

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT  
BY AND BETWEEN  
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT  
AND  
LACO ASSOCIATES, INC.  
FOR FISCAL YEARS 2020-2021 THROUGH 2022-2023**

This Agreement, entered into this 7th day of October, 2020, by and between the County of Humboldt, a political subdivision of the State of California, hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY," and LACO ASSOCIATES, INC., a California Corporation, hereinafter referred to as "CONTRACTOR," is made upon the following considerations:

WHEREAS, COUNTY, by and through its Planning and Building Department – Current Planning and Cannabis Planning Divisions, desires to retain a qualified professional to provide preparation of environmental documents and peer review; and

WHEREAS, such work involves the performance of professional, expert and technical services of a temporary and occasional character; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY has no employees available to perform such services and is unable to hire employees for the performance thereof for the temporary period; and

WHEREAS, CONTRACTOR represents that it is adequately trained, skilled, experienced and qualified to perform the environmental document preparation and peer review services required by COUNTY.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties hereto mutually agree as follows:

1. DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES:

CONTRACTOR agrees to provide the services described in Exhibit A – Scope of Services, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full. In providing such services, CONTRACTOR agrees to fully cooperate with the Planning and Building Department Director, or a designee thereof, hereinafter referred to as "Director."

2. TERM:

This Agreement shall begin on October 7, 2020 and shall remain in full force and effect until December 31, 2023 unless sooner terminated as provided herein.

3. TERMINATION:

A. Termination for Cause. COUNTY may, in its sole discretion, immediately terminate this Agreement, if CONTRACTOR fails to adequately perform the services required hereunder, fails to comply with the terms or conditions set forth herein, or violates any local, state or federal law, regulation or standard applicable to its performance hereunder.

- B. Termination Without Cause. COUNTY may terminate this Agreement without cause upon thirty (30) days advance written notice which states the effective date of the termination.
- C. Termination due to Insufficient Funding. COUNTY's obligations under this Agreement are contingent upon the availability of local, state and/or federal funds. In the event such funding is reduced or eliminated, COUNTY shall, at its sole discretion, determine whether this Agreement shall be terminated. COUNTY shall provide CONTRACTOR seven (7) days advance written notice of its intent to terminate this Agreement due to insufficient funding.
- D. Compensation Upon Termination. In the event this Agreement is terminated, CONTRACTOR shall be entitled to compensation for uncompensated services rendered hereunder through and including the effective date of such termination. However, this provision shall not limit or reduce any damages owed to COUNTY due to a breach of this Agreement by CONTRACTOR.

4. COMPENSATION:

- A. Maximum Amount Payable. The maximum amount payable by COUNTY for services rendered, and costs and expenses incurred, pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement is Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00). CONTRACTOR agrees to perform all services required by this Agreement for an amount not to exceed such maximum dollar amount. However, if local, state, or federal funding or allowance rates are reduced or eliminated, COUNTY may, by amendment, reduce the maximum amount payable hereunder or terminate this Agreement as provided herein.
- B. Schedule of Rates. The specific rates and costs applicable to this Agreement are set forth in Exhibit B – Schedule of Rates, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full.
- C. Additional Services. Any additional services not otherwise provided for herein shall not be provided by CONTRACTOR, or compensated by COUNTY, without written authorization by COUNTY. Any and all unauthorized costs and expenses incurred above the maximum payable amount set forth herein shall be the responsibility of CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall notify COUNTY, in writing, at least six (6) weeks prior to the date upon which CONTRACTOR estimates that the maximum payable amount will be reached.

5. PAYMENT:

CONTRACTOR shall submit to COUNTY monthly invoices itemizing all services rendered, and costs and expenses incurred, pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Invoices shall be in a format approved by and shall include backup documentation as specified by Director and the Humboldt County Auditor-Controller. CONTRACTOR shall submit a final invoice for payment within thirty (30) days following the expiration or termination date of this

Agreement. Payment for services rendered, and costs and expenses incurred, pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be made within thirty (30) days after the receipt of approved invoices. Any and all invoices submitted by CONTRACTOR shall be sent to COUNTY at the following address:

COUNTY: Planning and Building Department  
Attention: Delilah Moxon, Administrative Services Manager  
3015 H Street  
Eureka, CA 95501

6. NOTICES:

Any and all notices required to be given pursuant to the terms of this Agreement shall be in writing and either served personally or sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the respective addresses set forth below. Notice shall be effective upon actual receipt or refusal as shown on the receipt obtained pursuant to the foregoing.

COUNTY: Planning and Building Department  
Attention: Delilah Moxon, Administrative Services Manager  
3015 H Street  
Eureka, CA 95501

CONTRACTOR: LACO Associates, Inc.  
Attention: Elizabeth Burks, Planning Director  
21 W. Fourth Street  
Eureka, CA 95501

7. REPORTS:

CONTRACTOR agrees to provide COUNTY with any and all reports that may be required by any local, state and/or federal agencies for compliance with this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall submit one (1) hard copy and one (1) electronic copy of any and all reports required hereunder in a format that complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act and any other applicable accessibility laws, regulations and standards. Any and all reports required hereunder shall be submitted in accordance with any and all applicable timeframes using the format required by the State of California as appropriate.

