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IT IS HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT

This Construction Agreement ("Agreement" or "Contract") is made effective this April 7, 2026 ("Agreement Date") by and between the San Bernardino County ("County") and Sukut Construction, LLC ("Contractor") for the construction of the Unit 4 Phase 2 Composite Liner Construction Project at the Mid-Valley Sanitary Landfill ("Project").

ARTICLE I

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS AND INTERPRETATION

1.1 DEFINITIONS

The meanings of all capitalized terms used in the Contract Documents and not otherwise defined herein are contained in the General Conditions. If not defined in the General Conditions, they shall have the meaning assigned to them elsewhere in the Contract Documents. If not defined in the General Conditions or elsewhere,

they shall have the meanings reasonably understood to apply to them by the context of the portion of the Contract Documents where such terms are used.

1.2 CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

The "Contract Documents" except for modifications issued after execution of this Agreement, consist of the following documents, all of which are either attached hereto as exhibits or are incorporated herein by this reference:

- 1.2.1 Advertisement For Bids (Project No. PWG126-SOLID-6182), dated December 9 and December 16, 2026.
- 1.2.2 Bidder's Proposal, dated February 10, 2026.
- 1.2.3 General Conditions
- 1.2.4 Performance Bond
- 1.2.5 Labor and Material Bond
- 1.2.6 Special Conditions
- 1.2.7 Bid documents entitled "Unit 4 Phase 2 Composite Liner Construction Project at the Mid-Valley Sanitary Landfill".
- 1.2.8 Specifications, entitled "Unit 4 Phase 2 Composite Liner Construction Project at the Mid-Valley Sanitary Landfill".
- 1.2.9 Drawings, entitled "Unit 4 Phase 2 Composite Liner Construction Project at the Mid-Valley Sanitary Landfill".
- 1.2.10 Addendum No. 1, dated January 13, 2026.
- 1.2.11 Addendum No. 2, dated January 21, 2026.
- 1.2.12 Addendum No. 3, dated January 26, 2026.
- 1.2.13 Addendum No. 4, dated January 29, 2026.
- 1.2.14 Certified copy of the record of action of the Board of Supervisors, on behalf of San Bernardino County.

1.3 ENTIRE AGREEMENT

The Contract Documents represent the entire and integrated agreement between County and Contractor, all other representations or statements, whether verbal or written, are merged herein. The Agreement may be amended only by written modification. The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors, or its authorized designee, must approve any amendment to this Agreement.

ARTICLE II THE WORK

2.1 SCOPE OF WORK

2.1.1 Contractor will furnish all supervision, materials, labor, tools, equipment, apparatus, facilities, transportation, construction, landscaping, clean-up, incidentals, and all other construction services of any type necessary to complete all Work in strict conformity with the Contract Documents. Except concerning any material to be provided and/or installed by the County, the Contractor shall fully commission and turn over a completely operational and fully functional Project to the County. Without limiting the generality of this Section, the Contractor shall provide the following Work and services:

a. Contractor shall provide, install and complete as specified and pay for all supervision, labor, materials and equipment, tools, supplies, construction equipment and machinery, construction, start-up and testing, utilities, transportation, incidentals, and other facilities and services (including any temporary materials, equipment, supplies and facilities) necessary for the proper execution and completion of the complete, operational, and fully functional Project, including the permanent interconnection for electricity, natural gas, water supply, and any other utilities and demonstration of fully satisfactory operation of all systems and equipment. The County will pay connection fees directly to the utilities for all permanent water and electrical connections.

b. Contractor shall supervise and direct the Work, and shall furnish the services of all supervisors, forepersons, skilled and unskilled labor, and all other personnel necessary to construct the complete, operational, and fully functional Project. Contractor shall provide, manage and organize such personnel as necessary to complete the Work in accordance with all requirements of the Contract Documents.

c. Contractor shall obtain, at Contractor's expense, all governmental and private approvals, permits and licenses, required to complete the Work; provided, however, County will be responsible for paying the cost of all County imposed fees necessary for the Project. Contractor shall construct a complete, operational, and fully functional Project in full compliance with all Applicable Laws, codes and standards (both public and private), including but not limited to, the standards included, and warranties expressed in the Contract Documents and manufacturer's recommendations pertaining to individual items of equipment or systems.

d. When transporting new bridge materials to the project site, the contractor must consider the site's unique limitations. These limitations entail restricted access and a specific weight limit that must be adhered to in transportation. As such, the contractor must ensure that the chosen transportation method and the materials' weight do not exceed the site's constraints. By doing so, the contractor can ensure a smooth and efficient delivery of the new bridge materials to the project site. Please refer to Section G – Bridge Info and Photos for further information on the site access.

2.2 STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE

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

2.2.1 Comply with the requirements of the Contract Documents;

2.2.2 Comply with Applicable Laws;

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

2.2.4 Furnish efficient business administration of the Work, utilizing senior level management and other qualified personnel to manage the Work; and

2.2.5 Apply its best and highest skill and attention to completing the Work in an expeditious and economical manner, consistent with the express best interests of the County and within the limitations of the Contract Sum and Contract Time.

ARTICLE III TIME FOR PERFORMANCE

3.1 CONTRACT TIME

The Date of Commencement of the Work shall be fixed in a Notice to Proceed issued by the County. If County's issuance of a Notice to Proceed is delayed due to Contractor's failure to provide insurance documents or bonds within ten (10) calendar days after the date of award of the Contract by the Board of Supervisors or Chief Executive Officer, one (1) calendar day will be deducted from the number of days to achieve Final Completion of the Work for every day of delay in County's receipt of such documents. This right is in addition to and does not affect County's right to demand forfeiture of Contractor's Bid Security, or any other rights or remedies available to County if Contractor persistently delays in providing the required documentation. Contractor agrees to promptly commence the Work after the Notice to Proceed is issued by the County and to achieve Final Completion of the entire Work within **THREE HUNDRED (300) WORKING DAYS** after the Date of Commencement ("Contract Time"). The Contract Time may be extended only by the written authorization of the County. In addition, the Contractor shall complete the following Project Milestone within the following specified number of Working Days from the date of the NTP:

1. Complete Scope of Work of the "Unit 4 Phase 2 Construction Project at the Mid-Valley Sanitary Landfill" within **THREE HUNDRED (300) WORKING DAYS** from NTP;
2. Gain Beneficial Occupancy of Sequence 1 of the "Unit 4 Phase 2 Construction Project at the Mid-Valley Sanitary Landfill" within **ONE HUNDRED (100) WORKING DAYS** from NTP.
3. Gain Beneficial Occupancy of Sequence 2A of the "Unit 4 Phase 2 Construction Project at the Mid-Valley Sanitary Landfill" within **TWO HUNDRED (200) WORKING DAYS** from NTP.
4. Gain Beneficial Occupancy of Sequence 2B and Sequence 3 of the "Unit 4 Phase 2 Construction Project at the Mid-Valley Sanitary Landfill" within **THREE HUNDRED (300) WORKING DAYS** from NTP.

3.2 LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

3.2.1 County and Contractor recognize that time is of the essence in this Agreement and that the County may suffer financial loss, including but not limited to, the loss of grant funds, additional contract administration expenses, and loss of public use if the Work is not completed within the Contract Time, including any extensions thereof allowed in accordance with the Contract Documents.

3.2.2 Contractor and County agree to liquidated damages with respect to Contractor's failure to achieve Final Completion of the Work within the Contract Time. The Parties intend for the liquidated damages set forth herein to apply to this Contract as set forth in Government Code Section 53069.85. The contractor acknowledges and agrees that the liquidated damages are intended to compensate the County solely for the Contractor's failure to meet the deadline for Final Completion and shall not excuse the Contractor from liability for any other breach, including any failure of the Work to conform to the requirements of the Contract Documents.

3.2.3 If the Contractor fails to achieve Final Completion of the Work within the Contract Time, in accordance with Government Code Section 53069.85, the Contractor agrees to forfeit and pay to County the sum of **SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$6,000) PER DAY** for each calendar day that completion of the project is delayed beyond the specified 300 working days.

