



AGENDA:
DATE:
LOCATION:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, November 16, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians
Tameka Gymnasium
66725 Martinez Road
Thermal, CA 92274

The Following Salton Sea Authority Directors will be attending via video/teleconference from:

Director Thomas Torte, Jr.
Torres Martinez Desert
Cahuilla Indians
859 Convention Center Blvd
New Orleans, LA 70130

To view the meeting live please see the meeting login information at:

<http://www.SaltonSea.com/meetings>

I. CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

A copy of the agenda and supplemental materials will be available for viewing or download at: [www. SaltonSea.com/meetings](http://www.SaltonSea.com/meetings)

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

This Public Comments time is reserved for comments on any non-action agenda item and for matters not on the agenda. California law prohibits members of the Board from taking action on matters not on the agenda.

Members of the public may address the Board regarding any matter within the Authority's jurisdiction and are invited to speak to any specific action item in the agenda at the time it is called. All non-action agenda items should be addressed during this general public comment period.

When you speak, state your name for the record, and please address all comments to the Chairwoman. Remarks shall be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes.

If attending in person, complete a "request to speak" form and give it to the Clerk of the Board..

To request to speak remotely, use Zoom's "raised hand" feature, or by phone press *9 to be acknowledged.

Comments may be emailed to **info@saltonsea.com** (include in your subject line “Public Comment,11/16/2023 SSA board meeting”) or delivered by hand or mailed to 82995 Highway 111, Suite 200, Indio, California, “Attn: Clerk of the Board, Salton Sea Authority”.

All written comments should include your name, address (addresses will be redacted), and whether it is for general public comment or a specific agenda item (provide number and topic). Comments received in writing, either by email or written, will be distributed to the Board, posted on the Salton Sea Authority website for public review and, **if received before noon on Wednesday, November 15**, will be acknowledged during public comments. Written comments will be included in the public record but not be read aloud.

III. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

This is a time set aside for members of the Board to share their thoughts and concerns regarding general Authority matters not on the agenda, ask questions of staff, and request that items be added to a future agenda.

The Brown Act expressly prohibits lengthy Board Member discussion of matters not on the agenda. The Board may at its discretion (by 4/5 vote) add items deemed to be an emergency to the agenda to engage in public discourse.

IV. ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

A. CONSENT CALENDAR – Approve, Receive, and File

1. Minutes of Salton Sea Authority Board Meeting October 19, 2023
2. Salton Sea Authority Warrant Register Ratification for October 31, 2023
3. Salton Sea Authority Internal Financial Report for: 7/01/2022 – 09/30/2023

B. Desert Shores Project Update – Introduction of Gafcon, Inc. and ratification of Consulting agreement dated October 24, 2023.

C. Imperial Streams and Salton Sea Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study update (USACE Representative), approve or ratify “3x3x3 Exemption Request Letter of Support from the Non-Federal Sponsors”, and take other action as appropriate.

D. Outreach, Engagement and Education progress report - Staff

E. Monitoring, Mitigation, and Accountability – update on efforts to provide assurance of health and safety – Staff

V. REPORTS

(Due to the Special Program, no oral reports will be provided)

A. Federal

1. Federal Activities – Lisa Moore Lehman, Partner, Cultivating Conservation
2. US Bureau of Reclamation – No Report

B. State

1. State Advocacy Report – Oracio Gonzalez, Principal, Ollin Strategies
2. State of California – Mr. Miguel Hernandez, Public Affairs Officer, California Natural Resources Agency
3. Salton Sea State Recreation Area Update on Activities – Andrew Ahlberg, Interim District Superintendent, California State Parks

C. Local

1. Salton Sea Action Committee – Alan Pace, SSAC President

D. Executive Director's Report and Comments - G. Patrick O'Dowd, Executive Director/GM, Salton Sea Authority

VI. SPECIAL PROGRAM

A. Salton Sea Authority – 30th Anniversary Commemoration.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING TIME & LOCATION:

The Salton Sea Authority board is scheduled to meet on:

Thursday, December 7 at 10:00a.m.
Coachella Valley Water District
Steve Robbins Administrative Building
75515 Hovley Lane East
Palm Desert, CA 92260
760-398-2651

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

SALTON SEA AUTHORITY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

October 19, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Salton Sea Authority (“Authority”) Board of Directors (“Board”) was called to order by Altrena Santillanes, President, at 10:00 a.m., October 19, 2023, at the North Shore Beach & Yacht Club, and via Zoom Webinar.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Led By President Santillanes

ROLL CALL:

DIRECTORS PRESENT ON SITE

Altrena Santillanes, President
Gina Dockstader, Secretary
Cástulo R. Estrada, Vice-President
Ex-Officio Samantha Arthur

AGENCY

Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians
Imperial Irrigation District
Coachella Valley Water District
CNRA

DIRECTORS PRESENT VIA ZOOM

Luis A. Plancarte, Director

AGENCY

Imperial County

DIRECTORS ABSENT

John Aguilar, Director
Ryan E. Kelley, Director
Thomas Torte, Director
V. Manuel Perez, Director
Yxstian Gutierrez, Treasurer
Alex Cárdenas, Director

AGENCY

Coachella Valley Water District
Imperial County
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians
Riverside County
Riverside County
Imperial Irrigation District

SALTON SEA AUTHORITY STAFF PRESENT

G. Patrick O’Dowd, Executive Director/GM (in person)
Carlos Campos, Best Best & Krieger, Legal Counsel (in person)
Bob Hargreaves, Best Best & Krieger, Legal Counsel (Via Zoom)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT

On Site: Miguel Hernandez, CNRA, Juan DeLara, SSAC, Chuck Tobin, Burrtec and Frank Ruiz of Audubon.

Via Zoom: Jessica, Humes, IID, Mario Llanos, CNRA, Stephanie Holstege, Senior Environmental Scientist, Specialist, SWRCB, Jamie Asbury, General Manager, IID and 28 others.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

III. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Secretary Dockstader attended the 2nd Annual Salton Sea Stroll at Bombay Beach and was pleased with the event. She also requested an IID presentation be added to the next agenda regarding well and vegetation projects.

III. ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

A. CONSENT CALENDAR – Approve, Receive, and File

1. Minutes of Salton Sea Authority Board Meeting September 21, 2023
2. Salton Sea Authority Warrant Register Ratification for September 30, 2023
3. Salton Sea Authority Internal Financial Report for: 7/01/2022 – 08/31/2023
4. Approval 2024 Salton Sea Authority Board Meeting Calendar.

On motion by Dockstader second by Plancarte, the Board approved the Consent Calendar to be received, and filed.

Approved by the following vote:

AYES: President Santillanes, Vice-President Estrada, Secretary Dockstader and Director Plancarte

NOES: None

ABSENT: Directors Kelley, Tortez, Aguilar, Perez and Gutierrez

ABSTAINED: None

MOTION PASSED: 7 – 0*

****In keeping with the Salton Sea Authority Bylaws, a single director carries the vote of both directors of the agency when the second director of the same agency is absent.***

B. Presentation – Brian McNeece gave a presentation on the New River and the Tijuana River.

Vice-President Estrada thanked Dr. McNeece for the presentation and sharing data on the New River and Tijuana River, expressed concerns of inaction by Mexico in addressing these infrastructure problems. It was also mentioned that there could be significant reductions in flows from Mexico from growth in the Mexicali Valley.

- C. Update on Community Engagement, Outreach and Education - G. Patrick O'Dowd introduced Israel Cruz, who will be the Authority's new Director of Outreach, Engagement & Education.

Mr. Cruz thanked Patrick for the introduction, he is a resident of Imperial Valley and is excited and honored to serve his community at this capacity.

D. Project Updates

a. North Lake Demonstration Pilot Project

Executive Director/GM, G. Patrick O'Dowd introduced Chuck Greely of Dudek who provided an update on the geotechnical work that is starting this week.

In response to Vice-President Estrada's question regarding the project team make-up, GM O'Dowd advised Riverside County is the implementing agency, Douglas Ordonez serves as project manager and Juan Perez, COO of the county has taken a strong leadership role. Albert Webb serves as Riverside County's technical advisor.

- b. Desert Shores, G. Patrick O'Dowd gave a brief but positive update. The Authority has drafted a contract with Gafcon that has been reviewed and expected to be signed shortly for consulting services oversee the CEQA process and help develop a comprehensive project scope, a precursor to a larger contract for construction management services. The State and the Bureau of Reclamation have been great partners and are reviewing a proposal for an expanded scope of work.

Vice President Estrada asked if they have determined to drill wells. GM O'Dowd responded that they will be drilling a test well to determine the quality and the water availability and will spec a production well once that process has been finalized. They are also testing seepage of the lake.

Tom Sephton provided alternate estimates for well drilling. He also provided information on 2 wells which could potentially provide useful data.

Ron Spears expressed his support for the Gafcon selection and offered that the Association could serve as the conduit between Gafcon and the residents.

Jasmyn Phillips expressed a desire to explore use of CVWD wells for project purposes, with potential cost savings.

IV. **REPORTS**

A. Federal

1. Federal Activities – Lisa Moore Lehman, Partner, Cultivating Conservation spoke about the passing of Senator Feinstein and the impact she had. A written report was also provided.
2. US Bureau of Reclamation – No Report

B. State

1. State Advocacy Report – Oracio Gonzalez, Principal, Ollin Strategies gave an update on SB619 (Padilla) and AB1593 (Garcia). A written report was also provided.
2. State of California – Mr. Miguel Hernandez, Public Affairs Officer, California Natural Resources Agency gave an update on current and past events. SSMP is hiring, they have a position open for an Engineer with water resources. Update on SSMP outreach, he will be presenting at City Council meetings throughout the region.
3. Salton Sea State Recreation Area Update on Activities – Andrew Ahlberg, Interim District Superintendent, California State Parks – No Report.

C. Local

1. Salton Sea Action Committee – Juan DeLara provided an update on the Bus Tours, UCR will be assisting the SSAC and will hopefully have one scheduled by next month. The SSAC is also working with UCR on the next Salton Sea Symposium, the projected date is October 2024.

D. Executive Director's Report and Comments

1. G. Patrick O'Dowd, Executive Director/GM, Salton Sea Authority advised that the letter to Senator Padilla that the board discussed at the last meeting regarding consultation and community engagement was sent and we are continuing to engage with the Senator and his Staff on that and all other issues. Patrick also informed the Board and public that the Authority will be commemorating the 30th Anniversary of the Salton Sea Authority at the Torres Martinez Tribe on November 16.

V. **ADJOURNMENT**

NEXT MEETING TIME & LOCATION:

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Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

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Checking Account Activity
October 1, 2023 through October 31, 2023

Date	Number	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
10/10/2023	Deposit	Department of Water Resources	Grant reimbursment for period ended 06/23	348,390.19
10/11/2023	EFT	Pacific Western Bank	Visa billing cycle ended 09/23	(2,360.31)
10/27/2023	1435	Bureau of Reclamation	Grant adjustment for period ended 06/23	(426.92)
10/30/2023	ACH	Cultivating Conservation	Consulting fees 09/23	(7,350.00)
10/30/2023	ACH	Best, Best & Krieger	Services related to general matters 09/23	(4,209.00)
10/30/2023	ACH	Ollin Strategies	Consulting services 10/23	(7,000.00)
10/30/2023	ACH	Bravata, Lisa	Mileage 10/19/23	(49.78)
10/30/2023	ACH	SystemGO IT LLC	SystemGo IT Website 10/23	(382.00)
10/30/2023	ACH	County of Riverside	North Lake grant reimbursement for period ended 03/23	(345,882.86)
10/30/2023	ACH	G. Patrick O'Dowd	Mileage 09/26/23-10/30/23	(398.90)

Beginning Cash Balance	\$	228,477.24
Monthly Activity		(19,669.58)
Ending Cash Balance	\$	208,807.66



Salton Sea Authority

Budget to Actual

General Fund (Unaudited)

For the Period July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023

	A	B	C	D	C/D	C - D
	August 2023	September 2023	YTD FY 24	Budget FY 24	YTD Target 25%	\$ Variance
1 REVENUE						
2 Local Government / Member Assessments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400,000	\$ 800,000	50%	\$ (400,000)
3 Other Federal / State / Local Reimbursements	-	-	-	25,000	0%	(25,000)
4 Sponsorships	-	-	-	25,000	0%	(25,000)
5 Grant and Other Reimbursements to General Fund	-	-	-	194,400	0%	(194,400)
6 TOTAL REVENUE	-	-	400,000	1,044,400	38%	(644,400)
7 EXPENSES						
8 SSA Administration						
9 Salaries & Benefits						
10 Total Salaries	15,934	15,934	46,208	309,300	15%	(263,092)
11 Total Employee Benefits	8,375	8,466	24,291	171,600	14%	(147,309)
12 Total Salaries & Benefits	24,309	24,400	70,499	480,900	15%	(410,401)
13 Contract / Professional Services						
14 DC Advocates	7,350	7,350	22,050	94,200	23%	(72,150)
15 Sacramento Advocates	7,000	7,000	21,000	88,200	24%	(67,200)
16 Attorney Fees	2,982	4,209	8,468	54,000	16%	(45,532)
17 Audit & Accounting	3,807	4,346	10,646	76,200	14%	(65,554)
18 Total Contract / Professional Services	21,139	22,905	62,164	312,600	20%	(250,436)
19 Travel/Mileage	3,633	2,881	8,851	40,000	22%	(31,149)
20 Equipment / IT Maintenance	382	382	1,146	8,300	14%	(7,154)
21 Non-capitalized Office Equipment	-	-	-	8,000	0%	(8,000)
22 Insurance	944	944	2,833	11,600	24%	(8,767)
23 Office Expense/Operating Supplies	65	62	222	8,700	3%	(8,478)
24 Office Expense/Online Services	251	368	1,106	4,000	28%	(2,894)
25 Dues, Subscriptions	669	669	2,407	10,000	24%	(7,593)
26 Operating Expenses / County Charges	428	1,146	1,729	7,400	23%	(5,671)
27 Coachella Water District Board Room Usage Fees	-	-	-	2,400	0%	(2,400)
28 Interest Expense	88	1,024	1,112	-	N/A	1,112
29 TOTAL EXPENSES	51,907	54,780	152,069	893,900	17%	(741,831)
30 NET INCOME / (LOSS)	\$ (51,907)	\$ (54,780)	\$ 247,931	\$ 150,500	165%	\$ 97,431

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Budget to Actual

DWR - Proposition 68 Grant (Unaudited)

For the Period July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023

	A	B	C	D	C / D	C - D
	August 2023	September 2023	YTD FY 24	Budget FY 24	YTD Target 25%	\$ Variance
1 REVENUE						
2 State of California Grant (Prop 68)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000	0%	\$ (2,000,000)
3 TOTAL REVENUE	-	-	-	2,000,000	0%	\$ (2,000,000)
4 EXPENSES						
5 Salton Sea Authority Salaries	-	-	-	79,700	0%	(79,700)
6 Department of Water Resources-North Lake Demo	335	173	507	1,920,300	0%	(1,919,793)
7 TOTAL EXPENSES	335	173	507	2,000,000	0%	(1,999,493)
8 NET INCOME / (LOSS)	\$ (335)	\$ (173)	\$ (507)	\$ -		\$ (507)

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Budget to Actual

BOR -DSR (Unaudited)

For the Period July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023

	A	B	C	D	C / D	C - D
	August 2023	September 2023	YTD FY 24	Budget FY 24	YTD Target 25%	\$ Variance
1 REVENUE						
2 Bureau of Reclamation Grant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 750,000	0%	\$ (750,000)
3 TOTAL REVENUE	-	-	-	750,000	0%	\$ (750,000)
4 EXPENSES						
5 Riverside County Salaries	-	-	-	25,000	0%	(25,000)
6 Bureau of Reclamation-Desert Shores Revitalization	557	173	729	725,000		(724,271)
7 TOTAL EXPENSES	557	173	729	750,000	0%	(749,271)
8 NET INCOME / (LOSS)	\$ (557)	\$ (173)	\$ (729)	\$ -		\$ (729)

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Salton Sea Authority
Balance Sheet
(Unaudited)
As of September 30, 2023

1	ASSETS		
2	Checking/Savings	\$	182,827
3	Prepaid Items		7,673
4	Grants Receivable		428,272
5	TOTAL ASSETS		618,772
6	LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE		
7	LIABILITIES		
8	Accounts Payable		21,067
9	Credit Card Payable		2,382
10	Accrued Payroll		12,151
11	Due to Imperial County		271
12	Due to Riverside County		414,953
13	Accrued Vacation		51,800
14	TOTAL LIABILITIES		502,624
15	FUND BALANCE		116,148
16	TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	\$	618,772

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GAFCON, Inc.

