

HI-DESERT WATER DISTRICT

PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT

1. PARTIES AND DATE.

This Professional Services Agreement ("Agreement") is made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 2023, by and between the Hi-Desert District, a California Water District, organized under the laws of the State of California, with its principal place of business at 55439 29 Palms Hwy., Yucca Valley, CA 92284 ("District") and _____, with its principal place of business at _____ ("Consultant"). District and Consultant are sometimes individually referred to herein as "Party" and collectively as "Parties."

2. RECITALS.

2.1 Consultant.

Consultant desires to perform and assume responsibility for providing professional [State/Federal] Advocacy Services required by the District on the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement. Consultant represents that it is experienced in providing professional Federal/ Advocacy Services to public clients and is familiar with the plans of the District.

2.2 Project.

District desires to engage Consultant to render such professional advocacy services as set forth in this Agreement.

3. TERMS.

3.1 Scope of Services and Time of Performance.

3.1.1.1 General Scope of Services. Consultant promises and agrees to furnish to the District all labor, materials, tools, equipment, services, and incidental and customary work necessary to fully and adequately supply the professional [Federal/State] Advocacy Services necessary for the Project ("Services"). The Services are more particularly described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. All Services shall be subject to, and performed in accordance with, this Agreement, the exhibits attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, and all applicable local, State and Federal laws, rules and regulations.

3.1.2 Time of Performance. Consultant shall perform its services in a prompt and timely manner and shall commence performance immediately following execution of this Agreement by the Parties. Consultant shall complete the services required hereunder on or before the term of this Agreement.

3.2 Responsibilities of Consultant.

3.2.1 Independent Contractor; Control and Payment of Subordinates. The Services shall be performed by Consultant or under its supervision. Consultant will determine the means, methods and details of performing the Services subject to the requirements of this Agreement. District retains Consultant on an independent contractor basis and not as an employee. Consultant retains the right to perform similar or different services for others during the term of this Agreement. Any additional personnel performing the Services under this Agreement on behalf of Consultant shall also not be employees of District and shall at all times be under Consultant's exclusive direction and control. Neither District, nor any of its officials, officers, directors, employees or agents shall have control over the conduct of Consultant or any of Consultant's officers, employees, or agents, except as set forth in this Agreement. Consultant shall pay all wages, salaries, and other amounts due such personnel in connection with their performance of Services under this Agreement and as required by law. Consultant shall be responsible for all reports and obligations respecting such additional personnel, including, but not limited to: social security taxes, income tax withholding, unemployment insurance, disability insurance, and workers' compensation insurance.

3.2.2 Schedule of Services. Consultant shall perform the Services expeditiously, within the term of this Agreement, and in accordance with the Schedule of Services set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Consultant represents that it has the professional and technical personnel required to perform the Services in conformance with such conditions. In order to facilitate Consultant's conformance with the Schedule, District shall respond to Consultant's submittals in a timely manner. Upon request of District, Consultant shall provide a more detailed schedule of anticipated performance to meet the Schedule of Services.

3.2.3 Conformance to Applicable Requirements. All work prepared by Consultant shall be subject to the approval of District.

3.2.4 Substitution of Key Personnel. Consultant has represented to District that certain key personnel will perform and coordinate the Services under this Agreement. Should one or more of such personnel become unavailable, Consultant may substitute other personnel of at least equal competence upon written approval of District. In the event that District and Consultant cannot agree as to the substitution of key personnel, District shall be entitled to terminate this Agreement for cause. As discussed below, any personnel who fail or refuse to perform the Services in a manner acceptable to the District, or who are determined by the District to be uncooperative, incompetent, a threat to the adequate or timely completion of the Project or a threat to the safety of persons or property, shall be promptly removed from the Project by the Consultant at the request of the District.

3.2.5 District's Representative. The District hereby designates General Manager or his/her designee, _____, to act as its representative in all matters pertaining to the administration and performance of this Agreement ("District's Representative"). District's Representative shall have the power to act on behalf of the District for review and approval of all products submitted by Consultant but not the authority to enlarge the Scope of Work or change the total compensation due to Consultant under this Agreement. The General Manager shall be authorized to act on District's behalf and to execute all necessary

documents which enlarge the Scope of Work or change the Consultant's total compensation subject to the provisions contained in Section 3.3 of this Agreement. Consultant shall not accept direction or orders from any person other than the General Manager, District's Representative or his/her designee.

