

STOCKPILE SITE
AND
EQUIPMENT STORAGE

LICENSE AGREEMENT

This LICENSE AGREEMENT, hereinafter referred to as AGREEMENT, made and entered into this 2 day of March, 2021, by and between ORGANIC LIBERTY, LLC, a California limited liability company, hereinafter referred to as LICENSOR, and the COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, a political subdivision of the State of California, hereinafter referred to as COUNTY.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, LICENSOR represents and warrants that it is the owner in fee of a parcel of land in the south half portion of Section 15, Township 6 North, Range 5 East, Humboldt Base and Meridian, also known as Assessor's Parcel Number 524-091-006, and as such has the exclusive right to enter into this AGREEMENT; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY desires to enter upon and use a portion of LICENSOR'S real property, hereinafter referred to as SITE, as shown on the aerial photograph attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference, for the purposes of stockpiling aggregate material and temporary equipment storage; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY'S use of said SITE shall be for the specific purpose of maintaining and repairing COUNTY roads;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises contained below, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged by each of the parties hereto, COUNTY and LICENSOR agree as follows:

1. **AGREEMENT**

LICENSOR grants permission, subject to all the terms and conditions of this AGREEMENT, for COUNTY and COUNTY'S officers, agents, employees, contractors, and volunteers to use a portion of LICENSOR'S property as identified by Assessor's Parcel No. 524-091-006. The approximate SITE location is shown on the Assessor's Parcel Map attached hereto as Exhibit B, which is incorporated herein by reference.

2. **LICENSE IS NOT A LEASE**

This AGREEMENT does not constitute a lease but constitutes a mere license agreement, and COUNTY is limited to the use of the premises expressly and specifically described in Section 4 herein.

3. **TERM**

The initial term of this AGREEMENT shall commence upon Board approval, with the first term extending from the date of Board approval through December 31, 2021. This AGREEMENT shall renew automatically for successive one (1) year terms not to exceed five (5) automatic renewal terms, unless either party provides written notice of termination. Said written notice of termination of this AGREEMENT shall be sixty (60) days following date set forth in written notice of termination by either party to the other party. Notice shall be provided pursuant to Section 12. COUNTY within the allotted time frame of sixty (60) days shall cause SITE to be restored to the condition, as nearly as possible, as said SITE existed prior to date of this AGREEMENT.

4. **USE OF PREMISES**

LICENSOR grants COUNTY the right to use certain portions of LICENSOR'S real property for the purposes of stockpiling aggregate material and temporary equipment storage access, hereinafter referred to as ACTIVITIES.

LICENSOR grants COUNTY the right of ingress and egress over said portion of LICENSOR'S real property for COUNTY ACTIVITIES.

If SITE access is gated and locked by LICENSOR, COUNTY shall be provided a key or combination code to conduct COUNTY ACTIVITIES. If COUNTY places any locks on any gates within the SITE, LICENSOR shall be provided a key or combination pursuant to Section 6.

Use of SITE by COUNTY shall be in compliance with all applicable laws including laws governing the use of hazardous materials. COUNTY shall not store hazardous materials on SITE. For purposes of this paragraph, hazardous materials are defined as any noxious or hazardous substance the use of which is regulated by Federal or State laws.

5. **COMPENSATION**

COUNTY shall pay to LICENSOR the sum of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per month as compensation for the use of said SITE referred to in Section 1 for an annual rate of Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00), payable in advance prior to July 1 of each calendar year.

SITE rental payments shall be made payable to:

Organic Liberty, LLC
P.O. Box 94825
Las Vegas, NV 89193

6. **LICENSOR'S ACCESS TO PREMISES**

LICENSOR shall have access to and use of said SITE at all times and COUNTY shall not restrict LICENSOR'S use thereof.

7. **COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS**

COUNTY shall conduct all its operations in accordance with all federal/state/county safety, health, fire, sanitary codes, and ordinances, and shall comply with all permits required for said use of SITE.