RECITALS

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of their mutual covenants, AUTHORITY and CONSULTANT have and hereby agree to the following:

1.1. “Proposal” shall mean CONSULTANT’s document entitled, “Salton Sea Authority Desert Shores” proposal dated September 6, 2023 and submitted to AUTHORITY’s Executive Director. The Proposal is attached hereto as **Exhibit “A”** and incorporated herein this by reference.

2.1. The Executive Director or his/her designee shall be the representative of AUTHORITY for all purposes under this Agreement. The AUTHORITY's Executive Director or his/her designee is hereby designated as the Contract Manager for AUTHORITY. He/she shall supervise the progress and

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execution of this Agreement. Subject to the he AUTHORITY's Projects Committee review and recommendation, the AUTHORITY's Executive Committee shall approve the original Agreement.

2.2. CONSULTANT shall assign a single Contract Manager to have overall responsibility for the progress and execution of this Agreement. Should circumstances or conditions subsequent to the execution of this Agreement require a substitute Contract Manager for any reason, the Contract Manager designee shall be subject to the prior written acceptance and approval of AUTHORITY's Contract Manager.

3. DESCRIPTION OF WORK.

CONSULTANT shall provide all materials and labor to perform this Agreement consistent with the Proposal, as set forth in **Exhibit "B."** In the event of a conflict amongst this Agreement and the Proposal, this Agreement shall take precedence over the Proposal.

4. WORK TO BE PERFORMED BY CONSULTANT.

4.1. CONSULTANT shall comply with all terms, conditions and requirements of the Proposal and this Agreement.

4.2. CONSULTANT shall perform such other tasks as necessary and proper for the full performance of the obligations assumed by CONSULTANT hereunder.

4.3. CONSULTANT shall:

4.3.1. Procure all permits and licenses, pay all charges and fees, and give all notices that may be necessary and incidental to the due and lawful prosecution of the services to be performed by CONSULTANT under this agreement;

4.3.2. Keep itself fully informed of all existing and proposed federal, state and local laws, ordinances, regulations, orders and decrees which may affect those engaged or employed under this Agreement;

4.3.3. At all times observe and comply with, and cause all of its employees to observe and comply with all of said laws, ordinances, regulations, orders and decrees mentioned above; and

4.3.4. Immediately report to AUTHORITY's Contract Manager in writing any discrepancy or inconsistency it discovers in said laws, ordinances, regulations, orders and decrees

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mentioned above in relation to any plans, drawings, specifications or provisions of this Agreement.

5. REPRESENTATIONS BY CONSULTANT.

5.1. CONSULTANT understands and agrees that AUTHORITY has limited knowledge in the multiple areas specified in the Proposal. CONSULTANT has represented itself to be an expert in these fields and understands that AUTHORITY is relying upon such representation.

5.2. CONSULTANT represents and warrants that it is a lawful entity possessing all required licenses and authorities to do business in the State of California and perform all aspects of this Agreement.

5.3. CONSULTANT shall not commence any work under this Agreement or provide any other services, or materials, in connection therewith until CONSULTANT has received written authorization from AUTHORITY's Contract manager to do so.

5.4. CONSULTANT represents and warrants that the people executing this Agreement on behalf of CONSULTANT have the authority of CONSULTANT to sign this Agreement and bind CONSULTANT to the performance of all duties and obligations assumed by CONSULTANT herein.

5.5. CONSULTANT represents and warrants that any employee, contractor and/or agent who will be performing any of the duties and obligations of CONSULTANT herein possess all required licenses and authorities, as well as the experience and training, to perform such tasks.

5.6. CONSULTANT represents and warrants that the allegations contained in the Proposal are true and correct.

5.7. CONSULTANT understands that AUTHORITY considers the representations made herein to be material and would not enter into this Agreement with CONSULTANT if such representations were not made.

5.8. CONSULTANT understands and agrees not to discuss this Agreement or work performed pursuant to this Agreement with anyone not a party to this Agreement without the prior permission of AUTHORITY. CONSULTANT further agrees to immediately advise AUTHORITY of any contacts or inquiries made by anyone not a party to this Agreement with respect to work performed pursuant to this Agreement.

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1 **5.9.** Prior to accepting any work under this Agreement, CONSULTANT shall perform a due
2 diligence review of its files and advise AUTHORITY of any conflict or potential conflict
3 CONSULTANT may have with respect to the work requested.

4 **5.10.** CONSULTANT understands and agrees that in the course of performance of this
5 Agreement CONSULTANT may be provided with information or data considered by the owner or the
6 AUTHORITY to be confidential. AUTHORITY shall clearly identify such information and/or data as
7 confidential. CONSULTANT shall take all necessary steps necessary to maintain such confidentiality
8 including but not limited to restricting the dissemination of all material received to those required to
9 have such data in order for CONSULTANT to perform under this Agreement.

10 **5.11.** CONSULTANT represents that the personnel dedicated to this project as identified in
11 CONSULTANT's Proposal, will be the people to perform the tasks identified therein. CONSULTANT
12 will not substitute other personnel or engage any contractors to work on any tasks identified herein
13 without prior written notice to AUTHORITY.

14 **6. TERM OF AGREEMENT.**

15 This Agreement shall commence on the date first written above and shall remain in effect for a
16 period of one (1) year, with no extensions.

17 **7. COMPENSATION.**

18 **7.1.** AUTHORITY hereby agrees to pay CONSULTANT fees not to exceed amounts outlined
19 in **Exhibit B** based on documented invoices submitted consistent with the requirements set forth in
20 **Financial Assistance Agreement No. R22AC00215 Between Bureau of Reclamation and Salton Sea**
21 **Authority for Restoring Habitat and Improving Air and Water Quality at the Salton Sea**
22 **("GRANT")**, a copy of which is attached as **Exhibit C**.

23 **7.2.** The fee for any additional services authorized by AUTHORITY will be computed upon
24 actual hours and expenses incurred by CONSULTANT and based on CONSULTANT's current standard
25 rates as set forth in the Proposal. Additional services or costs will not be paid without a prior written
26 agreement between the Parties.

27 **7.3.** Except as provided under paragraph 7.1 and 7.2, AUTHORITY shall not be responsible
28 to pay CONSULTANT any compensation, out of pocket expenses, fees, reimbursement of expenses or

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1 other remuneration.

2 **8. PAYMENT.**

3 **8.1.** CONSULTANT shall bill AUTHORITY on a time and material basis as set forth in **Exhibit**
4 **“A.”**, but not to exceed amounts outlined in **Exhibit “B”**. AUTHORITY shall pay CONSULTANT for
5 completed and approved services upon presentation of its itemized billing in accordance with Section 9
6 hereafter.

7 **8.2.** AUTHORITY shall have the right to retain five percent (5%) of the total of amount of each
8 invoice, not to exceed five percent (5%) of the total compensation amount of the completed project.
9 “Completion of the Project” is when the work to be performed has been completed in accordance with this
10 Agreement, as determined by AUTHORITY, and all subcontractors, if any, have been paid in full by
11 CONSULTANT. Upon completion of the Project CONSULTANT shall bill AUTHORITY the retention
12 for payment by AUTHORITY.

13 **9. METHOD OF PAYMENT.**

14 CONSULTANT shall at any time prior to the fifteenth (15th) day of each April, July, October, and
15 January, submit to AUTHORITY a written claim for compensation for services performed. The claim shall
16 be in a format approved by AUTHORITY and required by the GRANT. No payment shall be made by
17 AUTHORITY prior to the claims being approved in writing by AUTHORITY’s Contract Manager or
18 his/her designee. CONSULTANT may expect to receive payment within thirty (30) days after GRANT
19 reimbursement is received by AUTHORITY.

20 **10. TIME FOR COMPLETION OF THE WORK.**

21 The Parties agree that time is of the essence in the performance of this Agreement. Program
22 scheduling shall be as described in Exhibits unless revisions are approved by both AUTHORITY’s
23 Contract Manager and CONSULTANT’s Contract Manager. Time extensions may be allowed for delays
24 caused by AUTHORITY, other governmental agencies or factors not directly brought about by the
25 negligence or lack of due care on the part of CONSULTANT.

26 **11. MAINTENANCE AND ACCESS OF BOOKS AND RECORDS.**

27 CONSULTANT shall maintain books, records, documents, reports and other materials developed
28 under this Agreement as follows:

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1 **11.1.** CONSULTANT shall maintain all ledgers, books of accounts, invoices, vouchers,
2 canceled checks, and other records relating to CONSULTANT's charges for services or expenditures
3 and disbursements charged to AUTHORITY for a minimum period of three (3) years, or for any longer
4 period required by law, from the date of final payment to CONSULTANT pursuant to this Agreement.

5 **11.2.** CONSULTANT shall maintain all reports, documents, and records, which demonstrate
6 performance under this Agreement for a minimum period of five (5) years, or for any longer period
7 required by law, from the date of termination or completion of this Agreement.

8 **11.3.** Any records or documents required to be maintained by CONSULTANT pursuant to this
9 Agreement shall be made available to AUTHORITY for inspection or audit at any time during
10 CONSULTANT's regular business hours provided that AUTHORITY provides CONSULTANT with
11 seven (7) days advanced written or e-mail notice. Copies of such documents shall, at no cost to
12 AUTHORITY, be provided to AUTHORITY for inspection at CONSULTANT's address indicated for
13 receipt of notices under this Agreement.

14 **12. SUSPENSION OF AGREEMENT.**

15 AUTHORITY's Contract Manager shall have the authority to suspend this Agreement, in whole
16 or in part, for such period as deemed necessary due to unfavorable conditions or to the failure on the part
17 of CONSULTANT to perform any provision of this Agreement. CONSULTANT will be paid the
18 compensation due and payable to the date of suspension.

19 **13. TERMINATION.**

20 AUTHORITY retains the right to terminate this Agreement for any reason by notifying
21 CONSULTANT in writing twenty (20) days prior to termination and by paying the compensation due
22 and payable to the date of termination; provided, however, if this Agreement is terminated for fault of
23 CONSULTANT, AUTHORITY shall be obligated to compensate CONSULTANT only for that portion
24 of CONSULTANT's services which are of benefit to AUTHORITY. Said compensation is to be arrived
25 at by mutual agreement between AUTHORITY and CONSULTANT; should the parties fail to agree on
26 said compensation, an independent arbitrator shall be appointed and the decision of the arbitrator shall
27 be binding upon the parties.

28 **14. INSPECTION.**

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CONSULTANT shall furnish AUTHORITY with every reasonable opportunity for AUTHORITY to ascertain that the services of CONSULTANT are being performed in accordance with the requirements and intentions of this Agreement. All work done and materials furnished, if any, shall be subject to AUTHORITY's Contract Manager's inspection and approval. The inspection of such work shall not relieve CONSULTANT of any of its obligations to fulfill its Agreement as prescribed.

15. OWNERSHIP OF MATERIALS.

All original drawings, videotapes, studies, sketches, computations, reports, information, data and other materials given to or prepared or assembled by or in the possession of CONSULTANT pursuant to this Agreement shall become the permanent property of AUTHORITY and shall be delivered to AUTHORITY upon demand, whether or not completed, and shall not be made available to any individual or organization without the prior written approval of AUTHORITY.

16. INTEREST OF CONSULTANT.

16.1. CONSULTANT covenants that it presently has no interest, and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, financial or otherwise, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of the services hereunder.

16.2. CONSULTANT covenants that, in the performance of this Agreement, no sub-contractor or person having such an interest shall be employed.

16.3. CONSULTANT certifies that no one who has or will have any financial interest under this Agreement is an officer or employee of AUTHORITY.

17. INDEMNIFICATION.

17.1. CONSULTANT agrees to the fullest extent permitted by law to indemnify, defend, protect and hold AUTHORITY and its representatives, officers, directors, designees, employees, successors and assigns harmless from any and all claims, expenses, liabilities, losses, causes of actions, demands, losses, penalties, attorneys' fees and costs, in law or equity, of every kind and nature whatsoever arising out of or in connection with CONSULTANT's negligent acts and omissions or willful misconduct under this Agreement ("Claims"), whether or not arising from the passive negligence of AUTHORITY, but does not include Claims that are the result of the negligence or willful misconduct of AUTHORITY.

