

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF BOARD GOVERNED COUNTY SERVICE AREAS
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

November 4, 2025

FROM

NOEL CASTILLO, Director of Public Works – Special Districts

TERRY W. THOMPSON, Director, Real Estate Services Department

SUBJECT

Amendment to License Agreement with EarthScope Consortium, Inc., for Geological Monitoring in the Lucerne Valley Area

RECOMMENDATION(S)

Acting as the governing body of County Service Area 29 – Lucerne Valley:

1. Find that approval of Amendment No. 1 to License Agreement No. 21-138 with EarthScope Consortium, Inc., for use of 625 square feet of land, is an exempt project under the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, Section 15301 – Existing Facilities (Class 1).
2. Approve **Amendment No. 1 to License Agreement No. 21-138** with EarthScope Consortium, Inc., to approve the assignment to EarthScope Consortium, Inc., for non-exclusive use of 625 square feet of County Service Area 29 land, located on the north side of Verde Road (Assessor's Parcel Number 0449-271-04-0000) in Lucerne Valley, for the operation and maintenance of geological monitoring equipment, extend the term for five years by exercising a five-year option to extend, for the period of March 1, 2026, through February 28, 2031, for no fee, and adding the Levine Act Campaign Contribution disclosure requirement to the agreement.
3. Direct the Real Estate Services Department to file the Notice of Exemption in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act.

(Presenter: Terry W. Thompson, Director, 387-5000)

COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Operate in a Fiscally-Responsible and Business-Like Manner.

Pursue County Goals and Objectives by Working with Other Agencies and Stakeholders.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Approval of this item will not result in the use of Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). There is no revenue or cost to the County associated with Amendment No. 1. (Amendment) to License Agreement No. 21-138 (License). Expenses associated with notice of exemption and CEQA fees will be associated with County Service Area 29 - Lucerne Valley (2450001318).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The recommended action will amend the existing License through the use of an available option to extend the term with EarthScope Consortium, Inc., (EarthScope Consortium) as assignee, from March 1, 2026, through February 28, 2031, for the use of 625 square feet of land at the

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north side of Verde Road [Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 0449-271-04-0000] in County Service Area 29 in Lucerne Valley (Property), for the operation of geological monitoring equipment. In consideration of rent, the Licensee provides valuable geological data available to the public, which supports research and understanding of the processes controlling volcanoes and earthquakes, which is why there is no fee for the License term.

On February 9, 2021 (Item No. 66), the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved the no fee License for the use of the Property and in exchange the Licensee provides valuable data for United States Department of the Interior and Geological Survey (USGS). The original term of the License was for a period from March 1, 2021, through February 28, 2026.

Approval of this Amendment is recommended to approve the assignment from UNAVCO, Inc. to EarthScope Consortium, extend the term of the License through the use of an available five-year option, extending the term for the period of March 1, 2026, through February 28, 2031. Extending the term of the License will allow for EarthScope Consortium to continue to provide valuable geological data for public use. All other terms and conditions of the License remain the same.

The project to approve the Amendment was reviewed pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and determined to be categorically exempt under Section 15301 – Existing Facilities (Class 1).

Summary of License
Terms

Licensee:	EarthScope Consortium, Inc., (formerly UNAVCO, Inc.) James Downing, Esq., Senior Contracts and Permitting Manager
Location:	North side of Verde Road (APN 0449-271-04-0000) in Lucerne Valley
Size:	Approximately 625 square feet
Term:	March 1, 2026, through February 28, 2031
Options:	Two remaining five-year options
Rent:	None
Annual Increases:	None
Improvement Costs:	None
Custodial:	None
Maintenance:	None
Utilities:	None
Insurance:	The Certificate of Liability Insurance, as required by the

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License, is on file with the Real Estate Services Department

Holdover: Upon the end of the term, if permitted by Lessor the License shall continue on a month-to-month term upon the same terms and conditions which existed at the time of expiration; the fee payable during such period of holding over shall be \$1,000 per month

Right to Terminate: 90 days written notice

Parking: None

PROCUREMENT

Not applicable.

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (John Tubbs II, and Aaron Gest, Deputies County Counsel, 387-5455) on October 23, 2025; Special Districts (Henry Mac, Division Manager, 389-8822, and Frank Haggard, Regional Manager, 760-366-8415) on October 2, 2025; Purchasing (Ariel Gill, Supervising Buyer, 387-2070) on October 2, 2025; and County Finance and Administration (Amanda Trussell, Principal Administrative Analyst, 387-4773, and Eduardo Mora, Administrative Analyst, 387-4376) on October 17, 2025

(CM: 840-266-0977)

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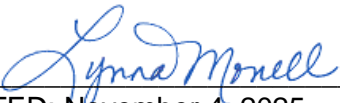
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Board Governed County Service Areas

APPROVED (CONSENT CALENDAR)

Moved: Joe Baca, Jr. Seconded: Curt Hagman

Ayes: Col. Paul Cook (Ret.), Jesse Armendarez, Dawn Rowe, Curt Hagman, Joe Baca, Jr.

Lynna Monell, CLERK OF THE BOARD

BY 
DATED: November 4, 2025



cc: RESD - Thompson w/agree
Contractor - c/o RESD w/agree
File - w/agree

CCM 11/17/2025