. The Agreement may not be transferred, assigned, delegated or subcontracted in whole or in part, whether by assignment, subcontract, merger, operation of law or otherwise, by either party without the prior written consent of the other party. Any transfer, assignment, delegation, or subcontract in violation of this provision is null and void and grounds for the other party to terminate the Agreement.

12.5 **No Waiver of Rights.** Any waiver at any time by either party of its rights as to a breach or default of this Agreement shall not be deemed to be a waiver as to any other breach or default. No payment by District to Contractor shall be considered or construed to be an approval or acceptance of any Work or a waiver of any breach or default.

12.6 **Severability.** If any part of this Agreement is held to be void, invalid, illegal or unenforceable, then the remaining parts will continue in full force and effect and be fully binding, provided that each party still receives the benefits of this Agreement.

12.7 **Governing Law and Venue.** This Agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California. The county and federal district court where District's office is located shall be venue for any state and federal court litigation concerning the enforcement or construction of this Agreement.

12.8 **Notice.** Any notice, demand, invoice or other communication required or permitted to be given under this Agreement must be in writing and delivered either (a) in person, (b) by prepaid, first class U.S. mail, (c) by a nationally-recognized commercial overnight courier service that guarantees next day delivery and provides a receipt, or (d) by email with confirmed receipt. Such notices, etc. shall be addressed as follows:

District:

Rancho Murieta Community Services District

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Attn: _____
Rancho Murieta Community Services District, 15160 Jackson Road, Rancho Murieta,
CA 95683

E-mail: _____

Contractor:

Attn: _____

E-mail: _____

Notice given as above will be deemed given (a) when delivered in person, (b) three days after deposited in prepaid, first class U.S. mail, (c) on the date of delivery as shown on the overnight courier service receipt, or (d) upon the sender's receipt of an email from the other party confirming the delivery of the notice, etc. Any party may change its contact information by notifying the other party of the change in the manner provided above.

12.9 **Signature Authority.** Each party warrants that the person signing this Agreement is authorized to act on behalf of the party for whom that person signs. The Parties may execute and deliver this Agreement and documents necessary to perform it, including task orders and amendments, in any number of original or facsimile counterparts. When each Party has signed and delivered at least one counterpart to the other Party, each counterpart shall be deemed an original and, taken together, the counterparts shall constitute one and the same document, which shall be binding and effective.

Rancho Murieta Community Services District:

Dated: _____

By: _____

[Name]

[Title]

[Name of Contractor]:

Dated: _____

By: _____

[Name/Title]