3.2.4 Contractor acknowledges and agrees that the foregoing liquidated damages have been set based on an evaluation by County of damages that it will incur in the event of the late completion of the Work. Contractor and County agree that because of the nature of the Project it would be impractical or extremely difficult to fix the amount of actual damages incurred by the County due to a delay in completion of the Work. Accordingly, the County and Contractor have agreed to such liquidated damages to fix Contractor's costs and to avoid later disputes. It is understood and agreed by Contractor that any liquidated damages payable pursuant to this Agreement are not a penalty and that such amounts are not manifestly unreasonable under the circumstances existing as of the effective date of this Agreement.

3.2.5 It is further mutually agreed that County shall have the right to deduct liquidated damages against progress payments or retainage and that the County will issue a unilateral Construction Change Directive and reduce the Contract Sum accordingly. In the event the remaining unpaid Contract Sum is insufficient to cover the full amount of liquidated damages, Contractor shall pay the difference to County.

ARTICLE IV CONTRACT SUM

4.1 CONTRACT SUM

4.1.1 Total Compensation. County shall pay the Contractor, and Contractor agrees to accept, in current funds for the Contractor's complete performance of the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents the Contract Sum of: \$33,991,006.

4.1.2 All Inclusive Price. The Contract Sum, subject to additions and deductions, is the total amount payable by County to Contractor for performance of the Work under the Contract Documents and is deemed to cover all costs arising out of or related to the performance of the Work, including, without limitation, the effects of natural elements upon the Work, unforeseen difficulties or obstructions affecting the performance of the Work (including, without limitation, unforeseen conditions at the Site that do not constitute Differing Site Conditions) and fluctuations in market conditions and price escalations (whether occurring locally, nationally or internationally) from any cause, including, without limitation, causes beyond the control or foreseeability of the Contractor.

4.2 RETENTION

Payment shall not be made more often than once each thirty (30) days, nor shall the amount paid be in excess of ninety-five percent (95%) of the Contract Sum at the time of Final Completion. Applications for Payment shall not be deemed properly completed unless certified payrolls and any other mandatory submittals have been properly completed and submitted for each week worked during the time period covered by said payment request. Final payment is to be made sixty (60) days subsequent to the filing of Notice of Completion. Contractor may, upon Contractor's written request, and approved by the Board of Supervisors, at Contractor's expense, deposit substitute securities, as stated in Government Code Section 16430, and as authorized by Public Contract Code 22300, in lieu of retention monies withheld to ensure performance.

4.3 PAYMENT BY ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFER

Contractor shall accept all payments from County via electronic funds transfer (EFT) directly deposited into the Contractor's designated checking or other bank account. Contractor shall promptly comply with directions and accurately complete forms provided by County required to process EFT payments.

ARTICLE V
BONDS, INDEMNITY AND INSURANCE

5.1 BONDS

Contractor will furnish a Labor and Material Payment Bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Sum, and a Performance Bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Sum. The Bonds must comply with all requirements in the Contract Documents, be on County approved bond forms, and be secured from a surety company satisfactory to the County within ten (10) calendar days of the award of the Contract. The Bonds shall remain in full force and effect for a period of one (1) year following the date of filing of the Notice of Completion. The Performance Bond shall name the County as beneficiary under the bond.

5.2 INDEMNIFICATION

To the fullest extent possible permitted by law, Contractor assumes liability for and agrees, at the Contractor's sole cost and expense, to promptly and fully indemnify, defend (with counsel reasonably approved by the County (even if the allegations are false, fraudulent, or groundless), and hold harmless the County, the County and their authorized officers, employees, agents and volunteers (Indemnitees) from and against any and all claims (including claims against the County seeking compensation for labor performed or materials used or furnished to be used in the work or alleged to have been furnished on the project, including all incidental or consequential damages resulting to the County from such claims), allegations, actions, suits, arbitrations, administrative proceedings, regulatory proceedings, or other legal proceedings, demands, losses, costs, damages, judgments, liens, stop notices, penalties, anticipated losses of revenue and/or liability, and expenses (including, but not limited to, any fees of accountants, attorneys, experts or other professionals, or investigation expenses) arising out of, resulting from, or in any way (either directly or indirectly) related to the contract, the work, the project or any breach of the Contract by Contractor (or any of its officers, agents, employees, subcontractors, or any person performing any of the work, or from any cause whatsoever, including the acts, errors or omissions of any person and for any costs or expenses incurred by the Indemnitees on account of any claim except where such indemnification is prohibited by law. This indemnification provision shall apply regardless of the existence or degree of fault of indemnitees. The Contractor's indemnification obligation applies to the Indemnitee's "passive" negligence but does not apply to the Indemnitee's "sole" or "active" negligence or "willful misconduct" within the meaning of Civil Code section 2782 provided such "active" negligence or "willful misconduct" is determined by agreement of the parties or by findings of a court. In instances where an Indemnitee's "active" negligence accounts for only a percentage of the liability for the claim involved, the obligation of the Contractor will be for that entire percentage of liability for the claim not attributable to the "active" negligence or "willful misconduct" of the Indemnitees. The County shall be consulted with regard to any proposed settlement.

The duty of the Contractor to indemnify and hold harmless the Indemnitees includes the separate and independent duty to defend the Indemnitees, which duty arises immediately upon receipt by Contractor of the tender of any claim from the County. The Contractor's obligation to defend the County shall be at Contractor's sole expense, and not be excused because of the Contractor's inability to evaluate liability or because the Contractor evaluates liability and determines that the Contractor is not liable. The duty to defend shall apply whether or not a claim has merit or is meritless, or which involves claims or allegations that any or all of the Indemnitees were actively, passively, or concurrently negligent, or which otherwise asserts that the Indemnitees are responsible, in whole or in part, for any claim. The Contractor shall respond within thirty (30) calendar days to the tender of any claim for defense and/or indemnity by the County, unless the County agree in writing to an extension of this time. The defense provided to the Indemnitees by Contractor shall be by well qualified, adequately insured, and experienced legal counsel acceptable to the County Counsel.

It is the intent of the parties to the Contract that the Contractor and its subcontractors of all tiers shall provide the Indemnitees with the broadest defense and indemnity permitted by law. In the event that any of the defense, indemnity, or hold harmless provisions are found to be ambiguous, or in conflict with one another, it is the parties' intent that the broadest and most expansive interpretation in favor of providing defense and/or indemnity to the Indemnitees be given effect.

Contractor shall ensure, by written subcontract agreement, that each of Contractor's subcontractors of every tier shall protect, defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Indemnitees with respect to all claims arising out, in connection with, or in any way related to each such subcontractor's work in the same manner in which Contractor is required to protect, defend, indemnify, and hold the Indemnitees harmless. In the event Contractor fails to obtain such defense and indemnity obligations from its subcontractors as required herein, Contractor agrees to be fully responsible to the Indemnitees according to the terms of this Section.

Contractor's indemnification and defense obligations set for in this Section are separate and independent from the insurance requirements and do not limit, in any way, the applicability, scope, or obligations set forth in such insurance requirements. The purchase of insurance by the Contractor with respect to the obligations required herein shall in no event be construed as fulfillment or discharge of such obligations.

Contractor's obligations under this Section are binding on Contractor's and its subcontractors' successors, heirs and assigns and shall survive the completion of the work or termination of the Contractor's performance of the work.

5.3 INSURANCE

The Contractor agrees to provide insurance set forth in accordance with the requirements herein. If the Contractor uses existing coverage to comply with these requirements and that coverage does not meet the specified requirements, the Contractor agrees to amend, supplement or endorse the existing coverage to do so.