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1 **17.2.** CONSULTANT agrees to defend with counsel acceptable to AUTHORITY, indemnify
2 and hold AUTHORITY harmless from all Claims, including but not limited to:

3 **17.2.1.** Personal injury, including but not limited to bodily injury, emotional injury,
4 sickness or disease or death to persons including but not limited to AUTHORITY's representatives,
5 officers, directors, designees, employees, agents, successors and assigns, subcontractors and other third
6 parties and/or damage to property of anyone (including loss of use thereof) arising out of
7 CONSULTANT's negligent performance of, or willful misconduct surrounding, any of the terms
8 contained in this Agreement, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by CONSULTANT or anyone
9 for whose acts CONSULTANT may be liable;

10 **17.2.2.** Liability arising from injuries to CONSULTANT and/or any of
11 CONSULTANT's employees or agents arising out of CONSULTANT's negligent performance of, or
12 willful misconduct surrounding, any of the terms contained in this Agreement, or anyone directly or
13 indirectly employed by CONSULTANT or anyone for whose acts CONSULTANT may be liable;

14 **17.2.3.** Penalties imposed upon account of the violation of any law, order, citation, rule,
15 regulation, standard, ordinance or statute caused by the negligent action or inaction, or willful
16 misconduct of CONSULTANT or anyone directly or indirectly employed by CONSULTANT or anyone
17 for whose acts CONSULTANT may be liable;

18 **17.2.4.** Infringement of any patent rights which may be brought against AUTHORITY
19 arising out of CONSULTANT's work;

20 **17.2.5.** Any violation or infraction by CONSULTANT of any law, order, citation, rule,
21 regulation, standard, ordinance or statute in any way relating to the occupational health or safety of
22 employees; and

23 **17.2.6.** Any breach by CONSULTANT of the terms, requirements or covenants of this
24 Agreement.

25 **17.3.** These indemnification provisions shall extend to Claims occurring after this Agreement
26 is terminated, as well as while it is in force.

27 **18. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR.**

28 In all situations and circumstances arising out of the terms and conditions of this Agreement,

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1 CONSULTANT is an independent contractor, and as an independent contractor, the following shall
2 apply:

3 **18.1.** CONSULTANT is not an employee or agent of AUTHORITY and is only responsible
4 for the requirements and results specified by this Agreement or any other agreement.

5 **18.2.** CONSULTANT shall be responsible to AUTHORITY only for the requirements and
6 results specified by this Agreement and except as specifically provided in this Agreement, shall not be
7 subject to AUTHORITY's control with respect to the physical actions or activities of CONSULTANT
8 in fulfillment of the requirements of this Agreement.

9 **18.3.** CONSULTANT is not, and shall not be, entitled to receive from, or through,
10 AUTHORITY, and AUTHORITY shall not provide, or be obligated to provide, CONSULTANT with
11 Workers' Compensation coverage or any other type of employment or worker insurance or benefit
12 coverage required or provided by any Federal, State or local law or regulation for, or normally afforded
13 to, an employee of AUTHORITY.

14 **18.4.** CONSULTANT shall not be entitled to have AUTHORITY withhold or pay, and
15 AUTHORITY shall not withhold or pay, on behalf of CONSULTANT, any tax or money relating to the
16 Social Security Old Age Pension Program, Social Security Disability Program, or any other type of
17 pension, annuity, or disability program required or provided by any Federal, State or local law or
18 regulation.

19 **18.5.** CONSULTANT shall not be entitled to participate in, nor receive any benefit from, or
20 make any claim against any AUTHORITY fringe program, including, but not limited to,
21 AUTHORITY's pension plan, medical and health care plan, dental plan, life insurance plan, or any other
22 type of benefit program, plan, or coverage designated for, provided to, or offered to AUTHORITY's
23 employees.

24 **18.6.** AUTHORITY shall not withhold or pay, on behalf of CONSULTANT, any Federal,
25 State, or local tax, including, but not limited to, any personal income tax, owed by CONSULTANT.

26 **18.7.** CONSULTANT is, and at all times during the term of this Agreement, shall represent
27 and conduct itself as an independent contractor, not as an employee of AUTHORITY.

28 **18.8.** CONSULTANT shall not have the authority, express or implied, to act on behalf of, bind

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or obligate AUTHORITY in any way without the written consent of AUTHORITY.

19. INSURANCE.

19.1. CONSULTANT agrees at its own cost and expense to procure and maintain during the entire term of this Agreement, and any extended term, commercial general liability insurance (bodily injury and property damage), employer's liability insurance, commercial automobile liability insurance (bodily injury and property damage) and professional liability insurance in a sum acceptable to AUTHORITY and adequate to cover potential liabilities arising in connection with the performance of this Agreement and in any event not less than the minimum limit set forth as follows:

<u>Insurance</u>	<u>Minimum Limit</u>
Errors & Omissions Coverage (professional liability – malpractice)	One million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) Per person, per occurrence.
Workers' Compensation, Coverage A	Statutory
Employer's Liability, Coverage B	One million dollars (\$1,000,000.00)
Commercial General Liability (Including Contractual Liability)	One million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) combined single limit to any one person ("CSL") and two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) aggregate for any one accident, including personal injury, death and property damage.
Bodily Injury	
Property Damage	
Commercial Automobile Liability (owned, hired & non-owned vehicles)	One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) combined single limit and three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) aggregate, including owned, non-owned and hired vehicles.

19.2. Special Insurance Requirements. All insurance required shall:

19.2.1. Be procured from California admitted insurers (licensed to do business in California) with a current rating by Best's Key Rating Guide, acceptable to AUTHORITY. A rating of

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at least A-VII shall be acceptable to AUTHORITY; lesser ratings must be approved in writing by AUTHORITY.

19.2.2. Be primary coverage as respects AUTHORITY and any insurance or self-insurance maintained by AUTHORITY shall be in excess of CONSULTANT's insurance coverage and shall not contribute to it.

19.2.3. Name AUTHORITY and their officers, employees, and volunteers as additional insured on all policies, except Workers' Compensation insurance and Errors & Omissions insurance, and provide that AUTHORITY may recover for any loss suffered by AUTHORITY due to CONSULTANT's negligence.

19.2.4. State that it is primary insurance and regards AUTHORITY as an additional insured and contains a cross-liability or severability of interest clause.

19.2.5. Not be canceled, non-renewed or reduced in scope of coverage until after thirty (30) days written notice has been given to AUTHORITY. CONSULTANT may not terminate such coverage until it provides AUTHORITY with proof that equal or better insurance has been secured and is in place. Cancellation or change without prior written consent of AUTHORITY shall, at the option of AUTHORITY, be grounds for termination of this Agreement.

19.2.6. If this Agreement remains in effect more than one (1) year from the date of its original execution, AUTHORITY may, at its sole discretion, require an increase to liability insurance to the level then customary in similar AUTHORITY Agreements by giving sixty (60) days notice to CONSULTANT.

19.3. Additional Insurance Requirements.

19.3.1. AUTHORITY is to be notified immediately of all insurance claims. AUTHORITY is also to be notified if any aggregate insurance limit is exceeded.

19.3.2. The comprehensive or commercial general liability shall contain a provision of endorsements stating that such insurance:

- a.** Includes contractual liability;
- b.** Does not contain any exclusions as to loss or damage to property caused by

explosion or resulting from collapse of buildings or structures or damage to property underground,
commonly referred to by insurers as the “XCU Hazards;”

c. Does not contain a “pro rata” provision which looks to limit the insurer’s liability
to the total proportion that its policy limits bear to the total coverage available to the insured;

d. Does not contain an “excess only” clause which require the exhaustion of other
insurance prior to providing coverage;

e. Does not contain an “escape clause” which extinguishes the insurer’s liability if
the loss is covered by other insurance;

f. Includes AUTHORITY as an additional insured.

g. States that it is primary insurance and regards AUTHORITY as an additional
insured and contains a cross-liability or severability of interest clause.

19.4. Deposit of Insurance Policy. Promptly on issuance, reissuance, or renewal of any
insurance policy required by this Agreement, CONSULTANT shall, if requested by AUTHORITY,
provide AUTHORITY satisfactory evidence that insurance policy premiums have been paid together
with a duplicate copy of the policy or a certificate evidencing the policy and executed by the insurance
company issuing the policy or its authorized agent.

19.5. Certificates of Insurance.

CONSULTANT agrees to provide AUTHORITY with the following insurance documents on or
before the effective date of this Agreement:

19.5.1. Complete copies of certificates of insurance for all required coverages including
additional insured endorsements shall be attached hereto as **Exhibit “D”** and incorporated herein.

19.5.2. The documents enumerated in this Paragraph shall be sent to the following:

Salton Sea Authority
Attention: Executive Director
82995 Highway 111
Suite 200
Indio CA 92201

19.6. Additional Insurance. Nothing in this, or any other provision of this Agreement, shall be

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1 construed to preclude CONSULTANT from obtaining and maintaining any additional insurance policies
2 in addition to those required pursuant to this Agreement.

3 **20. WORKERS' COMPENSATION CERTIFICATION.**

4 **20.1.** Prior to the commencement of work, CONTRACTOR shall sign and file with
5 AUTHORITY the following certification: "I am aware of the provisions of California Labor Code
6 §§3700 et seq. which require every employer to be insured against liability for workers' compensation
7 or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions of that code, and I will comply with
8 such provisions before commencing the performance of the work of this contract."

9 **20.2.** This certification is included in this Agreement and signature of the Agreement shall
10 constitute signing and filing of the certificate.

11 **20.3.** CONSULTANT understands and agrees that any and all employees, regardless of hire
12 date, shall be covered by Workers' Compensation pursuant to statutory requirements prior to beginning
13 work on the Project.

14 **20.4.** If CONSULTANT has no employees, initial here: _____.

15 **21. ASSIGNMENT.**

16 Neither this Agreement nor any duties or obligations hereunder shall be assignable by
17 CONSULTANT without the prior written consent of AUTHORITY. CONSULTANT may employ other
18 specialists to perform services as required with prior approval by AUTHORITY.

19 **22. NON-DISCRIMINATION.**

20 During the performance of this Agreement, CONSULTANT and its subcontractors shall not
21 unlawfully discriminate, harass or allow harassment against any employee or applicant for employment
22 because of sex, race, color, ancestry, religious creed, national origin, physical disability (including HIV
23 and AIDS), mental disability, medical condition (cancer), age (over forty (40)), marital status and denial
24 of family care leave. CONSULTANT and its subcontractors shall insure that the evaluation and
25 treatment of their employees and applicants for employment are free from such discrimination and
26 harassment. CONSULTANT and its subcontractors shall comply with the provisions of the Fair
27 Employment and Housing Act (Gov. Code §12990 (a-f) et seq.) and the applicable regulations
28 promulgated thereunder (California Code of Regulations, Title 2, §7285 et seq.). The applicable

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regulations of the Fair Employment and Housing Commission implementing Government Code §12990 (a-f), set forth in Chapter 5 of Division 4 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. The applicable regulations of §504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. §794 (a)) are incorporated into this Agreement by reference and made a part hereof as if set forth in full. CONSULTANT and its subcontractors shall give written notice of their obligations under this clause to labor organizations with which they have a collective bargaining or other agreement. CONSULTANT shall include the nondiscrimination and compliance provisions of this clause in all subcontracts to perform work under this Agreement.

23. NOTICES AND REPORTS.

23.1. Any notice and reports under this Agreement shall be in writing and may be given by personal delivery or by mailing by certified mail, addressed as follows:

AUTHORITY

Salton Sea Authority
Attention: Executive Director
82995 Highway 111
Suite 200
Indio CA 92201

CONSULTANT

GAFCON, Inc.
10301 Meanley Drive, Suite 225
San Diego, CA 92131

23.2. Notice shall be deemed to have been delivered only upon receipt by the Party, seventy-two (72) hours after deposit in the United States mail or twenty-four (24) hours after deposit with an overnight carrier.

23.3. The addressees and addresses for purposes of this paragraph may be changed to any other addressee and address by giving written notice of such change. Unless and until written notice of change of addressee and/or address is delivered in the manner provided in this paragraph, the addressee and address set forth in this Agreement shall continue in effect for all purposes hereunder.

24. ENTIRE AGREEMENT.

This Agreement contains the entire Agreement between COUNTY and CONSULTANT relating to the transactions contemplated hereby and supersedes all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, provisions, negotiations, representations, or statements, either written or oral.

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1 **25. MODIFICATION.**

2 No modification, waiver, amendment, discharge, or change of this Agreement shall be valid
3 unless the same is in writing and signed by both Parties.

4 **26. CAPTIONS.**

5 Captions in this Agreement are inserted for convenience of reference only and do not define,
6 describe or limit the scope or the intent of this Agreement or any of the terms thereof.

7 **27. PARTIAL INVALIDITY.**

8 If any provision in this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void,
9 or unenforceable, the remaining provisions will nevertheless continue in full force without being
10 impaired or invalidated in any way.

11 **28. GENDER AND INTERPRETATION OF TERMS AND PROVISIONS.**

12 As used in this Agreement and whenever required by the context thereof, each number, both
13 singular and plural, shall include all numbers, and each gender shall include a gender. CONSULTANT
14 as used in this Agreement or in any other document referred to in or made a part of this Agreement shall
15 likewise include the singular and the plural, a corporation, a partnership, individual, firm or person acting
16 in any fiduciary capacity as executor, administrator, trustee or in any other representative capacity or
17 any other entity. All covenants herein contained on the part of CONSULTANT shall be joint and several
18 if more than one person, firm or entity executes the Agreement.

19 **29. WAIVER.**

20 No Waiver of any breach or of any of the covenants or conditions of this Agreement shall be
21 construed to be a waiver of any other breach or to be a consent to any further or succeeding breach of
22 the same or any other covenant or condition.

23 **30. CHOICE OF LAW.**

24 This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California. This Agreement is
25 made and entered into in Imperial County, California. Any action brought by either party with respect
26 to this agreement shall be brought in a court of competent jurisdiction within said County.

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28 **31. AUTHORITY.**

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1 **31.1.** Each individual executing this Agreement on behalf of CONSULTANT represents and
2 warrants that:

3 **31.1.1.** He/She is duly authorized to execute and deliver this Agreement on behalf of
4 CONSULTANT;

5 **31.1.2.** Such execution and delivery is in accordance with the terms of the Articles of
6 Incorporation or Partnership, any by-laws or Resolutions of CONSULTANT and;

7 **31.1.3.** This Agreement is binding upon CONSULTANT accordance with its terms.

8 **31.2.** CONSULTANT shall deliver to AUTHORITY evidence acceptable to AUTHORITY of
9 the foregoing within thirty (30) days of execution of this Agreement.

10 **32. COUNTERPARTS.**

11 This Agreement (as well as any amendments hereto) may be executed in any number of
12 counterparts, each of which when executed shall be an original, and all of which together shall constitute
13 one and the same Agreement. No counterparts shall be effective until all Parties have executed a
14 counterpart hereof.

15 **33. REVIEW OF AGREEMENT TERMS.**

16 **33.1.** Each Party has received independent legal advice from its attorneys with respect to the
17 advisability of making the representations, warranties, covenants and agreements provided for herein,
18 and with respect to the advisability of executing this Agreement.

19 **33.2.** Each Party represents and warrants to and covenants with the other Party that:

20 **33.2.1.** This Agreement in its reduction to final written form is a result of extensive good
21 faith negotiations between the Parties and/or their respective legal counsel;

22 **33.2.2.** The Parties and their legal counsel have carefully reviewed and examined this
23 Agreement for execution by said Parties; and

24 **33.3.** Any statute or rule of construction that ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting
25 party shall not be employed in the interpretation of this Agreement.