8. RECORD RETENTION AND INSPECTION:

A. Maintenance and Preservation of Records. CONTRACTOR agrees to timely prepare accurate and complete financial, performance and payroll records, documents and other evidence relating to the services provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, and to maintain and preserve said records for at least three (3) years from the date of final payment hereunder, except that if any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit or other action is pending, the records shall be retained until completion and resolution of all issues arising therefrom. Such records shall be original entry books with a general ledger

itemizing all debits and credits for the services provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

- B. Inspection of Records. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 8546.7, all records, documents, conditions and activities of CONTRACTOR, and its subcontractors, related to the services provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, shall be subject to the examination and audit of the California State Auditor and any other duly authorized agents of the State of California for a period of three (3) years after the date of final payment hereunder. CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to make all such records available during normal business hours to inspection, audit and reproduction by COUNTY and any other duly authorized local, state and/or federal agencies. CONTRACTOR further agrees to allow interviews of any of its employees who might reasonably have information related to such records by COUNTY and any other duly authorized local, state and/or federal agencies. All examinations and audits conducted hereunder shall be strictly confined to those matters connected with the performance of this Agreement, including, without limitation, the costs of administering this Agreement.
- C. Audit Costs. In the event of an audit exception or exceptions related to the services provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the party responsible for not meeting the requirements set forth herein shall be responsible for the deficiency and for the cost of the audit. If the allowable expenditures cannot be determined because CONTRACTOR's documentation is nonexistent or inadequate, according to generally accepted accounting practices, the questionable cost shall be disallowed by COUNTY.

9. MONITORING:

CONTRACTOR agrees that COUNTY has the right to monitor all activities related to this Agreement, including, without limitation, the right to review and monitor CONTRACTOR's records, policies, procedures and overall business operations, at any time, in order to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. CONTRACTOR will cooperate with a corrective action plan, if deficiencies in CONTRACTOR's records, programs or procedures are identified by COUNTY. However, COUNTY is not responsible, and will not be held accountable, for overseeing or evaluating the adequacy of CONTRACTOR's performance hereunder.

10. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION:

- A. Disclosure of Confidential Information. In the performance of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR may receive information that is confidential under local, state, or federal law. CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to protect all confidential information in conformance with any and all applicable local, state and federal laws, regulations, policies, procedures and standards, including, without limitation: California Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 827, 5328, 10850 and 14100.2; California Health and Safety Code Sections 1280.15 and 1280.18; the California Information Practices Act of 1977; the California Confidentiality of Medical Information Act ("CMIA"); the United States Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act ("HITECH Act"); the

United States Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA") and any current and future implementing regulations promulgated thereunder, including, without limitation, the Federal Privacy Regulations contained in Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations ("C.F.R.") Parts 160 and 164, the Federal Security Standards contained in 45 C.F.R. Parts 160, 162 and 164 and the Federal Standards for Electronic Transactions contained in 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 162, all as may be amended from time to time.

- B. Continuing Compliance with Confidentiality Requirements. The parties acknowledge that local, state and federal laws, regulations and standards pertaining to confidentiality, electronic data security and privacy are rapidly evolving, and that amendment of this Agreement may be required to ensure compliance with such developments. Each party agrees to promptly enter into negotiations concerning an amendment to this Agreement embodying written assurances consistent with the requirements of HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the CMIA and any other applicable local, state and federal laws, regulations or standards.

11. NON-DISCRIMINATION COMPLIANCE:

- A. Professional Services and Employment. In connection with the execution of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR, and its subcontractors, shall not unlawfully discriminate in the provision of professional services or against any employee or applicant for employment because of: race; religion or religious creed; color; age, over forty (40) years of age; sex, including, without limitation, gender identity and expression, pregnancy, childbirth and related medical conditions; sexual orientation, including, without limitation, heterosexuality, homosexuality and bisexuality; national origin; ancestry; marital status; medical condition, including, without limitation, cancer and genetic characteristics; mental or physical disability, including, without limitation, HIV status and AIDS; political affiliation; military service; denial of family care leave; or any other classifications protected by local, state, or federal laws or regulations. Nothing herein shall be construed to require the employment of unqualified persons.
- B. Compliance with Anti-Discrimination Laws. CONTRACTOR further assures that it, and its subcontractors, will abide by the applicable provisions of: Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975; the Food Stamp Act of 1977; Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; the California Fair Employment and Housing Act; California Civil Code Sections 51, *et seq.*; California Government Code Sections 4450, *et seq.*; California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 10000; Division 21 of the California Department of Social Services Manual of Policies and Procedures; United States Executive Order 11246, as amended and supplemented by United States Executive Order 11375 and 41 C.F.R. Part 60; and any other applicable local, state and/or federal laws and regulations, all as may be amended from time to time. The applicable regulations of the California Fair Employment and Housing Commission implementing California Government Code Section 12990, set forth in Sections 8101, *et seq.* of Title 2, of the California Code of Regulations are incorporated into this Agreement by reference and made a part hereof as if set forth in full.