3.2.6 Consultant's Representative. Consultant hereby designates _____, or his/her designee, to act as its representative for the performance of this Agreement ("Consultant's Representative"). Consultant's Representative shall have full authority to represent and act on behalf of the Consultant for all purposes under this Agreement. The Consultant's Representative shall supervise and direct the Services, using his/her best skill and attention, and shall be responsible for all means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures and for the satisfactory coordination of all portions of the Services under this Agreement.

3.2.7 Coordination of Services. Consultant agrees to work closely with District staff in the performance of Services and shall be available to District's staff, consultants and other staff at all reasonable times.

3.2.8 Standard of Care: Performance of Employees. Consultant shall perform all Services under this Agreement in a skillful and competent manner, consistent with the standards generally recognized as being employed by professionals in the same discipline in the State of California. Consultant represents and maintains that it is skilled in the professional calling necessary to perform the Services. Consultant warrants that all employees and subconsultants shall have sufficient skill and experience to perform the Services assigned to them. Finally, Consultant represents that it, its employees and subconsultants have all licenses, permits, qualifications and approvals of whatever nature that are legally required to perform the Services, and that such licenses and approvals shall be maintained throughout the term of this Agreement. As provided for in the indemnification provisions of this Agreement, Consultant shall perform, at its own cost and expense and without reimbursement from the District, any services necessary to correct errors or omissions which are caused by the Consultant's failure to comply with the standard of care provided for herein. Any employee of the Consultant or its sub-consultants who is determined by the District to be uncooperative, incompetent, a threat to the adequate or timely completion of the Project, a threat to the safety of persons or property, or any employee who fails or refuses to perform the Services in a manner acceptable to the District, shall be promptly removed from the Project by the Consultant and shall not be re-employed to perform any of the Services or to work on the Project.

3.2.9 Laws and Regulations. Consultant shall keep itself fully informed of and in compliance with all local, State and Federal laws, rules and regulations in any manner affecting the performance of the Project or the Services, including all Cal/OSHA requirements, and shall give all notices required by law. Consultant shall be liable for all violations of such laws and regulations in connection with Services. If Consultant performs any work knowing it to be contrary to such laws, rules and regulations, Consultant shall be solely responsible for all costs arising therefrom. Consultant shall defend, indemnify and hold District, its officials, directors, officers, employees, agents, and volunteers free and harmless, pursuant to the indemnification provisions of this Agreement, from any claim or liability arising out of any failure or alleged failure to comply with such laws, rules or regulations.

3.2.10 Insurance. Consultant carries errors and omissions insurance with _____ . After a standard deductible, this insurance provides coverage beyond what is required by the State of California. A declaration page containing information about Consultants errors and omissions insurance policy is available upon the Client's request.

3.3 Fees and Payments.

3.3.1 Compensation. Consultant shall receive _____, excluding requested travel, for all Services set forth in Exhibit "A" under this Agreement at the rates set forth in Exhibit "C," both Exhibits are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Extra Work may be authorized, as described below, and if authorized, will be compensated at the rates and manner set forth in this Agreement.

3.3.2 Payment of Compensation. Consultant shall submit to District a monthly invoice which indicates work completed and hours of Services rendered by Consultant. The invoice shall describe the amount of Services provided since the initial commencement date, or since the start of the subsequent billing periods, as appropriate, through the date of the invoice. District shall, within 30 days of receiving such invoice, review the invoice and pay all non-disputed and approved charges thereon. If the District disputes any of Consultant's fees, the District shall give written notice to Consultant within thirty (30) days of receipt of an invoice of any disputed fees set forth therein.

3.3.3 Reimbursement for Expenses. Consultant shall not be reimbursed for any expenses unless authorized in writing by District, or included in Exhibit "C" of this Agreement.

3.3.4 Extra Work. At any time during the term of this Agreement, District may request that Consultant perform Extra Work. As used herein, "Extra Work" means any work which is determined by District to be necessary for the proper completion of a Project, but which the Parties did not reasonably anticipate would be necessary at the execution of this Agreement and are not actions set forth in Exhibit "A." Consultant shall not perform, nor be compensated for, Extra Work without written authorization from the District.

3.3.5 Rate Increases. In the event that this Agreement is renewed pursuant to Section 3.1.2, the rate set forth in Exhibit "C" may be adjusted each year at the time of renewal as set forth in Exhibit "C."

3.4 Accounting Records.

3.4.1 Maintenance and Inspection. Consultant shall maintain complete and accurate records with respect to all costs and expenses incurred under this Agreement. All such records shall be clearly identifiable. Consultant shall allow a representative of District during normal business hours to examine, audit, and make transcripts or copies of such records and any other documents created pursuant to this Agreement. Consultant shall allow inspection of all work, data, documents, proceedings, and activities related to the Agreement for a period of three (3) years from the date of final payment under this Agreement.