26 **34. NON-APPROPRIATION.**

27 This Agreement is based upon the availability of public funding. In the event that public funds
28 are unavailable and not appropriated for the performance of the services set forth in this Agreement, the

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Agreement shall be terminated without penalty after written notice to CONSULTANT of the unavailability and/or non-appropriation of funds.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement on the day and year first above written.

Salton Sea Authority

By: 
G. Patrick O'Dowd
Executive Director

GAFCON Inc.


By: 
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Robin Duveen
Co-Chief Executive Officer

EXHIBIT A

SALTON SEA AUTHORITY DESERT SHORES

September 6, 2023





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CONSULTANT QUALIFICATIONS

FIRM PROFILE

Gafcon is a multi-disciplinary owners' representative firm with expertise in planning and managing complex development projects. With a local presence in County of Imperial, we are known throughout Southern California for providing unparalleled service and value to clients.

For more than 35 years, we have provided a broad range of real estate development, community engagement, program planning, project management, technology, and design related services to public and private clients.

With more than 150 accomplished professionals serving both in-house and on-site, our size provides us with the resources to meet our clients' needs efficiently and effectively while providing unique solutions that delight our clients.

Our in-depth knowledge of the real estate and development industry and its business issues gives us a unique combination of practical experience and intellectual acumen that we deliver to every client. Our business philosophy is client-centric: we treat our clients' challenges as our own. Staying ahead of trends within the development industry enables Gafcon to forecast the future of real estate development, proactively anticipating our clients' needs and focusing our services to deliver innovative solutions to complex problems.

TOP 50 PM/CM FIRMS IN THE NATION

Gafcon has been recognized in Engineering News Record as one of the Top 50 Program Management Firms in the nation. Constructech Magazine presented Gafcon with a Vision Award for our use of technology in Program Management. Services include:

- Entitlement Planning
- Real Estate Advisory
- Constructability Review
- Construction Claims
- Construction Management
- Cost Estimating/Management
- Labor Relations
- Planning/Programming
- Program/Project Controls
- Program/Project Management
- Scheduling
- Technology Solutions

CLIENT SERVICE

Our team is committed to providing excellent service to our clients through the quality of the services we provide. Our core values for client service are based on the following key steps:

1. Voice of the client – from day one, we will identify, prioritize, document, and assess the Salton Sea Authority's client quality requirements to ensure consistent understanding and client satisfaction.
2. Commitment to excellence, client satisfaction, and continuous improvement.
3. Mitigation of client risk by assessing processes, products, the performance of work, and services against defined performance requirements.
4. Identify, investigate, track, and correct non-conformances, including compliance with regulatory agency requirements and the contract specifications.
5. Effective communication of quality requirements to all stakeholders.
6. Oversight of planning, organizing, and directing quality resources for each project's success.
7. Management of quality standards at all levels of the project delivery team.

Our overarching goal is to make certain the Salton Sea Authority receives the very best of our services by designing and implementing our client-specific management plan. Our Principal-in-Charge, Paul Najar, will be engaged throughout our contract's lifecycle, ensuring we are providing the right resources, our services are meeting your expectations, and making immediate corrections when necessary to safeguard successful execution of our work.



PROPOSED STAFF

PAUL NAJAR

Principal-in-Charge / Imperial Division Business Leader



YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

30

EDUCATION

University of California,
Martin Luther King School
of Law, Davis
BA, Joint Degree in
Philosophy and Humanities,
University of California, Irvine

LICENSES/
CERTIFICATIONS

California State Bar

PROFESSIONAL
AFFILIATIONS

Adjunct Faculty, University
of San Diego Law School,
In-House Corporate Course
Association of Corporate
Counsel (ACC), San Diego
Chapter, Past President)

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

Best Corporate Counsel
Lawyers in San Diego,
2012, 2014, 2015, and 2017
La Mancha Publico Pro
Bono Award, Casa Cornelia
Law Center, 2020
Best Corporate Counsel
of the Year, San Diego
Business Journal, 2019
Best In-House Lawyers
in San Diego, San Diego
Transcript, 2019

SUMMARY

Paul is the Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and Imperial Valley Business Line Leader of Gafcon, Inc. He has more than 30 years of experience in the fields of construction, finance, government relations, joint ventures, and real estate transactions. He started his career at California Federal Bank advising on real estate/special assets and then continued at the University of California, Irvine, as campus counsel, where he oversaw real estate and construction transactions for the campus and UCI Medical Center.

In 2011, he joined Gafcon to lead its legal, risk management, and human resources departments. With his strong relationships in the Imperial Valley, Paul leads Gafcon’s business and development initiatives in this growing community. He serves as member of the Gafcon’s Board of Directors, a variety of nonprofit Boards, as well as past President of the Association of Corporate Counsel. Paul served as Adjunct Faculty at the University of San Diego (USD) School of Law from 2013-2020 and was recently recognized by his peers as San Diego Corporate Counsel of the Year.

SELECT EXPERIENCE

Seaport San Diego | San Diego, CA | General Counsel | Led the legal team associated with the \$3.5B project that includes a tower, hotels, shops, and restaurants along with parks and promenades, a new urban beach, and upgraded commercial fishing facilities.

San Joaquin Transportation Corridor | Irvine, CA | University Counsel | Advised Chancellor in relation to the donation of 25 acres of University land as protected habitat and mitigation measures associated with the construction of SR-73.

Great Park of OC | Orange County, CA | Project Leader | Supported the design, management, and operation team in relation to a review associated with master planning and schematic design of the 1,347-acre Great Park of Orange County on the former site of the El Toro Marine Base.

UCI Research Park | Irvine, CA | University Counsel | Advised Chancellor on the initial phases of 185-acre \$1.5B campus expansion that connected businesses with direct STEM talent partnerships and opportunities including companies, such as Toshiba, GE Health Care and Intel.

FERNANDO RAMOS, CE

Senior Project Manager



YEARS OF EXPERIENCE
30

EDUCATION
B.S, Civil Engineering
Universidad Autonoma de Baja California, Mexico
Post Graduate Studies, Business Administration applied to Civil Engineering, Universidad Autonoma de Baja California, México

LICENSES/ CERTIFICATIONS
Professional Civil Engineer, Mexico RCE # 1774162

SUMMARY

Fernando has over 30 years in project management with expertise in design, construction, quality control, scheduling, budget, cost evaluation, and risk identification. He has been involved in the management of required and qualified personnel, resources, and design criteria for the preparation of engineering construction documents and construction management activities.

SELECT EXPERIENCE

Sanders, Inc. Architecture and Engineering | El Centro, CA | Senior Project Manager Consultant and Senior Project Manager | Solar and Geothermal Projects in the Imperial Valley, CA and the Country of Mexico.

J.A. Sanders Contractor | El Centro, CA) | Senior Project Manager | Responsible for the construction of the Operations and Maintenance Facilities for the Ocotillo Wind Project in Ocotillo, CA for Blattner Energy, Inc.

The Holt Group, Inc. | El Centro, CA | Development Design, Engineer, and Project Manager |

- Prepare proposals for the public and private sector
- Setting up and coordinating local consulting teams for preparation of plans to be in compliance with the local regulations
- Prepare construction bidding documents and selection of contractor
- Prepare construction schedule, construction management, and document control
- Budget management, including payment requests, change orders, and RFI's

Intergen (International Generator) | Mexicali, B.C. | Off-Site Engineer | Conducted all efforts and coordination to build a \$20M Sewage Treatment Plant, 5.5 mile gray water aqueduct, and a natural gas pipeline and meter station for a 1,065 MW Power Plant.

Sempre Energy International | San Diego, CA | Project Manager | Developed a new Local Distribution Company (Natural Gas) and a natural gas compression station in Mexico. Installation of natural gas pipelines for residential, commercial, and industrial uses, managed a \$12M budget per year for the gas pipeline, and a \$35M compressor station.



BRYAN BENSO
CO-CEO



YEARS OF EXPERIENCE
32

EDUCATION
BS, Business
Administration, University
of Illinois

LICENSES/
CERTIFICATIONS
Tribal Administration
Certification, Claremont
McKenna College
Certified Commercial
Investment Member, CCIM
Certification Coursework

PROFESSIONAL
AFFILIATIONS
Southern California
Development Forum
(SCDF)
National Association
of Industrial and Office
Properties (NAIOP)
Imperial Valley Regional
Chamber of Commerce
(IVRCC)
2005 Presenter at
Primavera Annual
Conference, New Orleans,
LA
2006 Presenter at Lorman
Seminars, San Diego, CA
Legal Seminars, Los
Angeles, CA

6 GAFCON | Salton Sea Authority

SUMMARY

Bryan has 32 years of experience as a real estate development professional. He is currently the Chief Development Officer for Gafcon’s Development Division. His responsibilities include identifying, sourcing, performing due diligence feasibility, and strategizing for various investment projects. Throughout his career, Bryan has provided third-party development management and due diligence efforts to a wide variety of regional and national-based clients. He has been responsible for developing short- and long-term real estate and project development strategies based on robust financial, operational, and stakeholder needs. With decades of experience in real estate planning, investment, development, construction, and project management, Bryan has been responsible for leading strategic growth and development in capital investment projects and day-to-day oversight of multiple partnerships and direct investments.

SELECT EXPERIENCE

Seaport San Diego Redevelopment | San Diego, CA | Chief Development Officer | As Chief Development Officer, Bryan provides strategic development expertise for Seaport San Diego, a \$2.5B re-imagining of one of the most important pieces of real estate on San Diego’s waterfront. It is being designed to provide valuable community resources and world-class amenities and attractions for residents and visitors. Ongoing programs and activities along with parks, a plaza, an urban beach, and other public spaces on the water’s edge will anchor Seaport San Diego. It will bring families and friends together for relaxation, education, and fun to create a new world class destination.

Bridge to Breakwater Redevelopment Master Plan | Los Angeles, CA | Program Manager / Co-Managing Member of Gafcon and EE&K Architects Joint Venture | Bryan was responsible for the full development of a 420-acre master plan for a Port of Los Angeles owned property. The plan included a new cruise terminal, site infrastructure, public open space, high-end retail component (The Edge), cultural arts district, marinas, hotel development sites, new city owned Expo building, historic fire boat display, and the new red car historic terminal and museum. The scope included all architectural and engineering planning, cultural resourcing, community outreach, feasibility and business plan development, and funding options analysis.

China Basin Landing | Los Angeles, CA | Project Manager | As Project Manager, Bryan provided development support services for the renovation of the 465,000 SF historical warehouse (circa 1920’s), which was reinforced, repaired, and converted to commercial and retail offices, comprising the largest waterfront office facility in San Francisco. Gafcon provided all staff augmentation necessary for the development elements of this project, including all specialty permitting, financial planning, and tenant improvement lease evaluations. The team prepared various decision tree scenarios for the Owner’s consideration.

JEFF CAUSEY, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP BD+C

Senior Architect and Planner



YEARS OF EXPERIENCE
42

EDUCATION
BArch, University of Notre Dame

LICENSES/ CERTIFICATIONS
Licensed Architect, CA No. C26744
National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) No. 45919
Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Accredited Professional for Building Design and Construction (LEED AP BD+C)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS
American Institute of Architects (AIA)
Design-Build Institute of America (DBIA)
Society for College and University Planning (SCUP)
Urban Land Institute (ULI)
United States Green Building Council (USGBC)
Founding Board Member Ace Mentorship San Diego
Coalition for Adequate School Housing (CASH)
Community College Facility Coalition (CCFC)

SUMMARY

Based on over 40 years of international, national, and local architecture and planning experience, Jeff provides a diverse background in cultural understanding and alternate delivery methods worldwide. His experience includes residential, office, mixed-use, and bridged high-rise buildings, multi-phase residential towers, and post-tension concrete, steel, and hybrid structure systems. Jeff has designed and delivered more than 10M SF of public work facilities specializing in fast-track design-build delivery, meeting strict schedule and budget constraints. He has managed projects in a variety of markets, including residential, hospitality, retail, mixed-use, higher education, tribal, urban, and civic/ public works.

SELECT EXPERIENCE

- *Leichtag | Encinitas, CA | Director of Architecture and Planning |** The 68-Acre project is an eco-smart master planned community.
- *Seaport San Diego, Master Plan and Program | San Diego, CA |** Director of Architecture and Planning | The \$3.5B project includes a tower, hotels, shops, and restaurants along with parks and promenades, a new urban beach, and upgraded commercial fishing facilities.
- El Centro Federal Courthouse | El Centro, CA | Principal-in-Charge/Lead Master Planner |** A 62,000 SF Federal Courthouse.
- *Zizhu | Shanghai, China | Director of Architecture and Planning |** The \$12B+, 3,200-acre master planned community is situated along the Huangpu River includes residential, education, office, hotel, retail, entertainment, and transit.
- *Bayfront Village Eco-Smart Community | San Diego, CA | Project Executive/Director |** A 3,400-unit mixed-use project, which includes residential, office, hotel, and entertainment.
- *Pointe Resort Communities Master Plan (Pointe Squaw Peak, Pointe Tapatio, Pointe South Mountain) | Phoenix, AZ | Principal-in-Charge |** 2,000 guest suites, 50,000 SF of conference space, 250 residential units, waterparks, stables, retail, restaurants, office, and hotel.
- *Forbes Landing Mixed Use Facility | Boston, MA | Principal-in-Charge |** The 1.45M SF facility includes hotels, residential, office, retail, and education.
- Yuma Municipal Government Center | Yuma, AZ | Principal-in-Charge/Lead Master Planner |** The 150,000 SF center includes city offices and council chambers.

** Specific Plans/Conditional Use Permits/CIM Design Review/California Coastal Commission*



BEN HUESO

Stakeholder Relations Coordinator



YEARS OF EXPERIENCE
20

EDUCATION
BA, Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles with a Minor in Urban Studies and Planning
Post-Graduate work in Community and Economic Development at San Diego State University
Studied Russian Language, University of Odessa, Ukraine

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS
Delta Stewardship Council

SUMMARY

Ben tenure in the California Legislature will be defined by his extensive work on signature initiatives relating to the restoration of the Salton Sea, the improvement of relations between California and Mexico, and the environmental restoration of the Tijuana River Valley Basin.

He champions policies that support neighborhood revitalization, reinvestment, investing in community infrastructure, schools, libraries, community parks, efficient mass transit, environmental stewardship, and combating climate change. Ben has been recognized for his efforts to expand drinkable water, healthcare, education, affordable housing, and jobs for underserved communities and for being a consumer and ratepayer advocate.

He believes that in addition to strong leadership, local government needs the proper tools to spur the economic development that is necessary to build safe and healthy communities. He helped enact a series of laws and programs that support local governments efforts to bring opportunity and vitality to their communities.