8. **REPRESENTATIONS**

LICENSOR makes no representations as to the present or future conditions, natural or man-made, of SITE, the character of the traffic on any of its roads, the condition of access roads, or risks associated with or arising from other persons on SITE. COUNTY has entered into this AGREEMENT at its own risk and assumes all risk of personal injury and property damage to itself, its agents, servants, employees, contractors, successors, and assigns in connection with ACTIVITIES under AGREEMENT. Nothing in this AGREEMENT shall be construed as a guarantee of the type of work or quantity or quality of any products located in or on SITE.

COUNTY represents that it, or its contractor(s), is experienced and competent in performing the ACTIVITIES herein described and further represents it is familiar with and will comply with all the applicable statutes, rules and regulations promulgated by federal, state, county, local and other governmental agencies having control over, or an interest in, the ACTIVITIES hereunder. COUNTY agrees to conduct its ACTIVITIES in a diligent and workmanlike manner in accordance with the highest standards and practices recognized in the industry. COUNTY shall not unnecessarily damage trees while conducting its ACTIVITIES.

9. **RESPONSIBILITIES OF COUNTY**

COUNTY shall promptly report to LICENSOR any violations of any laws, regulations, or permits of which COUNTY has knowledge and promptly send to LICENSOR a copy of any notice of violation received by COUNTY. A copy of all citations or other written documents COUNTY receives from any agency shall accompany the notice of violation. Any violations contemplated by this Section caused by COUNTY conducting its ACTIVITIES shall be cured within a reasonable time at COUNTY'S expense.

SITE access shall be limited to normal business hours unless otherwise approved by LICENSOR, with the exception of natural disasters, in which case SITE shall be available to COUNTY 24-7 without prior approval by LICENSOR.

COUNTY shall maintain SITE used by COUNTY in an orderly, clean, and sanitary manner as required by LICENSOR.

In the event of any violation of this AGREEMENT, or of dangerous fire weather, or of possible damage to roads by their use in wet weather, or of interference with LICENSOR'S operations, LICENSOR shall notify COUNTY'S Public Works Deputy Director of Roads, and COUNTY shall immediately suspend the ACTIVITIES or take steps to address the situation as LICENSOR may direct.

COUNTY shall limit ACTIVITIES to those described above, and shall not construct or erect any buildings, structures, equipment, or improvements on the SITE without prior written consent of LICENSORS.

COUNTY shall acquaint itself with and confine the ACTIVITIES within the property boundaries and shall be responsible and liable for any trespass outside such boundaries as a result of the ACTIVITIES.

If SITE access is gated and locked, COUNTY shall be provided a key or combination code to conduct COUNTY ACTIVITIES. COUNTY shall return any and all keys that have been issued by LICENSOR for access to SITE at the expiration or termination of this AGREEMENT.

COUNTY shall not cut merchantable trees without prior written consent of LICENSOR.

COUNTY shall promptly pay and discharge all liabilities to vendors and contractors for all labor and material employed in the ACTIVITIES. COUNTY shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless LICENSOR from any losses, costs, and expenses, including attorneys' fees, incurred to remove any construction, mechanics, or materialman's liens filed against LICENSOR'S real property by any vendors or contractors supplying goods or services.

10. **FIRE AND FIRE PREVENTION**

COUNTY shall not undertake any burning of debris.

COUNTY assumes full responsibility for personal injury or property damage resulting from the ACTIVITIES by fire or otherwise, including without limitation damage to any timber, logs, logging works, or equipment, and agrees to conform to all laws of the State of California pertaining to forest fires and their prevention and to all rules and regulations of the various departments and subdivisions thereof, as well as those of LICENSOR, the U.S. Forest Service, and any other public authority.