12. NUCLEAR-FREE HUMBOLDT COUNTY ORDINANCE COMPLIANCE:

By executing this Agreement, CONTRACTOR certifies that it is not a Nuclear Weapons Contractor, in that CONTRACTOR is not knowingly or intentionally engaged in the research, development, production or testing of nuclear warheads, nuclear weapons systems or nuclear weapons components as defined by the Nuclear-Free Humboldt County Ordinance. CONTRACTOR agrees to notify COUNTY immediately if it becomes a Nuclear Weapons Contractor as defined above. COUNTY may immediately terminate this Agreement if it determines that the foregoing certification is false or if CONTRACTOR subsequently becomes a Nuclear Weapons Contractor.

13. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE CERTIFICATION:

By executing this Agreement, CONTRACTOR certifies that it will provide a drug-free workplace in accordance with the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990 (California Government Code Sections 8350, *et seq.*), by doing all of the following:

- A. Drug-Free Policy Statement. Publish, as required by California Government Code Section 8355(a)(1), a Drug-Free Policy Statement which notifies employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited, and specifies the actions to be taken against employees for violations.
- B. Drug-Free Awareness Program. Establish, as required by California Government Code Section 8355(a)(2), a Drug-Free Awareness Program which informs employees about:
  - 1. The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace; and
  - 2. CONTRACTOR's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace; and
  - 3. Any available counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
  - 4. Penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.
- C. Drug-Free Employment Agreement. Ensure, as required by California Government Code Section 8355(a)(3), that every employee who provides services hereunder will:
  - 1. Receive a copy of CONTRACTOR's Drug-Free Policy Statement; and
  - 2. Agree to abide by CONTRACTOR's Drug-Free Policy as a condition of employment.
- D. Effect of Non-Compliance. Failure to comply with the requirements set forth herein may result in termination of this Agreement and/or ineligibility for award of future contracts.

14. INDEMNIFICATION:

- A. Hold Harmless, Defense and Indemnification. CONTRACTOR shall hold harmless, defend and indemnify COUNTY and its agents, officers, officials, employees and volunteers from and against any and all claims, demands, losses, damages, liabilities, expenses and costs of any kind or nature, including, without limitation, attorney's fees and other costs of litigation, arising out of, or in connection with, CONTRACTOR's negligent performance of, or failure to comply with, any of the duties and/or obligations contained herein, except such loss or damage which was caused by the sole negligence or willful misconduct of COUNTY.
- B. Effect of Insurance. Acceptance of the insurance required by this Agreement shall not relieve CONTRACTOR from liability under this provision. This provision shall apply to all claims for damages related to CONTRACTOR's performance hereunder regardless of whether any insurance is applicable or not. The insurance policy limits set forth herein shall not act as a limitation upon the amount of indemnification or defense to be provided hereunder.

15. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:

This Agreement shall not be executed by COUNTY, and CONTRACTOR is not entitled to any rights hereunder, unless certificates of insurance, or other proof that the following provisions have been complied with, are filed with the Clerk of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors.

- A. General Insurance Requirements. Without limiting CONTRACTOR's indemnification obligations set forth herein, CONTRACTOR, and its subcontractors, shall take out and maintain, throughout the term of this Agreement, and any extensions thereof, the following policies of insurance, placed with insurers authorized to do business in the State of California with a current A.M. Bests rating of no less than A: VII or its equivalent against personal injury, death and property damage which may arise from, or in connection with, the activities of CONTRACTOR and its agents, officers, directors, employees, assignees or subcontractors:
  - 1. Comprehensive or Commercial General Liability Insurance at least as broad as Insurance Services Office Commercial General Liability Coverage (occurrence form CG 0001), in an amount of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) per occurrence for any one (1) incident, including, but not limited to, personal injury, death and property damage. If a general aggregate limit is used, such limit shall apply separately hereto or shall be twice the required occurrence limit.
  - 2. Automobile/Motor Liability Insurance with a limit of liability not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) combined single limit coverage. Such insurance shall include coverage of all owned, hired, and non-owned vehicles, and be at least as broad as Insurance Service Offices Form Code 1 (any auto).
  - 3. Workers' Compensation Insurance, as required by the California Labor Code, with statutory limits, and Employers Liability Insurance with a limit of no less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per accident for bodily injury or disease. Said policy

shall contain, or be endorsed to contain, a waiver of subrogation against COUNTY and its agents, officers, officials, employees, and volunteers.

4. Professional Liability Insurance – Error and Omission Coverage including coverage in an amount not less than Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) for each occurrence (Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) general aggregate). Said insurance shall be maintained for the statutory period during which CONTRACTOR may be exposed to liability regarding the services provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall require that such coverage be incorporated into its professional services agreements with any other entities.