SELECT EXPERIENCE

California State Senate | California | Senator | Ben has been a strong champion for the Imperial Valley and worked to improve the economic, environmental, and social conditions of the entire region. His work on the restoration of the Salton Sea has been significant and during his time in the California Legislature he has secured over \$100M towards this effort. He has also been a strong advocate for increased higher education opportunities in the region as well, this was demonstrated in his last year in office when he secured \$80M for the San Diego State University Brawley campus to develop a STEM building to aid development of a workforce for the upcoming lithium extraction at the Salton Sea area.

California State Assembly | California | Public Official | During his three-year tenure, among other duties, Ben served as the Chair of Assembly Water Parks and Wildlife; the State Senate’s Energy, Utilities, and Telecommunications Committee; the Chairman of the Select Committee on California Mexico Cooperation; and the Chairman of the California Latino Legislative Caucus.

City of San Diego Community and Economic Development Department | San Diego, CA | Council President | Ben successfully realized major community revitalization projects, including affordable housing, parks, libraries, and neighborhoods serving retail and industries that pay quality wages. Additionally, he ran for City Council, where he served as Council President, Coastal Commissioner, and Board Member for the San Diego County Association of Governments (SANDAG) Board of Governors.

VICTOR NAVA

Project Coordinator



SUMMARY

Victor is a versatile respected community leader, development officer, seasoned banker and volunteer serving the Imperial Valley Region for over 25 years. He has established strong community networks to transform relationships within Imperial County that were once fragmented and parochial. It is his mission to lead and support dynamic developments that will enhance the quality of life throughout the Imperial Valley. More importantly to develop community first projects driven by the four P’s Purpose, People, Planet, and Profit.

YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

25

EDUCATION

Business Economics/
Accounting, University of
California, Santa Barbara
AA Liberal Studies, Imperial
Valley College

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Imperial County Office of
Education (ICOE) Board
of Directors
Imperial Valley Regional
Chamber of Commerce
Brawley Chamber of Commerce
Holtville Chamber of Commerce
Imperial County Southern
Border Committee
City of Calexico Quick
Build Community Advisory
Committee (Safe Routes
Partnership)
Accessity (Formally known
as Accion)
Innercare (Formally known as
Clinicas Del Pueblo Inc.)
Imperial Valley Economic
Development Center
Imperial County Association
of Realtors
Imperial Valley Small Business
Development Center
US Small Business
Administration (SBA)

EXPERIENCE

San Diego State University (SDSU) | Calexico, CA | Director of Development & P3 Initiatives | As Director of Development, Victor was an involved and consultative community leader. He was responsible for building relationships between, donors, public-public, public private partnerships and SDSU Imperial Valley. Additionally, he was responsible for annual giving, planned giving, as well as major and principal gift development and focused on cross-campus collaborations. He worked with development and a senior staff and administrators to set priorities and devise strategies for fund-raising and growth activities. Victor fostered relationships with federal, state, county and city officials, leaders of economic development agencies, non-governmental organizations, and foundations to attract development partners to support research, creativity, and innovation at SDSU Imperial Valley. Victor recently worked jointly with the SDSU’s Governmental Affairs team and the President’s office to secure the \$80M state funding for their new STEM facility.

Mechanics Bank/Rabobank NA | El Centro/Brawley, CA | Various Management Roles | As Branch Manager, Victor provided leadership and strategic direction for the El Centro, Brawley, Julian and Holtville branch locations and evaluated and analyzed bank data for adherence to budget goals and other financial targets. He Represented the bank at community events to further enhance the banks image and develop new business opportunities. Additionally, Victor served as Retail Sales Manager formulating and expanding business development activities. He actively participated in committees establishing the needs for future growth. As Treasury Relationship Manager, Victor served as a liaison between Commercial/Agriculture Relationship Managers and the Community Banking Division. He worked closely with Relationship Managers on cross selling products and services to develop a full banking relationship, customer service and problem-solving for commercial and agriculture clients.



ANDREW REGENBERG

Director, Real Estate and Development



YEARS OF EXPERIENCE
20

EDUCATION
BA, Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles with a Minor in Urban Studies and Planning
Post-Graduate work in Community and Economic Development at San Diego State University
Studied Russian Language, University of Odessa, Ukraine

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS
Delta Stewardship Council

SUMMARY

Andrew is an experienced real estate professional with 24 years of experience evaluating and managing a wide range of real estate ventures from a financial, market, and operating perspective. Over the course of his career, Andrew worked as a VP/Director of Finance and Operations Manager for some of the top public and private real estate development companies in the industry including Lennar, Kennedy Wilson International, and J.F. Shea Company. In these roles, Andrew provided financial leadership in the acquisition of well over \$500M in assets, managed development budgets exceeding \$400M, and secured debt and joint venture financing for land, apartment, hotel, and for sale housing developments. Andrew has also worked directly for Gafcon for seven years providing financial and market advisory services to public and private sector clients across all real estate asset classes. Andrew’s experience working directly for leading real estate companies while also servicing public and private sector clients in a consulting capacity provides a unique and valuable perspective for clients. Andrew’s primary areas of expertise include: Financial and Market Feasibility, Financial Planning and Analysis, Project Management, Financial Modeling, Project Financing, and Asset Management. Andrew holds a Master of Business Administration degree with an emphasis in Finance from Chapman University and a Bachelor of Arts degree with an emphasis in Urban Planning from UC Santa Barbara. Andrew also holds a California Real Estate Broker License.

SELECT EXPERIENCE

Meritage Homes | Southern California | Director of Finance |
Andrew provided financial and strategic leadership for the Southern California division with +\$300M in annual revenue. He lead financial and operational forecasts for the division and partner with all functional groups (Sales, Marketing, Operations, Land Acquisition, Land Development, Forward Planning, etc.) to exceed financial and operational goals.

CalAtlantic Homes - A Lennar Company | Inland Empire, CA | Vice President of Finance | Andrew provided financial leadership for the Inland Empire division with +\$290M in annual revenue. He led the division’s quarterly forecasts and annual business planning process. Andrew provided analytical support to the management to improve homebuilding operations and to identify opportunities for cost savings.

Beazer Homes | Southern California | Director of Financial Planning & Analysis | Andrew led the Southern California Division’s financial operations. He was a key member of the senior management team, and partnered with the Area President, Division President, and the division management team to drive improved financial results. Andrew managed monthly financial forecasts, financial reporting, and operational metrics reporting.

PRIOR EXPERIENCE ON SIMILAR PROJECTS

The Trust for Public Land, Kellogg Park | Ventura, CA

Project Cost: \$2.8M

Gafcon provided project and construction management, which included extensive coordination with project field consultants such as Native Americans, archaeologists, flora and fauna experts, local artists, along with both federal and state associated specialists. The park project was completed ahead of schedule and at a lower than estimated construction cost.

The 2.4 acres where Kellogg Park now sits was initially slated for a dense residential development. Fortunately, The Trust for Public Land was able to purchase the vacant land after learning of the local Ventura community members passionate plea for more park space. After eight years, Kellogg Park opened to the ecstatic public with unique playground designs, open space and outdoor fitness equipment areas, an amphitheater with community art, an interactive water play area, decorative gates and fencing, landscaping, and evening lighting throughout associated structures, such as a community garden shed and a state-of-the-art, high-grade stainless-steel restroom.

Sustainability was also an important feature for the park. A sand-filter swale reflects the natural character of the nearby Ventura River, which filters stormwater runoff as well as serving as a use amenity with learning and play facilities scattered along its course. Other sustainable features included minimal turf and water-efficient irrigation.





Orange County Great Park | Irvine, CA

Project Cost: \$1.5B

Gafcon, Inc. was retained by the Orange County Great Park Corporation to provide design management for the proposed Great Park Master Plan, which included a 1,347-acre urban park to be developed within the former 4,700-acre El Toro Marine Air Station in central Orange County. Gafcon, Inc. was responsible for directing and coordinating all aspects of the project's design relating to budget, timeline, and quality assurance. Gafcon, Inc. and master designer, Ken Smith Landscape Architect of New York, formed Great Park Design Studio, consisting of 42 consultants.

2009 AIA Honor Award in Regional & Urban Design
American Institute of Architects (National)

2009 Focused Planning Issue Award
American Planning Association (National)

2009 National Honor Award for Analysis & Planning
American Society of Landscape Architects (National)

2009 National Award for Research
American Society of Landscape Architects (National)

2009 Professional Honor Award for General Design (Orange County Great Park Observation Balloon Preview Park)
American Society of Landscape Architects (National)

2008 Focused Planning Issue Award
American Planning Association (California Chapter)

2008 Focused Planning Issue Award
American Planning Association (Orange County Chapter)

2008 Honor Award in Regional & Urban Design
American Institute of Architects (California Council)

2007 SERCAL Members Award
California Society for Ecological Restoration



City of Coronado Capital Improvement Program | Coronado, CA

Project Cost: \$60M

Beginning in 1992, the City of Coronado selected Gafcon as their project management consultant to assist in the coordination of a new \$40M capital improvement program. Again, in 2015, the City selected Gafcon as their project manager/construction manager for the new City Hall and Town Hall, as well as other Capital Improvement Projects. Gafcon services included design management, construction management, and staff augmentation services for the new 9,250 SF City Hall, 3,200 SF Town Hall, and John D. Spreckels Center and Bowling Green, Skate Board Park, parking, and public plaza.

JOHN D. SPRECKELS CENTER & BOWLING GREEN

Gafcon provided a full range of project management services, including RFP preparation and response review; change order management; claims dispute resolution; claims avoidance; and project controls such as budgeting, estimating, and scheduling. Gafcon also provided shop drawing and submittal management; public works contract law research; chaired coordination meetings, coordinated technical inspection services, labor compliance; stakeholder coordination, project close out administration; and move-in planning and coordination.

In 2017, the project received Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver Certification from the U.S. Green Building Council.





Del Mar Civic Center and Town Hall and Park | Del Mar, CA

Program Value Cost: \$60M

The City of Del Mar's new Civic Center is the largest capital project in the City's 59-year history. "The \$17.8M project was completed within budget and on time," stated Assistant City Manager Kristen Crane, who oversaw planning and construction.

The civic center includes a 3,000 SF Town Hall and a 13,000 SF plaza that will host events such as a weekly farmers market, as well as serving as a de facto park where the public can enjoy panoramic ocean views, and a 140-space parking structure.

Gafcon, Inc. was selected to manage the pre-construction phase of the project from schematic design through the first stages of construction. This included establishment of the adjusted project budget; cost estimate and program verification; plan review at each design submission; temporary office location analysis; consultant services RFPs; scope determination; negotiations; agreements and ongoing management; construction contract development; constructability review prior to bidding; creation of bid documents and bid process management.

2019 WoodWorks Wood Design Award for Wood in Government Buildings

Coastal Craftsman Architecture of Del Mar

2018 Orchid Award in Architecture, Del Mar Civic Center

San Diego Architectural Foundation

2018 Merit Award in Architecture, Del Mar Civic Center and Town Hall

The American Institute of Architects, San Diego Chapter (AIASD)



Other Relevant Projects

Leichtag Agricultural Community Parks

National Orange Show

North Embarcadero San Diego

OCGP Preview Park

OCGP Balloon Park

Port of LA 22nd Street Park

Port of LA Promenade Parks and Waterfront

San Manuel Kiic Atiac Cultural Park

Seaport San Diego Embarcadero

Seaport San Diego Rocco Park

SDUSD Fields and Parks (12)

Zizhu Happy Sunshine Park



PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

MENU OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Engagement	<input type="checkbox"/> Comprehensive / General Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Grant Writing / Grant Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate Support Services
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Planning	<input type="checkbox"/> Permitting
<input type="checkbox"/> Project Management	<input type="checkbox"/> Labor Relations

Community Engagement

With decades as owner’s representatives for complex real estate development projects, we are endowed with a singular understanding of the challenges.

Community planning should be imaginative and implementation focused. It is a collaborative process that engages the residents, community leaders, landowners, and stakeholders to make informed choices by capturing the overall vision and local issues that matter.

To achieve client goals, our planning process centers around three basic tenets:

- **Community Engagement:** Community outreach and stakeholder engagement are vital to understanding existing conditions and establishing a collective vision. Empowering citizens, business leaders, stakeholders, public entities, and elected officials creates a lasting imprint on the community.
- **Informed Decision-Making:** Planning transcends visioning and design. Communicating relevant information to stakeholders allows informed decisions to guide a plan’s development and resulting actions.
- **Implementation and Funding:** Plans should focus on lasting improvements tailored to each community and that can be sustained over the long run. We turn concepts into focused action and clear direction on what to do next, who should lead, and how it can be funded.

Grant Writing / Grant Application

Gafcon's extended team researches funding opportunities, writes compelling narratives with well-placed visuals, and provide specialized services fine-tuned to your needs.

Our team can assist in bringing projects to life through our extensive experience in helping our clients with the entire grant process – from developing winning strategies to helping your staff find the best funding for your projects.

Our extended team provides technical or narrative writing and editing, as well as graphic design of the final application, including visuals.

Community Planning

Successful community plans are no accident: they come from hard work and collaboration with our clients. Our approach emphasizes aspirational planning (what does the community want to be?) with a focus on implementation (what steps will be required to remain successful?) and measurable outcomes (what should we anticipate as a result of the community’s success?)

Whether it’s a small community park or a 75 acre waterfront project like Seaport San Diego, community plans are most effective when a dynamic process is crafted to engage community leaders and stakeholders in thoughtful consideration of the relationships between land use, the environment, community resources, and economic vitality and how they shape our communities.

Gafcon’s approach to planning centers on a commitment to:

- Use goal-setting and visioning exercises to understand baseline community desires.
- Create an understanding of community dynamics.
- Conduct a process that fosters a constructive conversation of community challenges and desires.
- Provide a framework upon which to offer realistic and measurable strategies for the plan’s major elements.
- Apply an interdisciplinary approach where the ultimate Plan is integrated with other community plans, investments, and initiatives.

Comprehensive / General Planning

Gafcon approaches comprehensive planning with a core purpose in mind: to facilitate a process for informed decision making that is aligned with community values and vision, community development strategies, and urban design and transportation priorities. Community engagement is an integral part of our approach, and our processes use a variety of outreach techniques to identify and address each community’s unique strengths and challenges.