11. **HOLD HARMLESS INDEMNIFICATION**

A. LICENSOR shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless COUNTY and its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers, from any and all claims, demands, losses, damages, and liabilities of any kind or nature, including attorneys' fees, which are caused by any negligent or willful acts of misconduct or omissions, either directly or through or by its officers, agents, or employees, in connection with LICENSOR'S duties and obligations under this AGREEMENT and any amendments hereto.

B. COUNTY shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless LICENSOR from any and all claims, demands, losses, damages, and liabilities of any kind or nature, including attorneys' fees, which are caused by any negligent or willful acts of misconduct or omissions, either directly or through or by its officers, agents, or employees, in connection with COUNTY'S ACTIVITIES, duties, and obligations under this AGREEMENT, and any amendments hereto.

12. **NOTICE**

Any notice, demand, request, consent, approval, or communication that either party desires or is required to give to the other party or any other person shall be in writing and either served personally or sent by prepaid, first-class mail to the respective addresses set forth below. Notice shall be deemed communicated two (2) COUNTY working days from time of mailing if mailed as provided herein.

LICENSOR
Organic Liberty, LLC
Attn: Matt Primm
P.O. Box 94825
Las Vegas, NV 89193

COUNTY
County of Humboldt Department of Public Works
Attn: Thomas K. Mattson, Director
1106 Second Street
Eureka, CA 95501

13. **COUNTY'S INSURANCE**

Without limiting COUNTY'S indemnification provided herein, COUNTY shall take out and maintain, throughout the term of this AGREEMENT, the following policies of insurance placed with insurers with a current A.M. Bests rating of no less than A: VII or its equivalent against injury/death to persons or damage to property which may arise from or in connection with the activities hereunder of COUNTY, its agents, employees, or sub-lessees:

A. **Comprehensive/Liability Insurance**

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 \$2,000,000 per occurrence. If a general aggregate limit is used, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to this project or the general aggregate shall be twice the required occurrence limit. Said policy shall contain, or be endorsed with, the following provisions:

(1) The LICENSOR, its officers, employees, and agents, are covered as additional insured for liability arising out of the operations performed by or on behalf of COUNTY. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to LICENSOR, its officers, agents, and employees.

(2) The policy shall not be canceled or materially reduced in coverage without thirty (30) days prior written notice (10 days for non-payment of the premium) to LICENSOR by certified mail.

(3) The inclusion of more than one insured shall not operate to impair the rights of one 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 insured shall not operate to increase the limits of the insurer's liability.

(4) For claims related to this project, COUNTY'S insurance is primary coverage to the LICENSOR'S, and any insurance or self-insurance programs maintained by LICENSOR are excess to COUNTY'S insurance and will not be called upon to contribute with it.

(5) Any failure to comply with reporting or other provisions of the parties, including breach of warranties, shall not affect coverage provided to COUNTY, its officers, employees, and agents.

B. By its signature hereunder, COUNTY certifies that COUNTY is aware of the provisions of Section 3700 of the California 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 COUNTY will comply with such provisions in connection with any work performed on the premises. Any persons providing services with or on behalf of COUNTY shall be covered by workers' compensation (or qualified self-insurance).

14. **LICENSE IS PERSONAL**

The License herein granted is personal to COUNTY and no right hereunder may be assigned, sublet, or otherwise transferred in whole or in part without prior written consent of

LICENSOR and any attempt to assign, sublet, or transfer shall be of no force or effect whatsoever unless and until LICENSOR shall have given written consent.

15. **TERMINATION**

COUNTY and LICENSOR reserve the right to terminate this AGREEMENT on seven (7) days' notice for any cause or reason provided by the AGREEMENT itself, or by law, or upon the happening of one or more of the following:

- A. The making by COUNTY or LICENSOR of any general assignment for the benefit of creditors.
- B. The failure of COUNTY or LICENSOR to remedy any default, breach, or violation of federal/state/county laws or regulations by COUNTY or LICENSOR or its employees.
- C. The violation of any of the provisions of this AGREEMENT.
- D. Said SITE becomes damaged due to fire, flood, earthquake, or any other natural disaster.
- E. Intentionally supplying COUNTY or LICENSOR with false or misleading information or misrepresenting any material fact on its application or documents or in its statement to or before COUNTY or LICENSOR, or intentional failure to make full disclosure on its financial statement or other documents.