3.5 General Provisions.

3.5.1 Termination of Agreement.

3.5.1.1 Grounds for Termination. Either Party may, by written notice to the other, terminate the whole or any part of this Agreement at any time and without cause by giving written notice of such termination, and specifying the effective date thereof, at least thirty (30) days before the effective date of such termination. Upon termination, Consultant shall be compensated only for those services which have been adequately rendered to District, and Consultant shall be entitled to no further compensation.

3.5.1.2 Effect of Termination. If this Agreement is terminated as provided herein, District may require Consultant to provide all finished or unfinished Documents and Data and other information of any kind prepared by Consultant in connection with the performance of Services under this Agreement. Consultant shall be required to provide such document and other information within fifteen (15) days of the request. Upon termination of the agreement, final payment by the District will be strictly limited to worked billable hours performed (with no cancellation fees or charges) by the Consultant up to the termination date.

3.5.1.3 Additional Services. In the event this Agreement is terminated in whole or in part as provided herein, District may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as it may determine appropriate, services similar to those terminated.

3.5.1.4 Delivery of Notices. All notices permitted or required under this Agreement shall be given to the respective Parties at the following address, or at such other address as the respective Parties may provide in writing for this purpose:

Consultant: _____

District: Hi-Desert Water District
55439 29 Palms Hwy.,
Yucca Valley, CA 92284
ATTN: Paul Peschel, General Manager

Such notice shall be deemed made when personally delivered or when mailed, forty-eight (48) hours after deposit in the U.S. Mail, first class postage prepaid and addressed to the party at its applicable address. Actual notice shall be deemed adequate notice on the date actual notice occurred, regardless of the method of service.

3.5.2 Ownership of Materials and Confidentiality.

3.5.2.1 Documents & Data: Licensing of Intellectual Property. This Agreement creates a non-exclusive and perpetual license for District to copy, use, modify, reuse, or sublicense any and all copyrights, designs, and other intellectual property embodied in plans, specifications, studies, drawings, estimates, and other documents or works of authorship fixed in any tangible medium of expression, including but not limited to, physical drawings or data magnetically or otherwise recorded on computer diskettes, which are prepared or caused to be prepared by Consultant under this Agreement ("Documents & Data"). Consultant shall require all subconsultants to agree in writing that District is granted a non-exclusive and perpetual license for any Documents & Data the subconsultant prepares under this Agreement. Consultant represents and warrants that Consultant has the legal right to license any and all Documents & Data. Consultant makes no such representation and warranty in regard to Documents & Data which were prepared by design professionals other than Consultant or provided to Consultant by the District. District shall not be limited in any way in its use of the Documents & Data at any time, provided that any such use not within the purposes intended by this Agreement shall be at District's sole risk.

3.5.2.2 Confidentiality. All ideas, memoranda, specifications, plans, procedures, drawings, descriptions, computer program data, input record data, written information, and other Documents & Data either created by or provided to Consultant in connection with the performance of this Agreement shall be held confidential by Consultant. Such materials shall not, without the prior written consent of District, be used by Consultant for any purposes other than the performance of the Services. Nor shall such materials be disclosed to any person or entity not connected with the performance of the Services or the Project. Nothing furnished to Consultant which is otherwise known to Consultant or is generally known, or has become known, to the related industry shall be deemed confidential. Consultant shall not use District's name or insignia, photographs of the Project, or any publicity pertaining to the Services or the Project in any magazine, trade paper, newspaper, television or radio production or other similar medium without the prior written consent of District.

3.5.2.3 Confidential Information. The District shall refrain from releasing Consultant's proprietary information ("Proprietary Information") unless the District's legal counsel determines that the release of the Proprietary Information is required by the California Public Records Act or other applicable State or Federal law, or order of a court of competent jurisdiction, in which case the District shall notify Consultant of its intention to release Proprietary Information. Consultant shall have five (5) working days after receipt of the Release Notice to give District written notice of Consultant's objection to the District's release of Proprietary Information. Consultant shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the District, and its officers, directors, employees, and agents from and against all liability, loss, cost or expense (including attorney's fees) arising out of a legal action brought to compel the release of Proprietary Information. District shall not release the Proprietary Information after receipt of the Objection Notice unless either: (1) Consultant fails to fully indemnify, defend (with District's choice of legal counsel), and hold District harmless from any legal action brought to compel such release; and/or (2) a final and non-appealable order by a court of competent jurisdiction requires that District release such information.

3.5.3 Cooperation; Further Acts. The Parties shall fully cooperate with one another, and shall take any additional acts or sign any additional documents as may be necessary, appropriate or convenient to attain the purposes of this Agreement.