Project Management

Gafcon has successfully managed billions of dollars worth of construction projects over its 35-year history. We provide the following services:

- Owner’s representative
- Vendor management
- Document management
- Obtain licenses
- Bidding assistance
- Prepare RFP for construction/bid package preparation
- GC selection and bid analysis
- Budgeting
- Estimating
- Facilitate the value engineering A and E
- Scheduling
- Coordinate owner, architect, and consultant (OAC) meetings
- Oversee onsite construction management
- Manage inspections
- Obtain temporary and final certificate of occupancy
- Project closeout
- Turnkey project management
- Cost Controls



Professional Real Estate Support Services

Our clients can select any one of our services or choose a "turn key" project management. Our services include:

- Owners' representative
- Site identification and coordination
- Market assessment and analysis
- Due diligence, test fit and detailed site plans
- Budgeting
- Proforma review
- Up-front budgeting
- Source alternative funding mechanisms
- Design procurement services
- Provide or hire other development services consultants
- Prepare Request for Proposals (RFP) for new properties/projects
- Procure due diligence services including environmental, survey, and geotechnical
- Scheduling
- Project delivery
- Development Project/Program Set Up
- Internal client training
- Development of site standards
- BIM solutions
- Permitting and Design Management
- Driving your multi-site development program
- Perform as an extension of your staff
- Driver and/or executor of entitlement reviews
- Procure design/permitting consultants
- Lead consultant coordination
- Perform design reviews
- Deliver weekly project updates
- Construction Phase Services
- Vendor management
- Document management
- Bidding assistance
- Prepare RFP for construction/bid package preparation
- GC selection and bid analysis
- Coordinate with estimators
- Onsite construction management
- Manage inspections
- Obtain temporary and final certificate of occupancy
- Project closeout



Permitting

- Driving your multi-site development program
- Perform as an extension of your staff
- Driver and/or executor of entitlement reviews
- Procure design/permitting consultants
- LEED consultant coordination
- Perform design reviews
- Permit expediting
- Deliver weekly project updates

Labor Relations

Labor law is a complex and ever-changing landscape. As one of California's first State-Approved Labor Compliance Programs (LCP ID# 2003.0053), Gafcon has managed over \$10B in labor compliance programs for diverse clientele throughout California and has amassed years of lessons learned. We have a deep understanding of the nuances of labor compliance monitoring, project labor agreement (PLA), and prevailing wage enforcement, including federal, state, and local requirements to help you navigate a constantly evolving field.

Our firm mitigates risk by making certain contractors know the rules and regulations before starting work on any project. Creating value for our clients and our communities is a vital component of Gafcon's purpose. Specific labor relations services we offer include:

- Project Labor Agreement
- Skilled and Trained
- Outreach
- Regular presentations to the contractors
- Ongoing communication with the contractors
- Ongoing communication with agency project staff
- Periodic meetings with contractor organizations, prime contractors, and subcontractors interested in doing work with the agency
- Ongoing LCP requirements/administration training and workshops for the agency staff
- Local Hire
- DBE/MBE/WBE Participation Outreach





RECOMMENDED INITIAL SCOPE OF WORK

Recommended Initial Scope of Work

The Gafcon team will schedule and lead a 3-4 hour, in person, Project Charter and Plan Charrette with the Salton Sea Authority to discuss, among other things, status of CEQA, NEPA, goals, tasks, project scope, schedule, and stakeholders. Following the meeting and within 2 weeks, Gafcon shall draft and deliver a written Project Charter and Plan a detailed scope of services and estimated fee for the project services. The Charter shall include:

- Purpose and Objectives
- Scope of Work Execution Plan
- Milestones
- Facilitate alignment of Stakeholders
- Participate in drafting a Governance Charter
- Estimated Budget
- Act as Client's Coordinator with respect to the County's CEQA and NEPA work

The Gafcon team will schedule and lead a second meeting with the Salton Sea Authority to review the Charter deliverables.

TRACK 1

Project Charter

• SEE ABOVE



RATES

Rates

Gafcon is pleased to submit the following proposed rates.

POSITION	NAME	RATE
Chief Development Officer	Bryan Benso	\$200
Principal-in-Charge	Paul Najar	\$195
Senior Architect and Planner	Jeff Causey	\$185
Senior Project Manager	Fernando Ramos	\$175
Stakeholder Relations Coordinator	Ben Hueso	\$160
Project Coordinator	Victor Nava	\$150
Director, Real Estate and Development	Andrew Regenber	\$185

Notes:

- Rates will be escalated at 3%/year each fiscal year starting 7/1/24

Reimbursable Expenses

Client shall reimburse Gafcon for all out-of-pocket expenses associated with this project, plus an administrative fee equal to five percent (5%) of the expenses.

The following are examples of the various expenses that are typically related to Gafcon’s Services, however, these examples are not intended to be inclusive of all potential reimbursable expenses:

- Postage, shipping, couriers, and copies.
- Blueprinting, photo reproducing, and photography for jobsite surveys or related activities.
- Mileage costs shall be charged at the prevailing IRS rate to and from the project(s) and the respective Gafcon office.



San Diego (HQ) | Los Angeles | Orange County | Imperial Valley

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Imperial, CA 92251
858.875.0010

EXHIBIT B

Task	Estimated Cost	Timeline (Oct 1 start date)
1. Initial 3-4 hour meeting with 4 Gafcon team members	\$3,000	Oct 15 – Oct 30
2. Facilitate alignment of stakeholders and their participation in in governance charter drafting	\$5,000 to \$7,500	Oct 15 – Nov 14
3. Draft ing of the agreed-upon project charter and lead follow-up meeting	\$3,500	Nov 30
4. Create ing an estimated budget for the full Desert Shores project with key milestones and timelines	\$3,000 to \$6,000	Dec 15
5. Act ing as coordinator of CEQA and NEPA for a 150-day period	\$5,000 to \$7,000	Oct 15 – Mar 13, 2024 (150 days)
6. Develop scope and budget for Phase II project management through project completion	\$2,500	Jan 15
Total	\$22,000 to \$29,500	

EXHIBIT C

1. DATE ISSUEDMM/DD/YYYY02/28/2022

1a. SUPERSEDES AWARD NOTICE dated
except that any additions or restrictions previously imposed
remain in effect unless specifically rescinded

2. CFDA NO.
15.571 - Salton Sea Program

3. ASSISTANCE TYPECooperative Agreement

4. GRANT NO. R22AC00215-00
Originating MCA #

5. TYPE OF AWARD
Other

4a. FAIN R22AC00215

5a. ACTION TYPENew

6. PROJECT PERIODMM/DD/YYYY
From11/01/2021Through12/31/2025

7. BUDGET PERIODMM/DD/YYYY
From11/01/2021Through12/31/2025

8. TITLE OF PROJECT (OR PROGRAM)
Restoring Habitat and Improving Air and Water Quality at the Salton Sea

NOTICE OF AWARD



AUTHORIZATION (Legislation/Regulations)
Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act of 1934, Public Law 85-624, as amended; as limited and delegated by the Secretary of the Interior

9a. GRANTEE NAME AND ADDRESS
Salton Sea Authority
82995 US Highway 111 STE 200
Indio, CA 92201-5678

9b. GRANTEE PROJECT DIRECTOR
Johnathan Mcdannell
82995 US HIGHWAY 111 STE 200
INDIO, CA 92201-5678
Phone: 760-863-2695

10a. GRANTEE AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL
Mr. G. Patrick O'Dowd
82995 US Highway 111 Ste 200
Indio, CA 92201-5678
Phone: 760-863-2695

10b. FEDERAL PROJECT OFFICER
Ms. Leslie Dieguez
P.O. Box 61470
LCB-10101
Acquisition and Assistance Management Office
Boulder City, NV 89006

ALL AMOUNTS ARE SHOWN IN USD

11. APPROVED BUDGET (Excludes Direct Assistance)
I Financial Assistance from the Federal Awarding Agency Only
II Total project costs including grant funds and all other financial participation

a. Salaries and Wages1,539.00
b. Fringe Benefits1,062.00
c. Total Personnel Costs2,601.00
d. Equipment0.00
e. Supplies0.00
f. Travel0.00
g. Construction1,195,222.00
h. Other0.00
i. Contractual52,177.00
j. TOTAL DIRECT COSTS1,250,000.00
k. INDIRECT COSTS0.00
l. TOTAL APPROVED BUDGET1,250,000.00
m. Federal Share1,250,000.00
n. Non-Federal Share0.00

12. AWARD COMPUTATION
a. Amount of Federal Financial Assistance (from item 11m)\$1,250,000.00
b. Less Unobligated Balance From Prior Budget Periods\$0.00
c. Less Cumulative Prior Award(s) This Budget Period\$0.00
d. AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THIS ACTION\$1,250,000.00
13. Total Federal Funds Awarded to Date for Project Period\$1,250,000.00
14. RECOMMENDED FUTURE SUPPORT
(Subject to the availability of funds and satisfactory progress of the project):
YEARTOTAL DIRECT COSTSYEARTOTAL DIRECT COSTS
a. 2\$ d. 5\$
b. 3\$ e. 6\$
c. 4\$f. 7\$
15. PROGRAM INCOME SHALL BE USED IN ACCORD WITH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVES:
a. DEDUCTION
b. ADDITIONAL COSTS
c. MATCHING
d. OTHER RESEARCH (Add / Deduct Option)
e. OTHER (See REMARKS)
16. THIS AWARD IS BASED ON AN APPLICATION SUBMITTED TO, AND AS APPROVED BY, THE FEDERAL AWARDING AGENCY ON THE ABOVE TITLED PROJECT AND IS SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS INCORPORATED EITHER DIRECTLY OR BY REFERENCE IN THE FOLLOWING:
a. The grant program legislation
b. The grant program regulations.
c. This award notice including terms and conditions, if any, noted below under REMARKS.
d. Federal administrative requirements, cost principles and audit requirements applicable to this grant.
In the event there are conflicting or otherwise inconsistent policies applicable to the grant, the above order of precedence shall prevail. Acceptance of the grant terms and conditions is acknowledged by the grantee when funds are drawn or otherwise obtained from the grant payment system.

REMARKS (Other Terms and Conditions Attached - ☒ Yes ☐ No)
See next page

GRANTS MANAGEMENT OFFICIAL:

Leslie Dieguez, Grants Management Specialist
P.O. Box 61470
LCB-10101
Boulder City, NV 89006
Phone: 702-293-8369

17. VENDOR CODE			0071372151		18a. UEI		18b. DUNS 111370784		19. CONG. DIST.		36	
LINE#	FINANCIAL ACCT	AMT OF FIN ASST		START DATE	END DATE	TAS ACCT		PO LINE DESCRIPTION				
1	0051018833-00010	\$224,778.00		11/01/2021	12/31/2025	0680		Mitigation & Revitalization Services				
2	0051018833-00020	\$1,025,222.00		11/01/2021	12/31/2025	0680		Construction				

NOTICE OF AWARD (Continuation Sheet)

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REMARKS:

Recipients are NOT required to sign the Notice of Award or any other award document or amendment. Recipients indicate their acceptance of an award or amendment to an existing award, including award terms and conditions, by starting work, drawing down funds, or accepting the award or amendment via electronic means. Recipient acceptance of an award/amendment carries with it the responsibility to be aware of and comply with all terms and conditions applicable to the award. Recipients are responsible for ensuring that their subrecipients and contractors are aware of and comply with applicable award statutes, regulations, and terms and conditions. Recipient failure to comply with award terms and conditions can result in Reclamation taking one or more of the remedies and actions described in 2 CFR 200.339343.

AWARD ATTACHMENTS

SALTON SEA AUTHORITY

R22AC00215-00

1. Agreement Template

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Financial Assistance Agreement No. R22AC00215
Between
Bureau of Reclamation
And
Salton Sea Authority
For
Restoring Habitat and Improving Air and Water Quality at the Salton Sea

I. OVERVIEW AND SCHEDULE

1. AUTHORITY

This Financial Assistance Agreement (Agreement) is entered into between the United States of America, acting through the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) and Salton Sea Authority (Recipient), pursuant to Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act of 1934, Public Law 85-624, 16 U.S.C. 661 et seq., as amended, and Section 7(a) of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (FWCA) of 1956 (70 Stat 1122; 16 U.S.C. 742f(a)); as limited and delegated by the Secretary of the Interior delegation of authority to the Bureau of Reclamation at 255 DM 1.1B. The following section, provided in full text, authorizes Reclamation to award this Agreement:

Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act of 1934, Public Law 85-624, 16 U.S.C. 661 et seq., as amended, and Section 7(a) of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (FWCA) of 1956 (70 Stat 1122; 16 U.S.C. 742f(a)); as limited and delegated by the Secretary of the Interior delegation of authority to the Bureau of Reclamation at 255 DM 1.1B

SEC. 7. (a) The Secretary of the Interior, with such advice and assistance as he may require from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife, shall consider and determine the policies and procedures that are necessary and desirable in carrying out efficiently and in the public interest the laws relating to fish and wildlife. The Secretary, with the assistance of the departmental staff herein authorized, shall— (1) develop and recommend measures which are appropriate to assure the maximum sustainable production of fish and fishery products and to prevent unnecessary and excessive fluctuations in such production; (2) study the economic condition of the industry, and whenever he determines that any segment of the domestic fisheries has been seriously disturbed either by wide fluctuation in the abundance of the resource supporting it, or by unstable market or fishing conditions or due to an other factors he shall make such recommendations to the President and the Congress as he deems , appropriate to aid in stabilizing the domestic fisheries; (3) develop and recommend special promotional and informational activities with a view to stimulating the consumption of fishery products whenever he determines that there is a prospective or actual surplus of such products; 70 STAT.] PUBLIC LAW 1024-AUG. 8, 1956 112a (4) take such steps as may be required for the development, advancement, management, conservation, and protection of the fisheries resources; and (5) take such steps as may be

required for the development, management, advancement, conservation, and protection of wildlife resources through research, acquisition of refuge lands, development of existing facilities, and other means.

255 DM 1.B

1.1 Delegation. Subject to the exceptions in Section 1.2, the Commissioner of Reclamation (Commissioner) is delegated the authority of the Assistant Secretary – Water and Science to:

B. Take the following actions, either directly or by providing financial assistance to non-Federal parties, pursuant to the Conservation of Wild Life, Fish and Game Act of March 10, 1934 (Pub. L. 73-121; 48 Stat. 401) as amended by the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act of August 14, 1946 (Pub. L. 85-624; 72 Stat. 563; 16 U.S.C. 661-666c); Section 5 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, December 28, 1973 (Pub. L. 93-205; 87 Stat. 884; 16 U.S.C. 1534); and Section 7(a) of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act of 1956, August 8, 1956 (70 Stat. 1122; 16 U.S.C. 742f(a)), regarding the construction and/or continued operation and maintenance of any Federal reclamation project:

- (1) plan, design, and construct, including acquiring lands or interest therein as needed for:
 - (a) fish passage and screening facilities at any non-Federal water diversion or storage project; or
 - (b) projects to create or improve instream habitat.
- (2) acquire or lease water or water rights from willing sellers or lessors; or
- (3) monitor and evaluate the effect of Reclamation actions on Endangered Species Act-listed species.