16. **COUNTY'S EMPLOYEES**

COUNTY'S employees shall be deemed employees of COUNTY and will not for any purpose be considered employees or agents of LICENSOR. LICENSOR shall exercise no control or supervision over the employees of COUNTY hereunder. It is understood and agreed that no relationship of employer and employee is or shall be deemed to exist either between LICENSOR and COUNTY or between LICENSOR and any other person(s) performing labor or services on behalf of COUNTY. COUNTY shall furnish and be responsible for its own employees, agents, and equipment. It is expressly understood that LICENSOR has no authority over COUNTY'S agents or employees, and any complaint by LICENSOR about COUNTY'S agents or employees will be brought by LICENSOR to COUNTY'S attention in the manner prescribed in Section 12, or through direct communication with COUNTY'S Public Works Deputy Director of Roads.

17. **SAFETY**

COUNTY shall comply with all federal, state, and local safety and health laws, regulations, and standards, including California Labor Code Sections 6400 et seq., related provisions of the California Code of Regulations and standards of the California Occupational Safety and Health Board, all as amended from time to time, and if applicable shall operate under a current Injury and Illness Prevention Plan that complies with Section 3203 of Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations. Failure of COUNTY to comply with all federal, state, and local health and safety laws, rules and regulations is grounds for immediate termination of this AGREEMENT.

18. **HAZARDOUS MATERIALS**

COUNTY shall indemnify LICENSOR and hold LICENSOR harmless from and against any and all loss, cost, damage, expense, or claim of any kind and nature (including without limitation, court costs, expenses, and attorneys' fees) paid, incurred, or suffered by, or asserted against LICENSOR, as a direct or indirect result of the presence on or under, or the escape, seepage, leakage, spillage, discharge, emission, or release from SITE, of any Hazardous Materials arising out of, in connection with, or in any manner related to ACTIVITIES or of any actions or omissions of COUNTY. The provisions of this Clause shall survive the expiration or termination of this AGREEMENT.

LICENSOR shall indemnify COUNTY and hold COUNTY harmless from and against any and all loss, cost, damage, expense, or claim of any kind and nature (including without limitation, court costs, expenses, and attorneys' fees) paid, incurred, or suffered by, or asserted against COUNTY, as a direct or indirect result of the presence on or under, or the escape, seepage, leakage, spillage, discharge, emission, or release from SITE, of any Hazardous Materials arising out of, in connection with, or in any manner related to any actions or omissions of LICENSOR. The provisions of this Clause shall survive the expiration or termination of this AGREEMENT.

19. **HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SPILL NOTIFICATION AND RESPONSE**

In the event of a spill or release of Hazardous Materials, COUNTY or LICENSOR shall promptly comply with all federal, state, and local spill notification and response requirements.

COUNTY shall, at a minimum:

- A. Prevent further spilling or release;
- B. Take appropriate corrective actions to mitigate the spill; and
- C. Specifically comply with federal, state, and local spill notification and reporting requirements, and notify the other party of any spill event.

COUNTY shall be responsible for the response and restoration costs associated with any release of hazardous materials in connection with COUNTY ACTIVITIES.

LICENSOR shall be responsible for the response and restoration costs associated with any release of hazardous materials in connection with LICENSOR'S activities.

20. **NUCLEAR FREE CLAUSE**

LICENSOR certifies by his signature below that LICENSOR is not nuclear weapons contractors, in that LICENSOR 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. LICENSOR agrees to notify COUNTY immediately if they become a nuclear weapons contractor, as defined above. COUNTY may immediately terminate this AGREEMENT if it determines that the foregoing certification is false or if LICENSOR becomes a nuclear weapons contractor.