Without in anyway affecting the indemnity herein provided and in addition thereto, the Contractor shall secure and maintain throughout the contract term the following types of insurance with limits as shown:

5.3.1 Basic Insurance Requirements

a. Additional Insured

All policies, except for the Workers' Compensation, Errors and Omissions and Professional Liability policies, shall contain endorsements naming the County, and their officers, employees, agents and volunteers as additional insureds with respect to liabilities arising out of the performance of services hereunder. The additional insured endorsements shall not limit the scope of coverage for the County to vicarious liability but shall allow coverage for the County to the full extent provided by the policy. Such additional insured coverage shall be at least as broad as Additional Insured (Form B) endorsement form ISO, CG 2010.11 85.

b. Waiver of Subrogation Rights

The Contractor shall require the carriers of required coverages to waive all rights of subrogation against the County, and their officers, employees, agents, volunteers, contractors and subcontractors. All general or auto liability insurance coverage provided shall not prohibit the Contractor and Contractor's employees or agents from waiving the right of subrogation prior to a loss or claim. The Contractor hereby waives all rights of subrogation against the County.

c. Policies Primary and Non-Contributory

All policies required herein are to be primary and non-contributory with any insurance or self-insurance programs carried or administered by the County.

d. Severability of Interests

The Contractor agrees to ensure that coverage provided to meet these requirements is applicable separately to each insured and there will be no cross liability exclusions that preclude coverage for suits between the Contractor and the County or between the County and any other insured or additional insured under the policy.

e. Proof of Coverage

The Contractor shall furnish Certificates of Insurance to the County Department administering the contract evidencing the insurance coverage at the time the contract is executed, additional endorsements, as required shall be provided prior to the commencement of performance of services hereunder, which certificates shall provide that such insurance shall not be terminated or expire without thirty (30) days written notice to the Department, and Contractor shall maintain such insurance from the time Contractor commences performance of services hereunder until the completion of such services. Within fifteen (15) days of the commencement of this contract, the Contractor shall furnish a copy of the Declaration page for all applicable policies and will provide complete certified copies of the policies and endorsements immediately upon request.

f. Acceptability of Insurance Carrier

Unless otherwise approved by Risk Management, the insurance shall be written by insurers authorized to do business in the State of California and with a minimum "Best" Insurance Guide rating of "A- VII."

g. Deductibles and Self-Insured Retention

Any and all deductibles or self-insured retentions in excess of \$10,000 shall be declared to and approved by Risk Management.

h. Failure to Procure Coverage

In the event that any policy of insurance required under this contract does not comply with the requirements, is not procured, or is canceled and not replaced, the County has the right but not the obligation or duty to cancel the contract or obtain insurance if it deems necessary and any premiums paid by the County will be promptly reimbursed by the Contractor or County payments to the Contractor will be reduced to pay for County purchased insurance.

i. Insurance Review

Insurance requirements are subject to periodic review by the County. The Director of Risk Management or designee is authorized, but not required, to reduce, waive or suspend any insurance requirements whenever Risk Management determines that any of the required insurance is not available, is unreasonably priced, or is not needed to protect the interests of the County. In addition, if the Department of Risk Management determines that heretofore unreasonably priced or unavailable types of insurance coverage or coverage limits become reasonably priced or available, the Director of Risk Management or designee is authorized, but not required, to change the above insurance requirements to require additional types of insurance coverage or higher coverage limits, provided that any such change is reasonable in light of past claims against the County, inflation, or any other item reasonably related to the County's risk.

Any change requiring additional types of insurance coverage or higher coverage limits must be made by amendment to this Contract. Contractor agrees to execute any such amendment within thirty (30) days of receipt.

Any failure, actual or alleged, on the part of the County to monitor or enforce compliance with any of the insurance and indemnification requirements will not be deemed as a waiver of any rights on the part of the County.

5.3.2 Insurance Specifications

a. Workers' Compensation/Employers Liability

A program of Workers' Compensation insurance or a state-approved, self-insurance program in an amount and form to meet all applicable requirements of the Labor Code of the State of California, including Employer's Liability with \$250,000 limits covering all persons including volunteers providing services on behalf of the Contractor and all risks to such persons under this Contract.

If Contractor has no employees, it may certify or warrant to the County that it does not currently have any employees or individuals who are defined as "employees" under the Labor Code and the requirement for Workers' Compensation coverage will be waived by the County's Director of Risk Management.

With respect to Contractors that are non-profit corporations organized under California or Federal law, volunteers for such entities are required to be covered by Workers' Compensation insurance.

b. Commercial/General Liability Insurance

The Contractor shall carry General Liability Insurance covering all operations performed by or on behalf of the Contractor providing coverage for bodily injury and property damage with a combined single limit of not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000), per occurrence. The policy coverage shall include:

- (a) Premises operations and mobile equipment.
- (b) Products and completed operations.
- (c) Broad form property damage (including completed operations).
- (d) Explosion, collapse and underground hazards.
- (e) Personal injury
- (f) Contractual liability.
- (g) \$2,000,000 general aggregate limit

c. Automobile Liability Insurance

Primary insurance coverage shall be written on ISO Business Auto coverage form for all owned, hired and non-owned automobiles or symbol 1 (any auto). The policy shall have a combined single limit of not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for bodily injury and property damage, per occurrence.

If the Contractor is transporting one or more non-employee passengers in performance of contract services, the automobile liability policy shall have a combined single limit of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) for bodily injury and property damage per occurrence.

If the Contractor owns no autos, a non-owned auto endorsement to the General Liability policy described above is acceptable.

d. Continuing Products/Completed Operations Liability Insurance

The Contractor will provide continuing products/completed operations liability Insurance with a limit of not less than five million (\$5,000,000) for each occurrence for at least three years following substantial completion of the work on projects over one million (\$1,000,000).

e. Builder's Risk

Course of Construction/Installation (Builder's Risk) property insurance providing all risk, including theft coverage for all property and materials to be used on the project. The insurance policy shall not have any coinsurance penalty.

f. Umbrella Liability Insurance

An umbrella (over primary) or excess policy may be used to comply with limits or other primary coverage requirements. When used, the umbrella policy shall apply to bodily injury/property damage, personal injury/advertising injury and shall include a "dropdown" provision providing primary coverage for any liability not covered by the primary policy. The coverage shall also apply to automobile liability.

g. Subcontractor Insurance Requirements

The Contractor agrees to require all parties or subcontractors, including architects or others it hires or contracts with related to the performance of this contract to provide insurance covering the contracted operations with the basic requirements for all contracts in Sections 5.3.1 and the insurance specifications for all contracts in 5.3.2, (including waiver of subrogation rights) and naming the County as additional insureds. The Contractor agrees to monitor and review all such coverage and assumes all responsibility for ensuring that such coverage is provided as required here.

ARTICLE VI

CONTRACTOR'S DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

6.1 GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK

6.1.1 Contractor shall provide all materials, labor, equipment, and undertake all efforts necessary or appropriate to construct the Project in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents, all governmental approvals, all Applicable Law, and all other applicable safety, environmental and other requirements taking into account the constraints affecting the Project Site. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Contract, all materials, services and efforts necessary to achieve Final Completion of the Project and elements thereof on or before the deadlines provided in the Contract Documents shall be Contractor's sole responsibility. The costs of all such materials, services and efforts are included in the Contract Sum.

6.1.2 The Contractor and all Subcontractors shall obtain any required licenses from the local jurisdiction where the Project is located (i.e. local City or County), prior to commencement of Work.

6.2 BEFORE STARTING WORK

Contractor shall submit the following to County for review and acceptance within fourteen (14) calendar days after the Date of Commencement fixed in County's Notice to Proceed, and as a condition to payment: (i) detailed Project Schedule including each deadline specified in the Contract Documents; (ii) Schedule of Submittals; (iii) material Procurement Schedule; and (iv) a Schedule of Values in accordance with the requirements of the General Conditions and other Contract Documents.

6.3 INITIAL CONFERENCE

Within ten (10) calendar days after the Date of Commencement fixed in the County's Notice to Proceed, a conference attended by County and Contractor and others as appropriate will be held to establish a working understanding among the Parties as to the Work and to discuss the schedules, progress meetings, procedures for handling submittals, processing Applications for Payment, maintaining required records, coordination with Contractor Team Members, and other Project administration matters.