B. Special Insurance Requirements. Said policies shall, unless otherwise specified herein, be endorsed with the following provisions:

1. The Comprehensive or Commercial General Liability Policy shall provide that COUNTY, and its agents, officers, officials, employees and volunteers, are covered as additional insured for liability arising out of the operations performed by, or on behalf of, CONTRACTOR. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to COUNTY or its agents, officers, officials, employees, and volunteers. Said policy shall also contain a provision stating that such coverage:
  - a. Includes contractual liability.
  - b. Does not contain exclusions as to property damage caused by explosion or collapse of structures or underground damage, commonly referred to as “XCU Hazards.”
  - c. Is the primary insurance with regard to COUNTY.
  - d. Does not contain a pro-rata, excess only and/or escape clause.
  - e. Contains a cross liability, severability of interest or separation of insureds clause.
2. The above-referenced policies shall not be canceled, non-renewed or materially reduced in coverage without thirty (30) days prior written notice being provided to COUNTY in accordance with the notice requirements set forth herein. It is further understood that CONTRACTOR shall not terminate such coverage until COUNTY receives adequate proof that equal or better insurance has been secured.
3. The inclusion of more than one (1) insured shall not operate to impair the rights of one (1) insured against another insured, and the coverage afforded shall apply as though separate policies had been issued to each insured, but the inclusion of more than one (1) insured shall not operate to increase the limits of the insurer’s liability.
4. For claims related to this Agreement, CONTRACTOR’s insurance is the primary



coverage to COUNTY, and any insurance or self-insurance programs maintained thereby are excess to CONTRACTOR's insurance and will not be used to contribute therewith.

5. Any failure to comply with the provisions of this Agreement shall not affect the coverage provided to COUNTY or its agents, officers, officials, employees, and volunteers.
  6. CONTRACTOR shall furnish COUNTY with certificates and original endorsements effecting the required coverage prior to execution of this Agreement. The endorsements shall be on forms approved by the Humboldt County Risk Manager. Any deductible or self-insured retention over One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) shall be disclosed to, and approved by, COUNTY. If CONTRACTOR does not keep all required policies in full force and effect, COUNTY may, in addition to any other available remedies, take out the necessary insurance and deduct the cost of said insurance from the monies owed to CONTRACTOR under this Agreement.
  7. COUNTY is to be notified immediately if twenty-five percent (25%) or more of any required insurance aggregate limit is encumbered, and CONTRACTOR shall be required to purchase additional coverage to meet the above-referenced aggregate limits.
- C. Insurance Notices. Any and all insurance notices required hereunder shall be sent to the addresses set forth below in accordance with the notice provisions described herein.

COUNTY: County of Humboldt  
Attention: Risk Management  
825 Fifth Street, Room 131  
Eureka, California 95501

CONTRACTOR: LACO Associates, Inc.  
Attention: Elizabeth Burks, Planning Director  
21 W. Fourth Street  
Eureka, CA 95501

16. RELATIONSHIP OF PARTIES:

It is understood that this Agreement is by and between two (2) independent entities and is not intended to, and shall not be construed to, create the relationship of agent, servant, employee, partnership, joint venture or any other similar association. Both parties further agree that CONTRACTOR shall not be entitled to any benefits to which COUNTY employees are entitled, including, without limitation, overtime, retirement, leave or workers' compensation benefits. CONTRACTOR shall be solely responsible for the acts or omissions of its agents, officers, employees, assignees, and subcontractors.

17. COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS, REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS:

- A. General Legal Requirements. CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with any and all local, state and federal laws, regulations, policies, procedures and standards applicable to the services provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- B. Licensure Requirements. CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with any and all local, state and federal licensure, certification and accreditation requirements and standards applicable to the services provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- C. Accessibility Requirements. CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with any and all applicable accessibility requirements set forth in the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, California Government Code Section 1135 and any current and future implementing regulations, policies, procedures and standards promulgated thereunder, including, without limitation, the federal accessibility standards set forth in 36 C.F.R. Section 1194.1, all as may be amended from time to time.
- D. Conflict of Interest Requirements. CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with any and all applicable conflict of interest requirements set forth in the California Political Reform Act and any current and future implementing regulations, policies, procedures and standards promulgated thereunder, including, without limitation, COUNTY's Conflict of Interest Code, all as may be amended from time to time.

18. PROVISIONS REQUIRED BY LAW:

This Agreement is subject to any additional local, state, and federal restrictions, limitations or conditions that may affect the terms, conditions, or funding of this Agreement. This Agreement shall be read and enforced as though all legally required provisions are included herein, and if for any reason any such provision is not included, or is not correctly stated, the parties agree to amend the pertinent section to make such insertion or correction.

19. REFERENCE TO LAWS, REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS:

In the event any law, regulation or standard referred to herein is amended during the term of this Agreement, the parties agree to comply with the amended provision as of the effective date thereof.

20. SEVERABILITY:

If any provision of this Agreement, or any portion thereof, is found by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unenforceable or invalid for any reason, such provision shall be severable and shall not in any way impair the enforceability of any other provision of this Agreement.

21. ASSIGNMENT:

Neither party shall delegate its duties nor assign its rights hereunder, either in whole or in part, without the other party's prior written consent. Any assignment by CONTRACTOR in violation of this provision shall be void and shall be cause for immediate termination of this Agreement.

This provision shall not be applicable to service agreements or other arrangements usually or customarily entered into by either party to obtain supplies, technical support or professional services.