21. **JURISDICTION AND APPLICABLE LAWS**

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

22. **AGREEMENT MODIFICATION**

This Agreement may be modified only by subsequent written agreement signed by COUNTY and LICENSOR.

23. **LICENSOR NOT OFFICER, EMPLOYEE, OR AGENT OF COUNTY**

While engaged in carrying out and complying with the terms and conditions of this AGREEMENT, LICENSOR is an independent contractor and not an officer, employee, or agent of COUNTY.

24. **ATTORNEYS' FEES**

If either party shall commence any legal action or proceeding, including an action for declaratory relief, against the other by reason of the alleged failure of the other to perform or keep any provision of this AGREEMENT to be performed or kept, the party prevailing in said action or proceeding shall be entitled to recover court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees (including reasonable value of services rendered by County Counsel) to be fixed by the court, and such recovery shall include court costs and attorneys' fees (including reasonable value of services rendered by County Counsel) on appeal, if any. As used herein, "the party prevailing" means the party who dismisses an action or proceeding 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.

25. **REAL PROPERTY TAXES**

LICENSOR shall pay all real property taxes and general and special assessments levied and assessed against the property. Any improvements created by COUNTY, by action of this AGREEMENT that may create any assessments, shall be the responsibility of COUNTY.

26. **WAIVER OF BREACH**

The waiver by COUNTY or LICENSOR of any breach of any provision of this AGREEMENT shall not constitute a continuing waiver of any subsequent breach of the same or a different provision of this AGREEMENT.

27. **BREACH, REMEDY FOR**

In the event of breach of this AGREEMENT by COUNTY or LICENSOR, COUNTY and/or LICENSOR shall have all rights and remedies provided by law or inequity.

28. **SURRENDER OF PREMISES**

Upon termination of this AGREEMENT, COUNTY shall surrender the premises to LICENSOR in good condition and repair, except for normal wear and tear. COUNTY shall be under no obligation to repair or restore the whole or any portion of the SITE, which may be damaged by reason of fire, earthquake, the elements, or other casualty.

29. **BINDING EFFECT**

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, successors, and assigns.

30. **MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

A. The ACTIVITIES under this AGREEMENT shall in no way interfere with the land management activities conducted by LICENSOR, its contractors, or assigns, or use by other counties, nor shall the ACTIVITIES interfere with any current or future agricultural operations conducted by any tenant or lessee of LICENSOR. COUNTY shall supervise all persons connected with COUNTY under this AGREEMENT to assure that its ACTIVITIES are within the boundaries specified in this AGREEMENT.

B. Sections and sub-headings in this AGREEMENT are for convenience only and shall not be considered part of this AGREEMENT or used in its interpretation.

C. This AGREEMENT may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which counterparts together shall constitute the same instrument, which may be sufficiently evidenced by one counterpart.

D. If any provision contained herein is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be void or unenforceable as written, the parties intend and desire that such provision be enforced and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law and that the invalidity or unenforceability of such provision shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the balance of this AGREEMENT.

E. Each of the parties hereto has been or has had the opportunity to be represented, to the extent desired, by legal counsel of its choice in respect to this transaction.

F. Portions of this AGREEMENT are intended to survive any expiration or termination of this AGREEMENT. Accordingly, all provisions hereof which contemplated performance after any such event shall so survive, as shall all indemnity and restoration obligations of COUNTY, and the right to exercise remedies for default.

G. This AGREEMENT terminates and supersedes COUNTY's OCTOBER 20, 2009 license agreement regarding APN 524-091-006 and use of SITE.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this AGREEMENT has been executed in triplicate by the parties hereto upon the date first above written.

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

LICENSOR

BY: Eugene Barr

CHAIR,
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

BY: 

MATTHEW PRIMM
ORGANIC LIBERTY, LLC,
SIGNING MEMBER

DATE: 2/2/21

EXHIBIT A



EXHIBIT B

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