6.4 EVALUATION OF PRELIMINARY SUBMITTALS

At least ten (10) calendar days before submission of the first Application for Payment, a conference attended by Contractor, County and others as appropriate, will be held to review for acceptability the submittals required by the Contract Documents. No progress payment shall be made to Contractor until the required submittals are acceptable to County. The detailed Project Schedule will be acceptable to County as providing an orderly progression of the Work to completion within any specified Milestones and the Contract Time, but such

acceptance will neither impose on County responsibility for the sequencing, scheduling or progress of the Work nor interfere with nor relieve Contractor from Contractor's full responsibility therefore. The format and structure of the Project Schedule will be set forth in the Contract Documents and approved by County. The County's acceptance shall not be deemed to confirm that the schedule is a reasonable plan for performing the work. Contractor's schedule of submittal will be acceptable to County as providing a workable arrangement for reviewing and processing the required submittals.

6.5 CONSTRUCTION

Contractor shall perform Construction in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents.

6.5.1 Construction shall be performed by Contractor and Subcontractors and suppliers who are selected, paid and acting in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Contract Documents.

6.5.2 The Contractor shall keep the County informed of the progress and quality of the Work in the form of periodic written reports and meetings, as determined by the County, but no less than monthly.

6.5.3 As a condition of final payment to Contractor, Contractor shall provide written certification that the Work has been constructed in accordance with the Contract Documents.

ARTICLE VII

CONTRACTOR'S REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

In order to induce the County to enter into this Agreement, Contractor makes the following representations and warranties:

7.1 Contractor has visited the Site and has reasonably examined the nature and extent of the Work, Site, locality, actual conditions, as-built conditions, and all federal, state and local laws and regulations that in any manner may affect cost, progress, performance or furnishing of Work or which relate to any aspect of the means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures of construction to be employed by Contractor and safety precautions and programs incident thereto.

7.2 Contractor has reasonably examined all reports of exploration and tests of subsurface conditions, as-built drawings, drawings or reports available for construction purposes, of physical conditions, or conditions which may be apparent at the Site and accepts the criteria set forth in these documents and the Contract Documents to the extent of the information contained in these documents upon which the Contractor is entitled to rely. Contractor agrees that except for the information so identified, Contractor does not and shall not rely on any other information contained in these documents.

7.3 After Contract award, Contractor will conduct or obtain any additional examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, reports and studies, including but not limited to geotechnical investigations that pertain to the surface and subsurface conditions, as-built conditions, underground facilities and all other physical conditions at or contiguous to the Site as Contractor considers necessary for the performance or furnishing of Work at the Contract Sum, within the Contract Time and in accordance with the other terms and conditions of the Contract Documents.

7.4 Contractor has correlated its knowledge and the results of all such observations, examinations, investigations, explorations, test, reports and studies with the terms and conditions of the Contract Documents.

7.5 Contractor has given County prompt written notice of all conflicts, errors, ambiguities, or discrepancies that it has discovered before Contract award in or among the Contract Documents and actual conditions and the written resolution thereof through Addenda issued by County is acceptable to Contractor.

7.6 Contractor is duly organized, existing and in good standing under applicable state law, and is duly

qualified to conduct business in the State of California.

7.7 Contractor has duly authorized the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement, the other Contract Documents and the Work to be performed herein. The Contract Documents do not violate or create a default under any instrument, agreement, order or decree binding on Contractor.

7.8 Contractor certifies that neither it nor its principals, or other key decision makers, or subcontractors is presently disbarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency. See the System for Award Management (www.sam.gov). Contractor agrees that signing this Contract shall constitute signature of this Certification.

7.9 During the term of the Contract, Contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, or military and veteran status. Contractor shall comply with Executive Orders 11246, 11375, 11625, 12138, 12432, 12250, 13672, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the California Fair Housing and Employment Act and other applicable Federal, State and County laws and regulations and policies relating to equal employment and contracting opportunities, including laws and regulations hereafter enacted.

7.10 Contractor agrees to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability, as well as all applicable regulations and standards issued pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act. Contractor will also comply with the current edition of the California Building Code (California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 2).

7.11 Contractor agrees to comply and certify compliance with the Drug Free Workplace Act of 1990 per Government Code Section 8350 et seq.

7.12 Contractor acknowledges it will comply with the provisions of Public Contract Code section 4100-4114 regarding subcontractors. The Contractor hereby agrees to reimburse the County for costs incurred by the awarding authority in the substitution of subcontractors. Where a hearing is held pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 4 of the Public Contract Code (commencing with Section 4100) by the awarding authority or a duly appointed hearing officer, the County shall prepare and certify a statement of all costs incurred by the County for investigation and conduct of the hearing, including the costs of any hearing officer and shorthand reporter appointed. The statement shall then be sent to the Contractor who shall reimburse the County for such costs. If not paid separately, such reimbursement may be deducted from any money due and owing to the Contractor prior to acceptance of the Work. For the purposes of a hearing for the substitution of subcontractors (pursuant to the Public Contract Code commencing with Section 4100) the awarding authority shall be the Director of the San Bernardino County Department of Public Works - Special Districts, or his/her designee.

7.13 The Contractor hereby agrees to comply with the State Labor Code and certifies through signature of this Contract that, in accordance with Section 3700 of the State Labor Code, Contractor is aware of the provisions of Section 3700 of the Labor Code which require every employer to be insured against liability for workers' compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions of that code, and will comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of the Work of this Contract.

7.14 The Contractor acknowledges that he will be held responsible for compliance with the provisions of Sections 1777.5 and 1776 of the State Labor Code.

7.15 Contractor shall comply with Senate Bill 854 (Chapter 28, Statutes of 2014) and Senate Bill 96 (Chapter 28, Statutes of 2017) including, but not limited to, the following requirements: (1) no contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal for a public works project unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5; (2) no contractor or subcontractor may be awarded a contract for public work or perform work on a public works project unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5; (3) this Project is subject to compliance monitoring and

enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations; (4) Contractor shall post job site notices regarding compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations; and (5) Contractor must submit certified payroll at least monthly to the Labor Commissioner in a format prescribed by the Labor Commissioner.

7.16 As required by Labor Code section 1771.1(a) "A contractor or subcontractor shall not be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, or engage in the performance of any contract for public work, as defined in this chapter, unless currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5. It is not a violation of this section for an unregistered contractor to submit a bid that is authorized by Section 7029.1 of the Business and Professions Code or by Section 10164 or 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code, provided the contractor is registered to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5 at the time the contract is awarded."

7.17 Contractor shall adhere to the County's Travel Management Policy (08-02 and 08-02SP) when travel is pursuant to this Contract and for which reimbursement is sought from the County. In addition, Contractor is encouraged to utilize local transportation services, including but not limited to, the Ontario International Airport.

ARTICLE VIII

PROJECT ACCESS, RECORD RETENTION AND AUDITS

8.1 At all times during construction of the Project, Contractor shall coordinate with the County to provide employees, subcontractors, and consultants of the County reasonable unrestricted access to observe, monitor and inspect the Project. The County's access to observe, monitor and inspect shall include the right to review all documents and files relating to the Project, as well as construction on the Site, including all tests and inspections relating to construction of the Project.

8.2 Contractor expressly acknowledges it is aware of and will comply with all record retention and audit requirements contained in the Contract Documents. These requirements include, but are not limited to, the maintenance of an Official Project File that must be preserved a minimum of five (5) years, the protection of records from fire or other damage, the maintenance of all records in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and the agreement that the County or its designated representative shall have the right to Review, to audit, and to copy any records and supporting documentation pertaining to the performance of this Agreement.

ARTICLE IX

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

9.1 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

Contractor is, and shall be, acting at all times in the performance of this Agreement as an independent Contractor. Contractor shall secure at its expense, and be responsible for any and all payment of all taxes, social security, state disability insurance compensation, unemployment compensation and other payroll deductions for Contractor and its officers, agents and employees and all business licenses, if any, in connection with the services to be performed hereunder.

9.2 COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS

Contractor shall employ no County official nor any regular County employee in the Work performed pursuant to this Agreement. No officer or employee of County shall have any financial interest in this Agreement in violation of applicable provisions of law.