22. AGREEMENT SHALL BIND SUCCESSORS:

All provisions of this Agreement shall be fully binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the parties and to each of their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and permitted assigns.

23. WAIVER OF DEFAULT:

The waiver by either party of any breach of this Agreement shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any such breach in the future, or of the breach of any other requirement of this Agreement. In no event shall any payment by COUNTY constitute a waiver of any breach of this Agreement which may then exist on the part of CONTRACTOR. Nor shall such payment impair or prejudice any remedy available to COUNTY with respect to the breach or default. COUNTY shall have the right to demand repayment of, and CONTRACTOR shall promptly refund, any funds disbursed to CONTRACTOR which COUNTY determines were not expended in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

24. AMENDMENT:

This Agreement may be amended at any time during the term of this Agreement upon the mutual consent of both parties. No addition to, or alteration of, the terms of this Agreement shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by the parties hereto.

25. NON-LIABILITY OF COUNTY OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES:

No official or employee of COUNTY shall be personally liable for any default or liability under this Agreement.

26. STANDARD OF PRACTICE:

CONTRACTOR warrants that it has the degree of learning and skill ordinarily possessed by reputable professionals practicing in similar localities in the same profession and under similar circumstances. CONTRACTOR's duty is to exercise such care, skill and diligence as professionals engaged in the same profession ordinarily exercise under like circumstances.

27. TITLE TO INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS:

It is understood that any and all documents, information and reports concerning the subject matter of this Agreement prepared and/or submitted by CONTRACTOR shall become the property of COUNTY. However, CONTRACTOR may retain copies of such documents, information, and reports for its records. In the event this Agreement is terminated, CONTRACTOR shall promptly turn over all such documents, information, and reports to COUNTY without exception or reservation.

28. JURISDICTION AND VENUE:

This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California. Any dispute arising hereunder, or relating hereto, shall be litigated in the State of California and venue shall lie in the County of Humboldt unless transferred by court order pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Sections 394 or 395.

29. ADVERTISING AND MEDIA RELEASE:

Any and all informational material related to this Agreement shall receive approval from COUNTY prior to being used as advertising or released to the media, including, without limitation, television, radio, newspapers and internet. CONTRACTOR shall inform COUNTY of all requests for interviews by the media related to this Agreement before such interviews take place; and COUNTY shall be entitled to have a representative present at such interviews. All notices required by this provision shall be given to Director in accordance with the notice requirements set forth herein.

30. SUBCONTRACTS:

CONTRACTOR shall obtain prior written approval from COUNTY before subcontracting any of the services to be provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Any and all subcontracts shall be subject to all applicable terms and conditions of this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall remain legally responsible for the performance of all terms and conditions of this Agreement, including, without limitation, any and all services provided by third parties under subcontracts, whether approved by COUNTY or not.

31. ATTORNEYS' FEES:

If either party shall commence any legal action, including, without limitation, an action for declaratory relief, against the other by reason of the alleged failure of the other to perform any of its obligations hereunder, the party prevailing in said action shall be entitled to recover court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees, including, but not limited to, the reasonable value of services rendered by the Humboldt County Counsel's Office, to be fixed by the court, and such recovery shall include court costs and attorneys' fees on appeal, if applicable. As used herein, "prevailing party" means the party who dismisses an action in exchange for payment of substantially all sums allegedly due, performance of provisions allegedly breached, or other considerations substantially equal to the relief sought by said party, as well as the party in whose favor final judgment is rendered.

32. SURVIVAL OF PROVISIONS:

The duties and obligations of the parties set forth in Section 3.D. – Compensation Upon Termination, Section 8 – Record Retention and Inspection, Section 10 – Confidential Information and Section 14 – Indemnification shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

33. CONFLICTING TERMS OR CONDITIONS:

In the event of any conflict in the terms or conditions set forth in any other agreements in place between the parties hereto and the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, the terms and conditions set forth herein shall have priority.

34. INTERPRETATION:

This Agreement, as well as its individual provisions, shall be deemed to have been prepared equally by both of the parties hereto, and shall not be construed or interpreted more favorably for one (1) party on the basis that the other party prepared it.

35. INDEPENDENT CONSTRUCTION:

The titles of the sections and subsections set forth herein are inserted for convenience of reference only and shall be disregarded in construing or interpreting any of the provisions of this Agreement.

36. FORCE MAJEURE:

Neither party hereto shall be liable or responsible for delays or failures in performance resulting from events beyond the reasonable control, and without the fault or negligence, of such party. Such events shall include, without limitation, acts of God, strikes, lockouts, riots, acts of war, epidemics, acts of government, fire, power failures, nuclear accidents, earthquakes, unusually severe weather, acts of terrorism or other disasters, whether or not similar to the foregoing.

37. ENTIRE AGREEMENT:

This Agreement contains all of the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties hereto and no other agreements, oral or otherwise, regarding the subject matter of this Agreement shall be deemed to exist or to bind either of the parties hereto. In addition, this Agreement shall supersede in their entirety any and all prior agreements, promises, representations, understandings and negotiations of the parties, whether oral or written, concerning the same subject matter. Any and all acts which may have already been consummated pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement are hereby ratified.