2. PUBLIC PURPOSE OF SUPPORT OR STIMULATION

To provide habitat for species dependent on the Sea ecosystem and to reduce dust emissions from the increased extent of exposed lakebed that may impact public health. The goal is to provide approximately 30 acres of aquatic habitat suitable for piscivorous or other bird species and to support sensitive fish and wildlife such as desert pupfish, snowy plover and burrowing owls. In addition, the project will develop sustainable habitat to support tilapia (needed to support piscivorous birds) in a sheltered harbor, habitat that has been lost as the keys became disconnected from the Sea. Habitat benefits for terrestrial species and nesting birds are also anticipated through revegetation on adjacent land parcels.

By providing aquatic habitat on exposed lakebed, the project will also reduce dust emissivity in the area. Lastly, the project's water needs, and associated infrastructure will be designed needed for future projects that will provide additional habitat and dust suppression benefits on neighboring lands that currently do not have a water source for project implementation.

3. BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

The Salton Sea is a 1000-km² terminal lake located in the desert area of southeastern California. This saline (74,250 TDS mg/L reflects January 2020 Reclamation) lake started as fresh water in 1905–07 by accidental flooding of the Colorado River, and is maintained by agricultural runoff of irrigation water diverted from the Colorado River.

Desert Shores is located on the western shore of the Salton Sea, in the northwest corner of Imperial County at an elevation of -197' below sea level. Inlets were created at Desert Shores whenever a number of channels or "fingers" were built into the Salton Sea. Due to the Salton Sea experiencing decreased water levels and increased sedimentation, the channels' access to the Sea has been blocked. Desert Shores' channels have been separated from the Salton Sea by a stretch of dry playa, and the remaining water is foul and colored red by halophilic bacteria.

Objectives:

The primary goals of the Project are the following:

- Restore water to the 30 acres of historic, aquatic habitat suitable for piscivorous or other bird species.
- To prevent dust emissions from this part of the exposed lakebed, provide access to the Sea for continued monitoring.
- To provide a potential water source for future projects on lands adjacent to Desert Shores where no water is currently available.

The proposed restorations to the Project will also contribute to satisfying the following objectives:

- Protect and increase the economic benefits arising from healthy watersheds, fishery resources and instream flow.
- Protect and restore aquatic, wetland, and migratory bird ecosystems, including fish and wildlife corridors and the acquisition of water rights for instream flow.
- Fulfill the obligations of the State of California in complying with the terms of multiparty settlement agreements related to water resources.
- Remove barriers to fish passage.
- Collaborate with federal agencies in the protection of fish native to California and wetlands in the Central Valley of California.
- Protect and restore rural and urban watershed health to improve watershed storage capacity, forest health, protection of life and property, storm water resource management and greenhouse gas reduction.
- Assist in the recovery of endangered, threatened, or migratory species by improving watershed health, instream flows, fish passage, coastal or inland wetland restoration, or other means, such as implementation of a natural community conservation plan and habitat conservation plan.

4. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE AND FUNDS AVAILABILITY

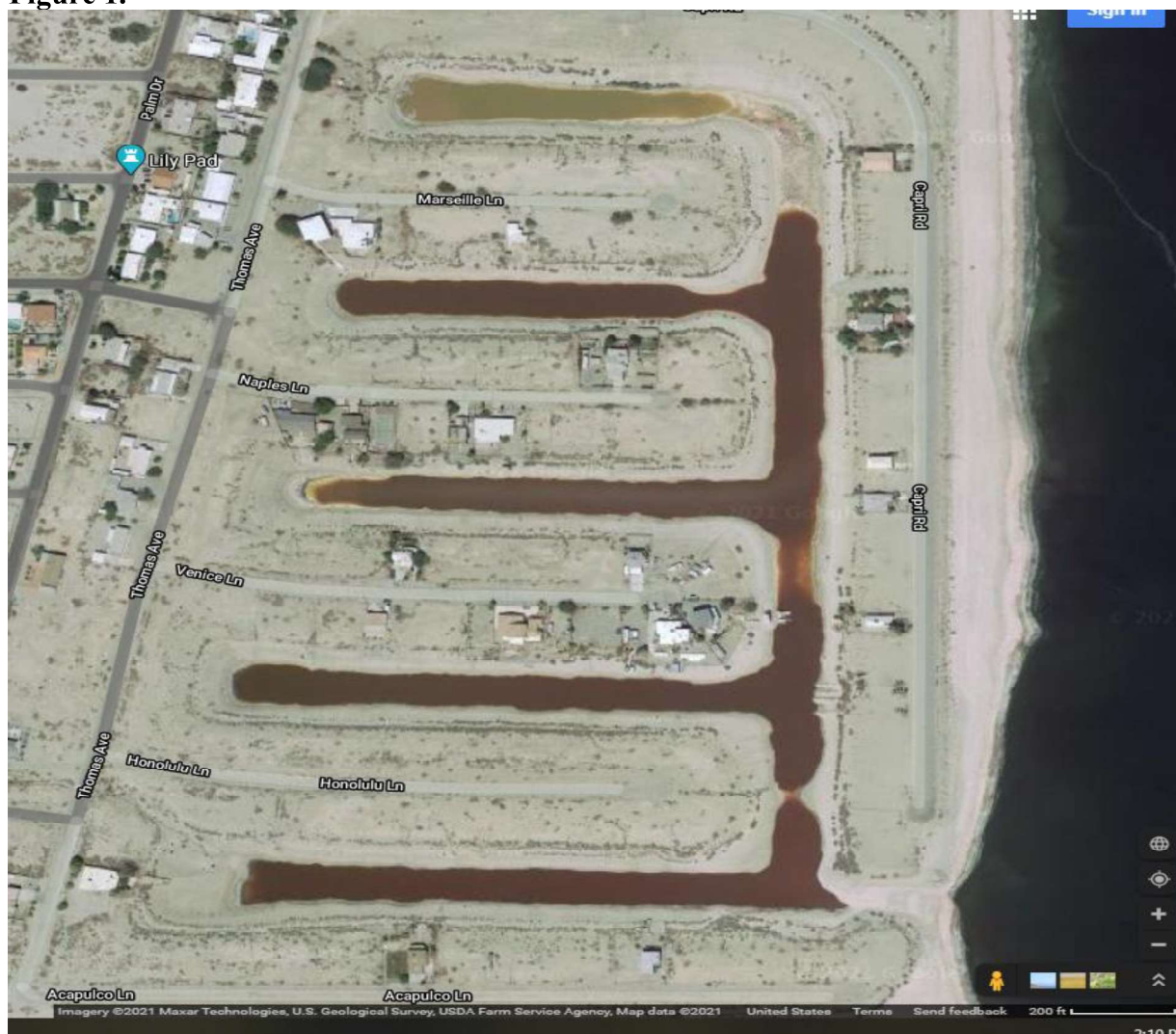
This Agreement becomes effective on the date shown in block 1 of the United States of America, Department of the Interior, Notice of Award (NOA). The Agreement shall remain in effect through the date shown in block 6 of the NOA. The project period for this Agreement may only be changed through written amendment of the Agreement by a Reclamation Grants Officer (GO).

No legal liability on the part of the Government for any payment may arise until funds are made available, in writing, to the Recipient by a Reclamation GO. The total estimated project cost for this Agreement is \$1,250,000.00 and the total estimated amount of Federal funding is \$1,250,000.00. The initial amount of federal funds available is limited to \$1,250,000.00 as indicated by “Amount of Financial Assistance This Action” within block 12 of the NOA. Subject to the availability of Congressional appropriations, subsequent funds will be made available for payment through written amendments to this Agreement by a Reclamation GO.

5. SCOPE OF WORK AND MILESTONES

The Project will restore water at the northwestern portion of the Salton Sea at the Desert Shores Marina needed for habitat restoration and dust suppression activities. The Project is within the unincorporated Desert Shores Community (Figure 1 Attached) that is located within Imperial County.

The project involves the provision of building an earthen berm across the opening of the Desert Shores Marina to the Salton Sea resulting in the development of a natural barrier separating the marina from the Salton Sea. The project involves flooding the Desert Shores Marina so that the inlets will once again be covered by fresh water that allows the marina to be functional. Using an average depth of about 10ft., the bank at full capacity would be 300 acre-ft. and thus, the initial filling is estimated to be twice that or 600 acre-ft. Note that with an average depth of 10 ft., the system would have the occupancy to maintain both deep and shallow water habitat.

Figure 1.

Water sources are still being investigated; however, it is anticipated that the most likely source would be local groundwater, possibly a blend of shallow brackish groundwater and deeper fresher water. Two wells would be needed to provide some redundancy during winter months and higher capacity to meet increased demands during summer months when evaporation is at a peak. Each well would feed a different inflow point to improve circulation. For example, one inflow point could be located at the north end and another at the south end of the channels, with a spillway into the Sea in the middle of the current outlet. Each well would have a pump powered by a small solar array. The solar arrays would be fenced and have security cameras.

Figure 2. The attached Coachella Valley Water District map provides the location of each aforementioned well in proximity to Desert Shore.



Month	Evap (in)	Evap (ft)	Seepage (ft)	Releases (ft)	Total Losses (ft)	Total Losses (ac-ft)	Pumping per Well* (ac-ft)	Pumping per Well* (gpm)
January	1.5	0.13	0.17	0.40	0.70	20.9	10.5	78
February	1.4	0.12	0.17	0.40	0.69	20.6	10.3	77
March	4.5	0.38	0.17	0.30	0.85	25.4	12.7	94
April	7.2	0.60	0.17	0.10	0.87	26.0	13.0	97
May	8.3	0.69	0.17	0.00	0.86	25.7	12.9	96
June	8.2	0.68	0.17	0.00	0.85	25.4	12.7	94
July	8.2	0.68	0.17	0.00	0.85	25.4	12.7	94
August	10.9	0.91	0.17	0.00	1.08	32.3	16.2	120
September	9.4	0.78	0.17	0.00	0.95	28.4	14.2	106
October	5.0	0.42	0.17	0.20	0.79	23.6	11.8	88
November	4.7	0.39	0.17	0.20	0.76	22.7	11.4	84
December	3.0	0.25	0.17	0.40	0.82	24.5	12.3	91
Total	72.3	6.03	2.00	2.00	10.03	300.9	150.5	93
						Ave	12.5	93
						Max	16.2	120
						Min	10.3	77

*Assumes two wells.

Reference

Alex M. Sturrock, Jr., *Evaporation and Radiation Measurements at Salton Sea, California*, US Geological Survey Water-Supply Paper 2053, 1978

The following are the tasks for this Project:

1. Project Management:

The Recipient will serve as the lead agency in providing project management, fiscal accountability, and interagency coordination in this endeavor. The Recipient is a joint powers authority empowered to work in consultation and cooperation with tribes, water districts, non-governmental agencies, federal, state and local governments. The Recipient has been working with the Desert Shores Channel Restoration Project Planning Committee. Recipient will provide the grant management expertise and the Planning Committee members will include project expertise through a combination of County staff, a biological and cultural consultant, a consulting contractor, state funders/collaborators of Salton Sea projects, the local water district and air pollution district representatives. Imperial County will provide environmental permitting, interagency coordination, planning, and legal counsel assistance that is called upon for support with this Project as needed.

The scope of work will require project management from Imperial County in coordination with the Salton Sea Authority and the Desert Shores Channel Restoration Project Planning Committee for general coordination and meetings, procurement of design services, scheduling and oversight with multiple agencies, contractors and subcontractors.

2. Groundwater Analysis and Hydrogeological Report:

The Imperial County will solicit proposals from qualified consultants in groundwater analysis to prepare a Hydrogeological Report for the project. The Report shall establish that groundwater quality and quantity are adequate and will not adversely impact uses allowed in the areas causing or exacerbating any potential for overdraft condition in the groundwater basin or sub basin. The purpose of the investigation will be to determine the feasibility of extracting 300 Acre/Feet yearly, with two (2) proposed new water wells (primary and secondary). The Report will be integrated into the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) environmental review process.

3. CEQA/NEPA Compliance:

Based on the scope of activity, it has been determined that a Categorical Exemption is the appropriate compliance documentation under the CEQA.

4. Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) - Plan Required:

As the project site will result in over an acre of disturbance during construction, a SWPPP will be required to be prepared and implemented.

5. Water Quality and 401 Certification - Permit Required:

A 401 Certificate application shall be completed and submitted to the State of California for review and approval. All necessary supporting documentation will be included with the application. The Lower Colorado Basin Region Resource Management Office (LCR RMO) will review and approve the application package prior to submission.

6. Sampling and Analysis Plan for USACE Preliminary Coordination:

Through initial coordination, it is not anticipated that a formal delineation of waters of the US will be required by the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) as part of permitting. It has been included in the Milestone Schedule in case a formal delineation of waters of the US will be required.

7. Aquatic Resources Delineation (ARD):

Request the USACE to perform aquatic resources delineations for applicants requesting permits under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

8. Section 404 Clean Water Act - 404 Permit or Letter of Permission Required: A 404 Permit application will be completed and submitted to USACE for review and approval. The 404 Permit shall meet the requirements of USACE Nationwide Permit (NWP) 35. All necessary supporting documentation will be included with the application. The LCR RMO will review and approve of the application package prior to submission. Preliminary coordination with the

USACE has indicated that a Letter of Permission may be substituted for the 404 Permit, based on project review and further coordination efforts.

9. Section 1602 of the State Fish and Game Code - Permit required:

A streambed alteration agreement shall be filed with the Inland Desert Region of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. The LCR RMO will approve of the application package prior to submission.

10. Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB):

Each Regional Board makes critical topography decisions for its region, including setting standards, issuing waste discharge requirements, determining compliance with those requirements, and taking appropriate enforcement actions.

11. Cultural Compliance Survey – Survey Required: Includes procurement, survey, and deliverables.

12. Fugitive Dust Control Plan:

Plan details to cover all potential issues; bio and waters, construction traffic and noise, construction dust control, cultural, on and offsite noise, nighttime activities, water source for dust control and water source for project implementation. Landowner coordination is required as part of this plan development.

13. ESA and Section 107 Compliance – Ongoing:

As part of the NEPA compliance process, coordination will be conducted with appropriate entities and LCR RMO will conduct correspondence that indicates formal or informal consultation with USFWS's California Ecological Services Office regarding impacts to endangered species will be obtained and filed for the subject property and provided to the LCR RMO. A biological assessment will be conducted to determine whether any impacts could occur to the Desert Pupfish. If the Desert Pupfish are determined to be potentially impacted by the Project, a Section 7 permit from the EPA will be required. Bird species protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act were identified and there is some mitigation that will be required consistent with CDFW regulations. Additionally, pre-construction biological surveys will need to be incorporated into the construction specification documents to be included as part of the construction costs.

14. Land Use and Grading Permit: Required:

Permits necessary from various Imperial County departments, as there are different jurisdictional authorities for land use permits and the grading permits.