Contractor agrees to provide or has already provided information on former San Bernardino County administrative officials (as defined below) who are employed by or represent Contractor. The information provided includes a list of former County administrative officials who terminated County employment within the

last five years and who are now officers, principals, partners, associates or members of the business. The information also includes the employment with or representation of Contractor. For purposes of this provision, "County Administrative Official" is defined as a member of the Board of Supervisors or such officer staff, Chief Executive Officer or member of such officer staff, County department or group head, assistant department or group head, or any employee in the Exempt Group, Management Unit or Safety Management Unit.

9.3 INACCURACIES OR MISREPRESENTATIONS

If during the course of the administration of this agreement, the County determines that the Contractor has made a material misstatement or misrepresentation or that materially inaccurate information has been provided to the County, this contract may be immediately terminated. If this contract is terminated according to this provision, the County is entitled to pursue any available legal remedies.

9.4 COOPERATION BETWEEN ALL SYSTEM CONTRACT CONTRACTORS

This Contract is but one of the County contracts which are or will be necessary to keep, operate and maintain the County's Solid Waste Disposal System ("Disposal System"), including without limit for the overall expansion, operation, maintenance, remediation and closure of the Disposal System. Specifically, but not by way of limitation, the County has entered, or will enter, into the following contracts with third parties: (i) construction contracts related to various aspects of the expansion, remediation and closure of the Disposal System; (ii) contracts for the management of the foregoing construction contracts, to the extent the County does not manage such contracts with its own employees; (iii) a contract for the aggregate processing operation at the Mid-Valley Sanitary Landfill; (iv) contracts for the operation and maintenance of the landfill gas collection systems located at various County Landfills; (v) the lease of the landfill gas collection systems and lease of the rights to the landfill gas collected by such systems; (vi) a contract for the operation of the Baker Transfer Station; (vii) a Development Contract with the City of Rialto regarding various aspects of the expansion of the Mid-Valley Sanitary Landfill; and (viii) a contract for performing day to day operations at the facilities comprising the Disposal System. These contracts, together with this Contract, will collectively be referred to as "All System Contracts".

In performing its duties under this Contract, Contractor shall be required, pursuant to direction provided by the Contract Administrator, to coordinate such performance with the performance of the duties required of the contractors under each of the other All System Contracts. Likewise, the contractors under each of the other All System Contracts will be required to coordinate the performance of the duties required of it under the terms of its contract with the performance of the duties required of the contractors under each of the other All System Contracts, including this Contract. The goal of the County is to maximize, in the aggregate, the effectiveness of performance of the duties required under all of the All System Contracts to keep, operate and maintain the Solid Waste Disposal System, rather than to maximize the effectiveness of performance of duties required to be performed under any single All System.

9.5 IRAN CONTRACTING ACT OF 2010

(Public Contract Code sections 2200 et seq.)

(Applicable for all Contracts of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) or more)

In accordance with Public Contract Code section 2204(a), the Contractor certifies that at the time the Contract is signed, the Contractor signing the Contract is not identified on a list created pursuant to subdivision (b) of Public Contract Code section 2203 (<http://www.dgs.ca.gov/pd/Resources/PDLegislation.aspx>) as a person (as defined in Public Contract Code section 2202(e)) engaging in investment activities in Iran described in subdivision (a) of Public Contract Code section 2202.5, or as a person described in subdivision (b) of Public Contract Code section 2202.5, as applicable.

Contractors are cautioned that making a false certification may subject the Contractor to civil penalties, termination of existing contract, and ineligibility to bid on a contract for a period of three (3) years in accordance with Public Contract Code section 2205.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County has caused this Contract to be subscribed by its duly authorized officers, in its behalf, and the said party of the second part has signed this Contract.

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

► *Dawn Rowe*
 Dawn Rowe, Chair, Board of Supervisors

Dated: APR 07 2026
 SIGNED AND CERTIFIED THAT A COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT HAS BEEN DELIVERED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD



By *[Signature]*

Sukut Construction, LLC.
 (Print or type name of corporation, company, contractor, etc.)

By ► *[Signature]*
 (Authorized signature - sign in blue ink)

Name Eddie Juarez
 (Print or type name of person signing contract)

Title Vice President Operations
 (Print or Type)

Dated: 3/16/2026
 Address 4010 Chandler Ave. Santa Ana, CA 92704

FOR COUNTY USE ONLY

Approved as to Legal Form
 ► SEE ATTACHED
 Aaron Gest, Deputy County Counsel
 Date _____

Reviewed for Contract Compliance
 ► *[Signature]*
 Andy Silao, P.E., Contract Compliance Officer
 Date 3/24/2026

Reviewed/Approved by Department
 ► *[Signature]*
 Noel Castillo, Director
 Date 3/26/26

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County has caused this Contract to be subscribed by its duly authorized officers, in its behalf, and the said party of the second part has signed this Contract.

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► _____
 Dawn Rowe, Chair, Board of Supervisors

Dated: _____
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Lynna Monell
 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
 San Bernardino County

By _____
 Deputy

Sukut Construction, LLC.
 (Print or type name of corporation, company, contractor, etc.)

By ► _____
 (Authorized signature - sign in blue ink)

Eddie Juarez

Name _____
 (Print or type name of person signing contract)

Title Vice President Operations
 (Print or Type)

Dated: _____
 4010 Chandler Ave. Santa Ana, CA
 Address 92704

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 Aaron Gest, Deputy County Counsel
 Date 3/8/26

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 Date _____

ATTACHMENT A

PREVAILING WAGE REQUIREMENTS

A. All or a portion of the Scope of Work in the Contract requires the payment of prevailing wages and compliance with the following requirements:

1. Determination of Prevailing Rates:

Pursuant to Labor Code sections 1770, et seq., the County has obtained from the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) pursuant to the California Labor Code, the general prevailing rates of per diem wages and the prevailing rates for holiday and overtime work in the locality in which the Scope of Work is to be performed. Copies of said rates are on file with the County, will be made available for inspection during regular business hours, may be included elsewhere in the specifications for the Scope of Work, and are also available online at www.dir.ca.gov. The wage rate for any classification not listed, but which may be required to execute the Scope of Work, shall be commensurate and in accord with specified rates for similar or comparable classifications for those performing similar or comparable duties. In accordance with Labor Code section 1773.2, the Contractor shall post, at appropriate and conspicuous locations on the job site, a schedule showing all applicable prevailing wage rates and shall comply with the requirements of Labor Code sections 1773, et seq.

2. Payment of Prevailing Rates

Each worker of the Contractor, or any subcontractor, engaged in the Scope of Work, shall be paid not less than the general prevailing wage rate, regardless of any contractual relationship which may be alleged to exist between the Contractor or any subcontractor, and such worker.

3. Prevailing Rate Penalty

The Contractor shall, as a penalty, forfeit two hundred dollars (\$200.00) to the County for each calendar day or portion thereof, for each worker paid less than the prevailing rates as determined by the Director of the DIR for such work or craft in which such worker is employed by the Contractor or by any subcontractor in connection with the Scope of Work. Pursuant to California Labor Code section 1775, the difference between such prevailing wage rates and the amount paid to each worker for each calendar day, or portion thereof, for which each worker was paid less than the prevailing wage rate, shall be paid to each worker by the Contractor.

4. Ineligible Contractors:

Pursuant to the provisions of Labor Code section 1777.1, the Labor Commissioner publishes and distributes a list of contractors ineligible to perform work as a contractor or subcontractor on a public works project. This list of debarred contractors is available from the DIR website at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/PublicWorks.html>. Any contract entered into between a contractor and a debarred subcontractor is void as a matter of law. A debarred subcontractor may not receive any public money for performing work as a subcontractor on a public works contract, and any public money that may have been paid to a debarred subcontractor by a contractor on the project shall be returned to the County. The Contractor shall be responsible for the payment of wages to workers as a debarred subcontractor who has been allowed to work on the Scope of Work.