38. COUNTERPART EXECUTION:

This Agreement, and any amendments hereto, may be executed in one (1) or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original and all of which, when taken together, shall be deemed to be one (1) and the same agreement. A signed copy of this Agreement, and any amendments hereto, transmitted by email or by other means of electronic transmission shall be deemed to have the same legal effect as delivery of an original executed copy of this Agreement and any amendments hereto.

39. AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE:

Each person executing this Agreement represents and warrants that he or she is duly authorized and has legal authority to execute and deliver this Agreement. Each party represents and warrants to the other that the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the performance of such party's obligations hereunder have been duly authorized.

[Signatures on Following Page]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have entered into this Agreement as of the first date written above.

**TWO SIGNATURES ARE REQUIRED FOR CORPORATIONS:**

- (1) CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD, PRESIDENT, OR VICE PRESIDENT; AND
- (2) SECRETARY, ASSISTANT SECRETARY, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OR TREASURER.

**LACO ASSOCIATES, INC.:**

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
DocuSigned by: JZA6963611364E6...

Date: 9/21/2020

Name: Michael Nelson

Title: President & CEO


By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
DocuSigned by: FD48AE6113B74EE...

Date: 9/21/2020

Name: Elizabeth Burks

Title: Treasurer

**COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT:**

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
 John Ford, Director  
 Humboldt County Planning and Building Department

Date: 10/7/2020

**INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION REQUIREMENTS APPROVED:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Risk Management

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**LIST OF EXHIBITS:**

- Exhibit A – Scope of Services
- Exhibit B – Schedule of Rates

**EXHIBIT A  
SCOPE OF SERVICES  
LACO ASSOCIATES, INC.**

1. SERVICES:

CONTRACTOR shall assist COUNTY in preparing staff reports, environmental documents, and technical studies to meet the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and local regulations on an as-needed basis. The scope of work may differ for each permit application being considered.

This may include, but is not limited to, cultural resource investigations and reports, biological investigations and reports and analysis of private road systems. Field work will be required in many circumstances.

CONTRACTOR shall complete the initial study checklist (pursuant to Appendix G of the CEQA guidelines), develop appropriate mitigation measures for citation within the mitigated negative declaration (MND) and staff report for the project. Work will also include development of the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MMRP) for the project for inclusion within the MND. If the project requires a full Environmental Impact Report (EIR), CONTRACTOR may be requested to prepare such report.

CONTRACTOR shall provide peer review services to include review of environmental documents and technical studies prepared by other consultants and Planning and Building Department staff. Peer review shall verify that environmental documents and technical studies meet the requirements of the CEQA and local regulations. Peer review shall include verification of appropriate mitigation measures for citation within the MND and staff report for the project. Peer review will also include verification of the MMRP for the project for inclusion within the MND. The scope of peer review services will also include review of a full EIR as may be required for the project.

CONTRACTOR shall prepare staff reports for individual projects. Such staff reports shall be prepared in general conformance with a template provided by the Planning and Building Department. Staff reports shall include documentation of conformance with all general and specific requirements within the General Plan and Zoning Regulations. Report preparation will include identifying measures to be taken to achieve compliance and memorializing these commitments as Conditions of Approval. This will also include identifying all items to be included in any subsequent Compliance Agreement to be executed between COUNTY and the applicant(s).



### 3.0 RATES

The following standard hourly billing rates would be applicable to the team for the anticipated scope of work, plus expenses. Full Schedules of Rates for LACO and AECOM are included in Attachment C.

#### LACO Associates

Staff Member	Role	Hourly Rate
Mike Nelson, AICP	Senior Planning Principal	\$180
Beth Burks, AICP	Principal-In-Charge	\$160
Megan Marruffo	Project Manager/Planner	\$150
Byron Turner	Senior Planner	\$150
Rebecca Dalske	Planner	\$120
Samantha Thomas	Associate Planner	\$120
Cameron Purchio	Associate Planner	\$120
Max Hilken	Associate Planner	\$120

#### AECOM

Staff Member	Role	Hourly Rate
Petra Unger	Principal Environmental Project Manager	\$240
Matthew Gerken, AICP	Principal Planner	\$218
Susan Sanders, PhD	Biological Resources Lead	\$185
Jody Fessler	Environmental Planner/Project Manager	\$140
Jennifer Kling	Environmental Planner	\$115
Wendy Copeland	Environmental Planner	\$115
Richard Dels, RPA	Senior Archaeologist	\$130
Chandra Miller	Architectural Historian	\$100
Jasmine Wurlitzer	Staff Biologist	\$100
Stephen Paglughl	Fisheries and Wildlife Biologist	\$165
Mohammad Issa Mahmodi	Noise, Vibration, and Traffic Analyst	\$115
Suzanne McFerran	Environmental Planner/Air Quality/GHG/Energy	\$115
Elizabeth Nielsen, PE	Water/Wastewater Engineer	\$150
Richard Ward, PG, CAC	Geologist/Certified Asbestos Consultant/Hazardous Materials Building Surveys and Senior Technical Reviewer	\$125

#### North Coast Field Biologists

Staff Member	Role	Hourly Rate
Sean McAllister	Senior Biologist	\$88.50

Please note that additional support staff including engineers and geotechnical engineers, technical specialists, administrative personnel, and technicians may be added to support County-assigned projects as needed. Additional support staff will be billed in accordance with the Schedules of Rates provided as Attachment B.