3.5.4 Attorney's Fees. If either party commences an action against the other party, either legal, administrative or otherwise, arising out of or in connection with this Agreement, the prevailing party in such litigation shall be entitled to have and recover from the losing party reasonable attorney's fees and all other costs of such action.

3.5.5 Indemnification. Consultant agrees to indemnify the District, its officers, employees and agents against, and will hold and save each of them harmless from, any and all actions, suits, claims, damages to persons or property, losses, costs, penalties, obligations, errors, omissions or liabilities (herein "claims or liabilities") that may be asserted or claimed by any person, firm or entity arising from the negligent acts or omissions of Consultant hereunder, or arising from Consultant's negligent performance of any term, provision, covenant or condition of this Agreement, except to the extent such claims or liabilities arise from the negligence or willful misconduct of the District, its officers, agents or employees.

3.5.6 Entire Agreement. This Agreement contains the entire Agreement of the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and supersedes all prior negotiations, understandings or agreements. This Agreement may only be modified by a writing signed by both Parties.

3.5.7 Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California. Venue shall be in San Bernardino County.

3.5.8 Time of Essence. Time is of the essence for each and every provision of this Agreement.

3.5.9 District's Right to Employ Other Consultants. District reserves right to employ other consultants in connection with this Project.

3.5.10 Successors and Assigns. This Agreement shall be binding on the successors and assigns of the Parties.

3.5.11 Assignment or Transfer. Consultant shall not assign, hypothecate, or transfer, either directly or by operation of law, this Agreement or any interest herein without the prior written consent of the District. Any attempt to do so shall be null and void, and any assignees, hypothecates or transferees shall acquire no right or interest by reason of such attempted assignment, hypothecation or transfer.

3.5.12 Amendment; Modification. No supplement, modification, or amendment of this Agreement shall be binding unless executed in writing and signed by both Parties.

3.5.13 Waiver. No waiver of any default shall constitute a waiver of any other default or breach, whether of the same or other covenant or condition. No waiver, benefit, privilege, or service voluntarily given or performed by a Party shall give the other Party any

contractual rights by custom, estoppel, or otherwise.

3.5.14 No Third-Party Beneficiaries. There are no intended third-party beneficiaries of any right or obligation assumed by the Parties.

3.5.15 Invalidity; Severability. If any portion of this Agreement is declared invalid, illegal, or otherwise unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

3.5.16 Prohibited Interests. Consultant maintains and warrants that it has not employed nor retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for Consultant, to solicit or secure this Agreement. Further, Consultant warrants that it has not paid nor has it agreed to pay any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for Consultant, any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift or other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement. For breach or violation of this warranty, District shall have the right to rescind this Agreement without liability. For the term of this Agreement, no member, officer or employee of District, during the term of his or her service with District, shall have any direct interest in this Agreement, or obtain any present or anticipated material benefit arising therefrom.

3.5.17 Equal Opportunity Employment. Consultant represents that it is an equal opportunity employer and it shall not discriminate against any subconsultant, employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, national origin, handicap, ancestry, sex or age. Such non-discrimination shall include, but not be limited to, all activities related to initial employment, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination. Consultant shall also comply with all relevant provisions of District's Minority Business Enterprise program, Affirmative Action Plan or other related programs or guidelines currently in effect or hereinafter enacted.

3.5.18 Labor Certification. By its signature hereunder, Consultant certifies that it is aware of the provisions of Section 3700 of the California Labor Code which require every employer to be insured against liability for Worker's Compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions of that Code, and agrees to comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of the Services.

3.5.19 Authority to Enter Agreement. Consultant has all requisite power and authority to conduct its business and to execute, deliver, and perform the Agreement. Each Party warrants that the individuals who have signed this Agreement have the legal power, right, and authority to make this Agreement and bind each respective Party.

3.5.20 Counterparts. This Agreement may be signed in counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original.

3.6 Subcontracting.

3.6.1 Prior Approval Required. Consultant shall not subcontract any portion of the work required by this Agreement, except as expressly stated herein, without prior written approval of District. Subcontracts, if any, shall contain a provision making them subject to all provisions stipulated in this Agreement.

HI-DESERT WATER DISTRICT

By: _____

Paul Peschel
General Manager

By: _____

EXHIBIT "A"
SCOPE OF SERVICES

EXHIBIT "B"
SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Consultant will commence projects beginning _____, 2023 through _____, 2026 as agreed upon by both Parties. This term may be extended or renewed upon mutual agreement of the Parties.

EXHIBIT "C"
COMPENSATION