5. Payroll Records:

a. Pursuant to California Labor Code section 1776, the Contractor and each subcontractor, shall keep accurate certified payroll records, showing the name, address, social security number, work classification, straight time and overtime hours worked each day and week, and the actual per diem wages paid to each journeyman, apprentice, worker or other employee employed by them in connection with the Scope of Work. The payroll records enumerated herein shall be verified by a written declaration made under penalty of perjury that the information contained in the payroll record is true and correct and that the Contractor or subcontractor has complied with the requirements of the California Labor Code sections 1771, 1811, and 1815 for any Scope of Work performed by his/her employees. The payroll records shall be available for inspection at all reasonable hours at the principal office of the Contractor on the following basis:

- i. A certified copy of an employee's payroll record shall be made available for inspection or furnished to such employee or his/her authorized representative on request;
 - ii. A certified copy of all payroll records shall be made available for inspection or furnished upon request to the County, the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement of the DIR;
 - iii. A certified copy of payroll records shall be made available upon request to the public for inspection or copies thereof made; provided, however, that a request by the public shall be made through either the County or the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement. If the requested payroll records have not been previously provided to the County or the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement, the requesting party shall, prior to being provided the records, reimburse the cost of preparation by the Contractor, subcontractor and the entity through which the request was made; the public shall not be given access to such records at the principal office of the Contractor;
 - iv. The Contractor shall file a certified copy of the payroll records with the entity that requested such records within ten (10) days after receipt of a written request; and
 - v. Copies provided to the public, by the County or the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement shall be marked or obliterated in such a manner as to prevent disclosure of an individual's name, address and social security number. The name and address of the Contractor or any subcontractor, performing a part of the Scope of Work shall not be marked or obliterated. The Contractor shall inform the County of the location of payroll records, including the street address, city and county and shall, within five (5) working days, provide a notice of a change of location and address.
- b. The Contractor shall have ten (10) days from receipt of the written notice specifying in what respects the Contractor must comply with the above requirements. In the event Contractor does not comply with the requirements of this section within the ten (10) day period, the Contractor shall, as a penalty to the County, forfeit one-hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each calendar day, or portion thereof, for each worker, until strict compliance is effectuated. Upon the request of the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement, such penalty shall be withheld from any portion of the payments then due or to become due to the Contractor.

6. Limits on Hours of Work:

Pursuant to California Labor Code section 1810, eight (8) hours of labor shall constitute a legal day's work. Pursuant to California Labor Code section 1811, the time of service of any worker employed at any time by the Contractor or by a subcontractor, upon the Scope of Work or upon any part of the Scope of Work, is limited and restricted to eight (8) hours during any one calendar day and forty (40) hours during any one calendar week, except as provided for under Labor Code section 1815. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, work performed by employees of Contractor or any subcontractor, in excess of eight (8) hours per day and forty (40) hours during any one week, shall be permitted upon compensation for all hours worked in excess of eight (8) hours per day at not less than one and one-half (1½) times the basic rate of pay.

7. Penalty for Excess Hours:

The Contractor shall pay to the County a penalty of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each worker employed on the Scope of Work by the Contractor or any subcontractor, for each calendar day during which such worker is required or permitted to work more than eight (8) hours in any calendar day and forty (40) hours in any one calendar week, in violation of the provisions of the California Labor Code, unless compensation to the worker so employed by the Contractor is not less than one and one-half (1½) times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of eight (8) hours per day.

8. Senate Bill 854 (Chapter 28, Statutes of 2014) and Senate Bill 96 (Chapter 28, Statutes of 2017) Requirements:

- a. Contractor shall comply with Senate Bill 854 and Senate Bill 96. The requirements include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - i. No contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal for a public works project unless registered with the DIR pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5, with limited

exceptions from this requirements for bid purposes only as allowed under Labor Code section 1771.1(a).

- ii. No contractor or subcontractor may be awarded a contract for public work or perform work on a public works project unless registered with the DIR pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5.
- iii. This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the DIR.
- iv. As required by the DIR, Contractor is required to post job site notices, as prescribed by regulation, regarding compliance monitoring and enforcement by the DIR.
- v. Contractors and all subcontractors must submit certified payroll records online to the Labor Commissioner for all public works projects.
 - 1) The certified payroll must be submitted at least monthly to the Labor Commissioner.
 - 2) The County reserves the right to require Contractor and all subcontractors to submit certified payroll records more frequently than monthly to the Labor Commissioner.
 - 3) The certified payroll records must be in a format prescribed by the Labor Commissioner.
- vi. Registration with the DIR and the submission of certified payroll records to the Labor Commissioner are not required if the public works project is \$25,000 or less when the project is for construction, alteration, demolition, installation or repair work, or if the public works project is \$15,000 or less when the project is for maintenance work.

b. Labor Code section 1725.5 states the following:

“A contractor shall be registered pursuant to this section to be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, or engage in the performance of any public work contract that is subject to the requirements of this chapter. For the purposes of this section, “contractor” includes a subcontractor as defined by Section 1722.1.

(a) To qualify for registration under this section, a contractor shall do all of the following:

(1) (A) Register with the Department of Industrial Relations in the manner prescribed by the department and pay an initial nonrefundable application fee of four hundred dollars (\$400) to qualify for registration under this section and an annual renewal fee on or before July 1 of each year thereafter. The annual renewal fee shall be in a uniform amount set by the Director of Industrial Relations, and the initial registration and renewal fees may be adjusted no more than annually by the director to support the costs specified in Section 1771.3.

(B) Beginning June 1, 2019, a contractor may register or renew according to this subdivision in annual increments up to three years from the date of registration. Contractors who wish to do so will be required to prepay the applicable nonrefundable application or renewal fees to qualify for the number of years for which they wish to preregister.

(2) Provide evidence, disclosures, or releases as are necessary to establish all of the following:

(A) Workers' compensation coverage that meets the requirements of Division 4 (commencing with Section 3200) and includes sufficient coverage for any worker whom the contractor employs to perform work that is subject to prevailing wage requirements other than a contractor who is separately registered under this section. Coverage may be evidenced by a current and valid certificate of workers' compensation insurance or certification of self-insurance required under Section 7125 of the Business and Professions Code.

(B) If applicable, the contractor is licensed in accordance with Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 7000) of the Business and Professions Code.

(C) The contractor does not have any delinquent liability to an employee or the state for any assessment of back wages or related damages, interest, fines, or penalties pursuant to any final

judgment, order, or determination by a court or any federal, state, or local administrative agency, including a confirmed arbitration award. However, for purposes of this paragraph, the contractor shall not be disqualified for any judgment, order, or determination that is under appeal, provided that the contractor has secured the payment of any amount eventually found due through a bond or other appropriate means.

(D) The contractor is not currently debarred under Section 1777.1 or under any other federal or state law providing for the debarment of contractors from public works.

(E) The contractor has not bid on a public works contract, been listed in a bid proposal, or engaged in the performance of a contract for public works without being lawfully registered in accordance with this section, within the preceding 12 months or since the effective date of the requirements set forth in subdivision (e), whichever is earlier. If a contractor is found to be in violation of the requirements of this paragraph, the period of disqualification shall be waived if both of the following are true:

(i) The contractor has not previously been found to be in violation of the requirements of this paragraph within the preceding 12 months.

(ii) The contractor pays an additional nonrefundable penalty registration fee of two thousand dollars (\$2,000).

(b) Fees received pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the State Public Works Enforcement Fund established by Section 1771.3 and shall be used only for the purposes specified in that section.

(c) A contractor who fails to pay the renewal fee required under paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) on or before the expiration of any prior period of registration shall be prohibited from bidding on or engaging in the performance of any contract for public work until once again registered pursuant to this section. If the failure to pay the renewal fee was inadvertent, the contractor may renew its registration retroactively by paying an additional nonrefundable penalty renewal fee equal to the amount of the renewal fee within 90 days of the due date of the renewal fee.

(d) If, after a body awarding a contract accepts the contractor's bid or awards the contract, the work covered by the bid or contract is determined to be a public work to which Section 1771 applies, either as the result of a determination by the director pursuant to Section 1773.5 or a court decision, the requirements of this section shall not apply, subject to the following requirements:

(1) The body that awarded the contract failed, in the bid specification or in the contract documents, to identify as a public work that portion of the work that the determination or decision subsequently classifies as a public work.