Additionally, all subconsultant fees would be subject to LACO's standard 15 percent administrative management and oversight fee. LACO will invoice the County and will be responsible for payment to AECOM and North Coast Field Biologists.



# CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)  
9/21/2020

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

**IMPORTANT:** If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must have ADDITIONAL INSURED provisions or be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

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<b>INSURED</b> LACO Associates 21 West 4th Street Eureka CA 95501	<b>LACOASSOC</b>
<b>INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE</b>	
INSURER A : State Compensation Ins. Fund of CA <b>NAIC #</b> 36076	
INSURER B : Admiral Insurance Company      24866	
INSURER C : American Automobile Insurance Company      21849	
INSURER D :	
INSURER E :	
INSURER F :	

**COVERAGES**      **CERTIFICATE NUMBER:** 801417466      **REVISION NUMBER:**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

INSR LTR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	ADDL INSD	SUBR WVD	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFF (MM/DD/YYYY)	POLICY EXP (MM/DD/YYYY)	LIMITS
C	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS-MADE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUR  GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER: <input type="checkbox"/> POLICY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PROJECT <input type="checkbox"/> LOC OTHER:	Y	Y	TGF07301212	12/31/2019	12/31/2020	EACH OCCURRENCE \$ 1,000,000 DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Ea occurrence) \$ 1,000,000 MED EXP (Any one person) \$ 10,000 PERSONAL & ADV INJURY \$ 1,000,000 GENERAL AGGREGATE \$ 2,000,000 PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG \$ 2,000,000
C	AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO <input type="checkbox"/> OWNED AUTOS ONLY <input type="checkbox"/> SCHEDULED AUTOS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HIRED AUTOS ONLY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NON-OWNED AUTOS ONLY	Y	Y	SCV0020411901	12/31/2019	12/31/2020	COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident) \$ 1,000,000 BODILY INJURY (Per person) \$ BODILY INJURY (Per accident) \$ PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident) \$
C	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UMBRELLA LIAB <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUR <input type="checkbox"/> EXCESS LIAB <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS-MADE DED      RETENTION \$	Y	Y	TGF07301212	12/31/2019	12/31/2020	EACH OCCURRENCE \$ 2,000,000 AGGREGATE \$ 2,000,000
A	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NH) If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below		Y	909768920	5/1/2020	5/1/2021	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PER STATUTE <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$ 1,000,000 E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$ 1,000,000 E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$ 1,000,000
B	Professional Liability			EO00004805102	12/31/2019	12/31/2020	\$3,000,000 \$8,000,000      per Claim Annual Aggregate

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)  
 RE: All Operations of the Named Insured. The County of Humboldt and its agents, officers, officials, employees and volunteers are named as Additional Insured for General Liability. Insurance is primary and non-contributory and a cross liability clause applies per policy form. General Liability Coverage includes explosion, collapse and underground exposures (XCU) and Contractual Liability. A Waiver of Subrogation applies to Workers' Compensation. 30 Days Notice of Cancellation.

**CERTIFICATE HOLDER**      **CANCELLATION** 30 Days Notice of Cancellation

County of Humboldt Department of Planning & Building 3015 H Street Eureka CA 95501	SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.  AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE <i>Angela Borg</i>
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Policy Number: TGF07301212

EXCERPTS FROM: Fireman's Fund **ABC MULTICOVER – AB 91 89 08 07**

THIS ENDORSEMENT MODIFIES INSURANCE PROVIDED UNDER THE FOLLOWING: AMERICAN BUSINESS COVERAGE

**2. Blanket Additional Insured**

Section II – Liability Coverage, Part I. Who Is An Insured, Item 2. Is amended to include:

- f. Any person or organization that you are required by a written insured contract to include as an insured, subject to all of the following provisions:
  - (1) Coverage is limited to their liability arising out of:
    - (a) the ownership, maintenance or use of that part of the premises, or land owned by, rented to, or leased to you; or
    - (b) your ongoing operations performed for that insured; or
    - (c) that insured's financial control of you; or
    - (d) the maintenance, operation or use by you of equipment leased to you by such person(s) or organization(s)

**4. Blanket Waiver of Subrogation**

Section II – Liability Coverage, Part K. Liability and Medical Payments General Conditions, is amended to include:

- 6. Transfer or Rights of Recovery Against Others to us and Blanket Waiver of Subrogation
  - b. If required by a written insured contract, we waive any right of recovery we may have against any person or organization because of payments we make for injury or damage arising out of your operations or your work for that person or organization.

**19. Common Policy Conditions (AB 00 09 A 01 87), Part H. Other Insurance, Item 2 is replaced with:**

**2. Coverage C – Liability**

If other valid and collectible insurance is available to any insured for a loss we cover under Coverage C of this Coverage Part our obligations are limited as follows:

- a. The insurance provided under this policy is primary if you are required by a written insured contract to include any person or organization as an insured, but only with respect to that insured's liability arising out of the ownership, maintenance, or use of that part of the premises owned by or rented to you, or your work for that insured by or for you. Any other insurance available to that person or organization is excess and noncontributory with this insurance.

EXCERPT FROM: **PROPERTY/LIABILITY POLICY -- AB 90 00 12 93**

**II. K. 5. Separation of Insureds**

Except with respect to the Limits of Insurance, and any rights or duties specifically assigned in this policy to the first Named Insured, this insurance applies:

- a. As if each Named Insured were the only Named Insured; and
- b. Separately to each Insured against whom claim is made or suit is brought.

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Commercial Automobile Liability

C. Additional Insured Coverage and Waiver of Subrogation

1. Form CA0001 (if attached to this policy), Section II – Covered Autos Liability Coverage, A. Coverage, 1. Who Is An Insured, the following is added as item e.; and form CA0020 (if attached to this policy), Section II – Covered Autos Liability Coverage, A. Coverage, 1. Who Is An Insured; the following is added as item g.:

Any person or organization with respect to the operation, maintenance, or use, of a covered **auto**, provided that you and such person or organization have agreed under an expressed provision in a written **insured contract** or written agreement, or a written permit issued to you by a governmental or public authority, to add such person, organization, or governmental or public authority to this policy as an **insured**.

However, such person or organization is an **insured**:

- (1) Only with respect to the operation, maintenance, or use, of a covered **auto**; and
- (2) Only for **bodily injury** or **property damage** caused by an **accident** which takes place after:
  - (a) You executed the **insured contract** or written agreement; or
  - (b) The permit has been issued to you.

2. Form CA0001 (if attached to this policy), Section IV - Business Auto Conditions, A. Loss Conditions, Item 5.; and form CA0020 (if attached to this policy), Section V - Motor Carrier Conditions, A. Loss Conditions, Item 6.; the following is added:

Waiver of Subrogation

If required by a:

- a. Written **insured contract** or written agreement executed prior to the **accident**; or
- b. Written permit issued to you by a governmental or public authority prior to the **accident**;

we waive any right of recovery we may have against any person or organization named in such contract, agreement or permit, because of payments we make for injury or damage arising out of the ownership, maintenance or use of a covered **auto**.

D. Auto Medical Payments - Increased Limit

For each covered **auto** described in the Declarations or shown in the Schedule as having Auto Medical Payments Coverage, the Medical Payments Limit of Insurance for those **autos** is revised to the greater of:

1. \$5,000; or
2. The limit shown in the Declarations.

E. Hired Auto Physical Damage Coverage and Loss of Use Expenses

Hired Auto Physical Damage Coverage

ENDORSEMENT AGREEMENT



WAIVER OF SUBROGATION  
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HOME OFFICE  
SAN FRANCISCO

EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2020 AT 12.01 A.M.  
AND EXPIRING MAY 1, 2021 AT 12.01 A.M.

ALL EFFECTIVE DATES ARE  
AT 12:01 AM PACIFIC  
STANDARD TIME OR THE  
TIME INDICATED AT  
PACIFIC STANDARD TIME

LACO ASSOCIATES  
21 W 4TH ST  
EUREKA, CA 95501

WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO RECOVER OUR PAYMENTS FROM ANYONE  
LIABLE FOR AN INJURY COVERED BY THIS POLICY. WE WILL  
NOT ENFORCE OUR RIGHT AGAINST THE PERSON OR  
ORGANIZATION NAMED IN THE SCHEDULE.

THIS AGREEMENT APPLIES ONLY TO THE EXTENT THAT YOU  
PERFORM WORK UNDER A WRITTEN CONTRACT THAT REQUIRES YOU  
TO OBTAIN THIS AGREEMENT FROM US.

THE ADDITIONAL PREMIUM FOR THIS ENDORSEMENT SHALL BE  
2.00% OF THE TOTAL POLICY PREMIUM.

SCHEDULE

<u>PERSON OR ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>JOB DESCRIPTION</u>
ANY PERSON OR ORGANIZATION FOR WHOM THE NAMED INSURED HAS AGREED BY WRITTEN CONTRACT TO FURNISH THIS WAIVER	BLANKET WAIVER OF SUBROGATION

NOTHING IN THIS ENDORSEMENT SHALL BE HELD TO VARY, ALTER, WAIVE OR EXTEND  
ANY OF THE TERMS, CONDITIONS, AGREEMENTS, OR LIMITATIONS OF THIS POLICY  
OTHER THAN AS ABOVE STATED. NOTHING ELSEWHERE IN THIS POLICY SHALL BE  
HELD TO VARY, ALTER, WAIVE OR LIMIT THE TERMS, CONDITIONS, AGREEMENTS OR  
LIMITATIONS IN THIS ENDORSEMENT.

COUNTERSIGNED AND ISSUED AT SAN FRANCISCO:

APRIL 27, 2020

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

PRESIDENT AND CEO