(2) Within 20 days following service of notice on the awarding body of a determination by the Director of Industrial Relations pursuant to Section 1773.5 or a decision by a court that the contract was for public work as defined in this chapter, the contractor and any subcontractors are registered under this section or are replaced by a contractor or subcontractors who are registered under this section.

(3) The requirements of this section shall apply prospectively only to any subsequent bid, bid proposal, contract, or work performed after the awarding body is served with notice of the determination or decision referred to in paragraph (2).

(e) The requirements of this section shall apply to any bid proposal submitted on or after March 1, 2015, to any contract for public work, as defined in this chapter, executed on or after April 1, 2015, and to any work performed under a contract for public work on or after January 1, 2018, regardless of when the contract for public work was executed.

(f) This section does not apply to work performed on a public works project of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) or less when the project is for construction, alteration, demolition, installation, or repair work or to work performed on a public works project of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) or less when the project is for maintenance work.”

c. Labor Code section 1771.1 states the following:

“(a) A contractor or subcontractor shall not be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, or engage in the performance of any contract for public work, as defined in this chapter, unless currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5. It is not a violation of this section for an unregistered contractor to submit a bid that is authorized by Section 7029.1 of the Business and Professions Code or by Section 10164 or 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code, provided the contractor is registered to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5 at the time the contract is awarded.

(b) Notice of the requirement described in subdivision (a) shall be included in all bid invitations and public works contracts, and a bid shall not be accepted nor any contract or subcontract entered into without proof of the contractor or subcontractor’s current registration to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5.

(c) An inadvertent error in listing a subcontractor who is not registered pursuant to Section 1725.5 in a bid proposal shall not be grounds for filing a bid protest or grounds for considering the bid nonresponsive, provided that any of the following apply:

(1) The subcontractor is registered prior to the bid opening.

(2) Within 24 hours after the bid opening, the subcontractor is registered and has paid the penalty registration fee specified in subparagraph (E) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 1725.5.

(3) The subcontractor is replaced by another registered subcontractor pursuant to Section 4107 of the Public Contract Code.

(d) Failure by a subcontractor to be registered to perform public work as required by subdivision (a) shall be grounds under Section 4107 of the Public Contract Code for the contractor, with the consent of the awarding authority, to substitute a subcontractor who is registered to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5 in place of the unregistered subcontractor.

(e) The department shall maintain on its Internet Web site a list of contractors who are currently registered to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5.

(f) A contract entered into with any contractor or subcontractor in violation of subdivision (a) shall be subject to cancellation, provided that a contract for public work shall not be unlawful, void, or voidable solely due to the failure of the awarding body, contractor, or any subcontractor to comply with the requirements of Section 1725.5 or this section.

(g) If the Labor Commissioner or his/her designee determines that a contractor or subcontractor engaged in the performance of any public work contract without having been registered in accordance with this section, the contractor or subcontractor shall forfeit, as a civil penalty to the state, one hundred dollars (\$100) for each day of work performed in violation of the registration requirement, not to exceed an aggregate penalty of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) in addition to any penalty registration fee assessed pursuant to clause (ii) of subparagraph (E) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 1725.5.

(h)(1) In addition to, or in lieu of, any other penalty or sanction authorized pursuant to this chapter, a higher tiered public works contractor or subcontractor who is found to have entered into a subcontract with an unregistered lower tier subcontractor to perform any public work in violation of the requirements of Section 1725.5 or this section shall be subject to forfeiture, as a civil penalty to the state, of one hundred dollars (\$100) for each day the unregistered lower tier subcontractor performs work in violation of the registration requirement, not to exceed an aggregate penalty of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

(2) The Labor Commissioner shall use the same standards specified in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 1775 when determining the severity of the violation and what penalty to assess, and may waive the penalty for a first time violation that was unintentional and did not hinder the Labor Commissioner’s ability to monitor and enforce compliance with the requirements of this chapter.

(3) A higher tiered public works contractor or subcontractor shall not be liable for penalties assessed pursuant to paragraph (1) if the lower tier subcontractor’s performance is in violation of the requirements of Section 1725.5 due to the revocation of a previously approved registration.

(4) A subcontractor shall not be liable for any penalties assessed against a higher tiered public works contractor or subcontractor pursuant to paragraph (1). A higher tiered public works contractor or subcontractor may not require a lower tiered subcontractor to indemnify or otherwise be liable for any penalties pursuant to paragraph (1).

(i) The Labor Commissioner or his/her designee shall issue a civil wage and penalty assessment, in accordance with the provisions of Section 1741, upon determination of penalties pursuant to subdivision (g) and subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (h). Review of a civil wage and penalty assessment issued under this subdivision may be requested in accordance with the provisions of Section 1742. The regulations of the Director of Industrial Relations, which govern proceedings for review of civil wage and penalty assessments and the withholding of contract payments under Article 1 (commencing with Section 1720) and Article 2 (commencing with Section 1770), shall apply.

(j)(1) Where a contractor or subcontractor engages in the performance of any public work contract without having been registered in violation of the requirements of Section 1725.5 or this section, the Labor Commissioner shall issue and serve a stop order prohibiting the use of the unregistered contractor or the unregistered subcontractor on all public works until the unregistered contractor or unregistered subcontractor is registered. The stop order shall not apply to work by registered contractors or subcontractors on the public work.

(2) A stop order may be personally served upon the contractor or subcontractor by either of the following methods:

(A) Manual delivery of the order to the contractor or subcontractor personally.

(B) Leaving signed copies of the order with the person who is apparently in charge at the site of the public work and by thereafter mailing copies of the order by first class mail, postage prepaid to the contractor or subcontractor at one of the following:

(i) The address of the contractor or subcontractor on file with either the Secretary of State or the Contractors' State License Board.

(ii) If the contractor or subcontractor has no address on file with the Secretary of State or the Contractors' State License Board, the address of the site of the public work.

(3) The stop order shall be effective immediately upon service and shall be subject to appeal by the party contracting with the unregistered contractor or subcontractor, by the unregistered contractor or subcontractor, or both. The appeal, hearing, and any further review of the hearing decision shall be governed by the procedures, time limits, and other requirements specified in subdivision (a) of Section 238.1.

(4) Any employee of an unregistered contractor or subcontractor who is affected by a work stoppage ordered by the commissioner pursuant to this subdivision shall be paid at his/her regular hourly prevailing wage rate by that employer for any hours the employee would have worked but for the work stoppage, not to exceed 10 days.

(k) Failure of a contractor or subcontractor, owner, director, officer, or managing agent of the contractor or subcontractor to observe a stop order issued and served upon him or her pursuant to subdivision (j) is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in county jail not exceeding 60 days or by a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), or both.

(l) This section shall apply to any bid proposal submitted on or after March 1, 2015, and any contract for public work entered into on or after April 1, 2015. This section shall also apply to the performance of any public work, as defined in this chapter, on or after January 1, 2018, regardless of when the contract for public work was entered.

(m) Penalties received pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the State Public Works Enforcement Fund established by Section 1771.3 and shall be used only for the purposes specified in that section.

(n) This section shall not apply to work performed on a public works project of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) or less when the project is for construction, alteration, demolition, installation, or repair work or to work performed on a public works project of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) or less when the project is for maintenance work."

d. Labor Code section 1771.4 states the following:

“a) All of the following are applicable to all public works projects that are otherwise subject to the requirements of this chapter:

(1) The call for bids and contract documents shall specify that the project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations.

(2) The awarding body shall post or require the prime contractor to post job site notices, as prescribed by regulation.

(3) Each contractor and subcontractor shall furnish the records specified in Section 1776 directly to the Labor Commissioner, in the following manner:

(A) At least monthly or more frequently if specified in the contract with the awarding body.

(B) In a format prescribed by the Labor Commissioner.

(4) If the contractor or subcontractor is not registered pursuant to Section 1725.5 and is performing work on a project for which registration is not required because of subdivision (f) of Section 1725.5, the unregistered contractor or subcontractor is not required to furnish the records specified in Section 1776 directly to the Labor Commissioner but shall retain the records specified in Section 1776 for at least three years after completion of the work.

(5) The department shall undertake those activities it deems necessary to monitor and enforce compliance with prevailing wage requirements.

(b) The Labor Commissioner may exempt a public works project from compliance with all or part of the requirements of subdivision (a) if either of the following occurs:

(1) The awarding body has enforced an approved labor compliance program, as defined in Section 1771.5, on all public works projects under its authority, except those deemed exempt pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 1771.5, continuously since December 31, 2011.

(2) The awarding body has entered into a collective bargaining agreement that binds all contractors performing work on the project and that includes a mechanism for resolving disputes about the payment of wages.

(c) The requirements of paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) shall only apply to contracts for public works projects awarded on or after January 1, 2015.

(d) The requirements of paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) shall apply to all contracts for public work, whether new or ongoing, on or after January 1, 2016.”

B. STATE PUBLIC WORKS APPRENTICESHIP REQUIREMENTS

1. State Public Works Apprenticeship Requirements:

- a. The Contractor is responsible for compliance with Labor Code section 1777.5 and the California Code of Regulations, title 8, sections 230 – 230.2 for all apprenticeable occupations (denoted with “#” symbol next to craft name in DIR Prevailing Wage Determination), whether employed by the Contractor, subcontractor, vendor or consultant. Included in these requirements is (1) the Contractor’s requirement to provide notification (i.e. DAS-140) to the appropriate apprenticeship committees; (2) pay training fund contributions for each apprenticeable hour employed on the Contract; and (3) utilize apprentices in a minimum ratio of not less than one apprentice hour for each five journeyman hours by completion of Contract work (unless an exception is granted in accordance with Labor Code section 1777.5) or request for the dispatch of apprentices.
- b. Any apprentices employed to perform any of the Scope of Work shall be paid the standard wage to apprentices under the regulations of the craft or trade for which such apprentice is employed, and such individual shall be employed only for the work of the craft or trade to which such individual is registered. Only apprentices, as defined in California Labor Code section 3077, who are in training under apprenticeship standards and written apprenticeship agreements under California Labor Code sections 3070 et seq. are eligible to be employed for the Scope of Work.

The employment and training of each apprentice shall be in accordance with the provisions of the apprenticeship standards and apprentice agreements under which such apprentice is training.

2. Compliance with [California Labor Code section 1777.5](#) requires all public works contractors to:

a. Submit Contract Award Information (DAS-140):

- i. Although there are a few exemptions (identified below), all Contractors, regardless of union affiliation, must submit contract award information when performing on a California public works project.
- ii. The DAS-140 is a notification “announcement” of the Contractor’s participation on a public works project—*it is not a request for the dispatch of an apprentice*.
- iii. Contractors shall submit the contract award information (you may use form DAS 140) within 10 days of the execution of the prime contract or subcontract, but in no event later than the first day in which the Contractor has workers employed on the public work.
- iv. Contractors who are already approved to train apprentices (i.e. check “Box 1” on the DAS-140) shall only be required to submit the form to their approved program.
- v. Contractors who are NOT approved to train apprentices (i.e. those that check either “Box 2” or “Box 3” on the DAS-140) shall submit the DAS-140 TO EACH of the apprenticeship program sponsors in the area of your public works project. For a listing of apprenticeship programs see <http://www.dir.ca.gov/Databases/das/pwaddrstart.asp>.

b. Employ Registered Apprentices

- i. Labor Code section 1777.5 requires that a contractor performing work in an “apprenticeable” craft must employ one (1) hour of apprentice work for every five (5) hours performed by a journeyman. This ratio shall be met prior to the Contractor’s completion of work on the project. “Apprenticeable” crafts are denoted with a pound symbol “#” in front of the craft name on the prevailing wage determination.
- ii. All Contractors who do not fall within an exemption category (see below) must request for dispatch of an apprentice from an apprenticeship program (for each apprenticeable craft or trade) by giving the program actual notice of at least 72 hours (business days only) before the date on which apprentices are required.
- iii. Contractors may use the “DAS-142” form for making a request for the dispatch of an apprentice.
- iv. Contractors who are participating in an approved apprenticeship training program and who did not receive sufficient number of apprentices from their initial request must request dispatch of apprentices from ALL OTHER apprenticeship committees in the project area in order to fulfill this requirement.
- v. Contractor should maintain and submit proof (when requested) of its DAS-142 submittal to the apprenticeship committees (e.g. fax transmittal confirmation). A Contractor has met its requirement to employ apprentices only after it has successfully made a dispatch request to all apprenticeship programs in the project area.
- vi. Only “registered” apprentices may be paid the prevailing apprentice rates and must, at all times work under the supervision of a Journeyman (Cal. Code Regs., tit 8, § 230.1).

c. Make Training Fund Contributions

- i. Contractors performing in apprenticeable crafts on public works projects, must make training fund contributions in the amount established in the prevailing wage rate publication for journeymen and apprentices.
- ii. Contractors may use the “CAC-2” form for submittal of their training fund contributions.
- iii. Contractors who do not submit their training fund contributions to an approved apprenticeship training program must submit their contributions to the California Apprenticeship Council (CAC), PO Box 420603, San Francisco, CA 94142-0603.

- iv. Training fund contributions to the CAC are due and payable on the 15th day of the month for work performed during the preceding month.
- v. The "training" contribution amount identified on the prevailing wage determination shall not be paid to the worker, unless the worker falls within one of the exemption categories listed below.

3. Exemptions to Apprenticeship Requirements:

- a. The following are exempt from having to comply with California apprenticeship requirements. These types of contractors do not need to submit a DAS-140, DAS-142, make training fund contributions, or utilize apprentices:
 - i. When the Contractor holds a sole proprietor license ("Owner-Operator") and no workers were employed by the Contractor. In other words, the contractor performed the entire work from start to finish and worked alone.
 - ii. Contractors performing in non-apprenticeable crafts. "Apprenticeable" crafts are denoted with a pound symbol "#" in front of the craft name on the prevailing wage determination.
 - iii. When the Contractor has a direct contract with the Public Agency that is under \$30,000.
 - iv. When the project is 100% federally-funded and the funding of the project does not contain any city, county, and/or state monies (unless the project is administered by a state agency in which case the apprenticeship requirements apply).
 - v. When the project is a private project not covered by the definition of public works as found in Labor Code section 1720.

4. Exemption from Apprenticeship Ratios:

- a. The Joint Apprenticeship Committee shall have the discretion to grant a certificate, which shall be subject to the approval of the Administrator of Apprenticeship, exempting the Contractor from the 1-to-5 ratio set forth in this Section when it finds that any one of the following conditions are met:
 - i. Unemployment for the previous three-month period in such area exceeds an average of fifteen percent (15%); or
 - ii. The number of apprentices in training in such area exceeds a ratio of 1-to-5 in relation to journeymen; or
 - iii. The Apprenticeable Craft or Trade is replacing at least one-thirtieth (1/30) of its journeymen annually through apprenticeship training, either on a statewide basis or on a local basis; or
 - iv. If assignment of an apprentice to any work performed under the Contract Documents would create a condition which would jeopardize such apprentice's life or the life, safety or property of fellow employees or the public at large, or if the specific task to which the apprentice is to be assigned is of such a nature that training cannot be provided by a journeyman.
- b. When such exemptions from the 1-to-5 ratio between apprentices and journeymen are granted to an organization which represents contractors in a specific trade on a local or statewide basis, the member contractors will not be required to submit individual applications for approval to local Joint Apprenticeship Committees, provided they are already covered by the local apprenticeship standards.

5. Contractor's Compliance:

- a. The responsibility of compliance with this Section for all Apprenticeable Trades or Crafts is solely and exclusively that of the Contractor. All decisions of the Joint Apprenticeship Committee(s) under this Section are subject to the provisions of California Labor Code section 3081 and penalties are pursuant to Labor Code section 1777.7 and the determination of the Labor Commissioner.