15. Pre-Construction/Mobilization of Equipment:

Prior to construction and after completion of construction, the mobilization and demobilization of construction equipment including the dredge and transport pipeline for dredged material will need to occur.

16. Construction – On-Site Construction

Includes construction management, approval on plans/specs, solar array installation and monitoring, and on-site construction.

17. Construction - Testing for Dewatering Effluent:

In accordance with permitting requirements, the testing of the dewatering effluent will need to be sampled prior to being returned to the Salton Sea.

18. Demobilization of Equipment Removal: Self-explanatory.

19. Monitoring & Close-Out: This activity finalizes all project activities completed across all phases of the project to formally close the project. Salton Sea Authority will be working with the County of Imperial and the Bahia Delmar Property Owners Association at Desert Shores who created a Desert Shores Restoration Oversight Committee to work cooperatively with SSA and Imperial County throughout the project and grant close-out activities. This local group will then be responsible for the maintenance and continuance of the project after the funding responsibilities have been completed.

Project Schedule:

PROJECT MILESTONE SCHEDULE				
Task #	Task	Activity	Begin Date	Completion Date
1.	Project Management	a) Bid solicitation b) Contract with Design Services c) Procurement of Contracts d) Scheduling e) Invoicing f) Oversight	a-e) 2/2022	a-e) 12/2025
2.	Groundwater Analysis & Hydrogeological Report	a) Bid Solicitation b) Data Gathering c) Hydrogeological Characterization d) Groundwater Extraction Feasibility Study e) Final Report	a) 11/2021 b) 12/2021 c) 03/2022 d) 03/2022 e) 04/2022	a) 12/2021 b) 02/2022 c) 03/2022 d) 04/2022 e) 06/2022

3.	CEQA/NEPA Compliance	a) Preparation of Notice of Exemption (NOE) for CEQA b) Coordination with BLM for NEPA Compliance	a) 2/2022 b) 3/2022	a) 5/2022 b) 6/2022
4.	SWPPP	a) Procurement of SWPPP Preparation b) SWPPP Preparation c) SWPPP Implemented	a) 10/2022 b) 10/2022 c) 3/2023	a) 11/2022 b) 12/2022 c) 7/2023
5.	401 Certificate	a) Application Submission to CA b) LCR RMO Approval Certification	a) 9/2023 b) 9/2023	a) 12/2023 b) 12/2023
6.	Sampling & Analysis Plan for USACE	a) Coordination with USACE b) Submit Sampling and Analysis Plan c) Conduct Sampling & Submit to USACE	a) 8/2022 b) 1/2023 c) 1/2023	a) 1/2023 b) 1/2023 c) 1/2023
7.	Aquatic Resources & Delineation Report (ARD)	a) Coordination with USACE b) Conduct Sampling & ARD Report c) Submit Aquatic Resources & Delineation Plan	a) 8/2022 b) 1/2023 c) 2/2023	a) 1/2023 b) 1/2023 c) 2/2023
8.	404 Permit	a) Application Submission to USACE b) 404 Permit Issued	a) 1/2023 b) 1/2023	a) 4/2023 b) 4/2023
9.	1602 Streambed Alteration Permit	a) Application & F&W b) Submission to Department of Fish and Wildlife c) Permit Issued	a) 12/2023 b) 12/2023	a) 12/2023 b) 12/2023 c) 7/2023

10.	RWQCB	a) Application Submission to CA b) LCR RMO Approval certification	a) 8/2023 b) 10/2023	a) 9/2023 b) 10/2023
11.	Cultural Compliance Surveys	a) Procurement of Survey b) Survey Conducted c) Report Submitted	a) 1/2023 b) 8/2023 c) 8/2023	a) 4/2023 b) 8/2023 c) 8/2023
12.	Fugitive Dust Control Plan	a) Permit Application prepared b) Imperial County Air Pollution Control District Review and Approval	a) 5/2023 b) 6/2023	a) 6/2023 b) 7/2023
13.	ESA & Section 107 Permit	a) Coordination with EPA b) Application Submission to EPA c) Section 107 Permit Issued	a) 6/2023 b) 8/2023 c) 9/2023	a) 7/2023 b) 8/2023 c) 9/2023
14.	Land Use and Grading Permit Required	a) Permit Application(s) Prepared for Imperial County b) County Review and Approval	a) 6/2023 b) 8/2023	a) 7/2023 b) 8/2023
15.	Pre-Construction Mobilization	a) Pre-construction Survey & Staking b) Pre-construction Equipment On-site	a) 9/2023 b) 9/2023	a) 10/2023 b) 10/2023
16.	Construction - Testing for Dewatering Effluent	a) Drainage of Area Depending on Soil Conditions b) On-site Monitoring As Needed	a) 10/2023 b) 10/2023	a) 12/2023 b) 12/2023

17.	Construction	a) Construction Management b) Approval on Plans/Specs c) On-site Construction d) Solar Array Installation e) Solar Array Monitoring	a) 7/2023 b) 9/2023 c) 10/2023 d) 1/2025 e) 7/2025	a) 7/2023 b) 10/2023 c) 12/2024 d) 6/2025 e) 9/2025
18.	Demobilization	a) Equipment Removal	a) 7/2025	a) 8/2025
19.	Monitoring & Close-Out	a) Monitoring b) Close Out	a) 2/2022 b) 10/2025	a) 12/2025 b) 12/2025

6. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PARTIES

6.1 Recipient Responsibilities

6.1.1 The Recipient shall carry out the Scope of Work (SOW) in accordance with the terms and conditions stated herein. The Recipient shall adhere to Federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and codes, as applicable, and shall obtain all required approvals and permits. If the SOW contains construction activities, the Recipient is responsible for construction inspection, oversight, and acceptance. If applicable, the Recipient shall also coordinate and obtain approvals from site owners and operators.

6.1.2 The Recipient shall not request reimbursement on construction costs until all regulatory compliance is complete. The estimated construction costs in the amount of \$1,025,222.00 will be suspended in the Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP) system and will not be considered reimbursable until the Recipient has received a formal Notice to Proceed from the GO upon completion of environmental compliance activities. See below Section I.11. Regulatory Compliance for more information.

6.1.3 All payment requests submitted by the Recipient through the ASAP system will require review and approval of the payment request by a Reclamation GO prior to disbursement. Recipient is required to submit financial support for each ASAP payment request to the assigned Grants Management Specialist, for review prior to release of the requested payment. See below Section I.12. Agency Review of Payments Within Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP) System for more information.

6.2 Reclamation Responsibilities

6.2.1 Reclamation will monitor and provide Federal oversight of activities performed under this Agreement. Monitoring and oversight includes review and approval of financial status and performance reports, payment requests, and any other deliverables identified as part of the SOW. Additional monitoring activities may include site visits, conference calls, and other on-site and off-site monitoring activities. At the Recipient's request, Reclamation may also provide technical assistance to the Recipient in support of the SOW and objectives of this Agreement.

6.2.2 Reclamation will conduct Post-Award Monitoring. The Grants Officer Technical Representative (GOTR) will coordinate and confirm the type of monitoring with the Recipient. Anticipated monitoring for this project includes quarterly coordination call meetings through the project design and compliance phases, and it may increase to the monthly call meetings during the project implementation and construction phases. As opportunities are available, the GOTR may conduct periodic visits in place of calls meetings.

6.2.3 Substantial involvement by Reclamation is anticipated during the performance of activities funded under this cooperative Agreement. In support of this Agreement, Reclamation will be responsible for the following: regular (monthly or more as needed) coordination meetings on project design and review of environmental compliance documents, as well as providing information as required for compliance and permitting. Coordination meetings are necessary to ensure the project design meets the intent of the State of California's Salton Sea Management Program (SSMP) goals for restoring aquatic habitat and to ensure that water infrastructure is suitable to support future projects on nearby Reclamation lands.

7. BUDGET

7.1 Budget Estimate. The following is the estimated budget for this Agreement. As Federal financial assistance agreements are cost-reimbursable, the budget provided is for estimation purposes only. Final costs incurred under the budget categories listed may be either higher or lower than the estimated costs. All costs incurred by the Recipient under this Agreement must be in accordance with any pre-award clarifications conducted between the Recipient and Reclamation, as well as with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Final determination of the allowability, allocability, or reasonableness of costs incurred under this Agreement is the responsibility of the GO. Recipients are encouraged to direct any questions regarding allowability, allocability or reasonableness of costs to the GO for review prior to incurrence of the costs in question.

BUDGET ITEM DESCRIPTION	TOTAL COST
6a. PERSONNEL (SALARIES AND WAGES)	
	\$ 1,561.88
6b. FRINGE BENEFITS	
	\$ 1,039.12
6f. CONTRACTUAL including Subawards	
	\$ 52,177.00
6g. CONSTRUCTION	
	\$ 1,195,222.00
TOTAL DIRECT COSTS:	\$ 1,250,000.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED PROJECT/ACTIVITY COSTS:	\$ 1,250,000.00

7.2 Cost Sharing Requirement

Non-Federal cost-share is not required for this Agreement.

7.3 Pre-Award Incurrence of Costs

The Recipient shall be entitled to reimbursement for costs incurred on or after November 1, 2021, which if had been incurred after this Agreement was entered into, would have been allowable, allocable, and reasonable under the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

7.4 Allowable Costs

Costs incurred for the performance of this Agreement must be allowable, allocable to the project, and reasonable. The following regulations, codified within the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), governs the allowability of costs for Federal financial assistance:

2 CFR 200 Subpart E, "Cost Principles"

Expenditures for the performance of this Agreement must conform to the requirements within this CFR. The Recipient must maintain sufficient documentation to support these expenditures. Questions on the allowability of costs should be directed to the GO responsible for this Agreement.

The Recipient shall not incur costs or obligate funds for any purpose pertaining to operation of the program or activities beyond the expiration date stated in the Agreement. The only costs which are authorized for a period of up to 120 days following the project period are those strictly associated with closeout activities for preparation of the final reports.

7.5 Revision of Budget and Program Plans

In accordance with 2 CFR 200.308(h) the recipient must request prior written approval for any of the following changes:

- (a) A change in the approved scope of work or associated tasks, even if there is no associated budget revisions.
- (b) Revisions which require additional Federal funds to complete the project.
- (c) Revisions which involve specific costs for which prior written approval requirements may be imposed consistent with OMB cost principles listed in 2 CFR 200 Subpart E “Cost Principles”.

7.6 Amendments

Any changes to this Agreement shall be made by means of a written amendment. Reclamation may make changes to the Agreement by means of a unilateral amendment to address changes in address, no-cost time extensions, changes to Key Personnel, the addition of previously agreed upon funding, or administrative corrections which do not impact the terms and conditions of this agreement. Additionally, a unilateral amendment may be utilized by Reclamation if it should become necessary to suspend or terminate the Agreement in accordance with 2 CFR 200.340.

All other changes shall be made by means of a bilateral amendment to the Agreement. No oral statement made by any person, or written statement by any person other than the GO, shall be allowed in any manner or degree to amend, modify or otherwise effect the terms of the Agreement.

All requests for amendment of the Agreement shall be made in writing, provide a full description of the reason for the request, and be sent to the attention of the GO. Any request for project period extension shall be made at least 45 days prior to the end of the project period of the Agreement or the project period date of any extension that may have been previously granted. Any determination to extend the project period or to provide follow-on funding for continuation of a project is solely at the discretion of Reclamation.

8. KEY PERSONNEL

8.1 Recipient's Key Personnel.

The Recipient's Project Manager for this Agreement shall be:

Johnathan McDanell
Grants Manager
82995 US Hwy. 11, Suite 200
Indio, CA 92201-5672
760-863-2695
jmcdannell@ssajpa.org

Additional key personnel for this Agreement are identified as follows:

G. Patrick O'Dowd
Executive Director/General Manager
82995 US Hwy. 11, Suite 200
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9. LIMITATION OF AUTHORITIES

9.1 Grants Officer (GO).

The Reclamation GO is the only official with legal delegated authority to represent Reclamation. The Reclamation GO's responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (a) Formally obligate Reclamation to expend funds or change the funding level of the Agreement;
- (b) Approve through formal amendment changes in the scope of work and/or budget;
- (c) Approve through formal amendment any increase or decrease in the period of performance of the Agreement;
- (d) Approve through formal amendment changes in any of the expressed terms, conditions, or specifications of the Agreement;
- (e) Be responsible for the overall administration, management, and other non-programmatic aspects of the Agreement including, but not limited to, interpretation of financial assistance statutes, regulations, circulars, policies, and terms of the Agreement; Where applicable, ensures that Reclamation complies with the administrative requirements required by statutes, regulations, circulars, policies, and terms of the Agreement.

9.2 Grants Management Specialist (GMS).

The Reclamation Grants Management Specialist (GMS) is the primary administrative point of contact for this agreement and should be contacted regarding issues related to the day-to-day management of the agreement. Requests for approval regarding the terms and conditions of the agreement, including but not limited to amendments and prior approval, may only be granted, in writing, by a Reclamation GO. Please note that for some agreements, the Reclamation GO and the Reclamation GMS may be the same individual.

10. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND DISTRIBUTION

10.1 Noncompliance. Failure to comply with the reporting requirements contained in this Agreement may be considered a material noncompliance with the terms and conditions of the award. Noncompliance may result in withholding of payments pending receipt of required reports, denying both the use of funds and matching credit for all or part of the cost of the activity or action not in compliance, whole or partial suspension or termination of the Agreement, recovery of funds paid under the Agreement, withholding of future awards, or other legal remedies in accordance with 2 CFR 200.340.

10.2 Financial Reports. Federal Financial Reports shall be submitted by means of the SF-425 and shall be submitted according to the Report Frequency and Distribution schedule below. All financial reports shall be signed by an Authorized Certifying Official for the Recipient's organization.

10.3 Monitoring and Reporting Program Performance.

- (a) Monitoring by the non-Federal entity. The non-Federal entity is responsible for oversight of the operations of the Federal award supported activities. The non-Federal entity must monitor its activities under Federal awards to assure compliance with applicable Federal requirements and performance expectations are being achieved. Monitoring by the non-Federal entity must cover each program, function or activity. See also 2 CFR 200.332 Requirements for pass-through entities.
- (b) Non-construction performance reports. The Federal awarding agency must use standard, OMB-approved data elements for collection of performance information (including performance progress reports, Research Performance Progress Report, or such future collections as may be approved by OMB and listed on the OMB Web site).
 - (1) The non-Federal entity must submit performance reports at the interval required by the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity to best inform improvements in program outcomes and productivity. Intervals must be no less frequent than annually nor more frequent than quarterly except in unusual circumstances, for example where more frequent reporting is necessary for the effective monitoring of the Federal award or could significantly affect program outcomes. Annual reports must be due 90 calendar days after the reporting period; quarterly or semiannual reports must be due 30 calendar days after the reporting period. Alternatively, the Federal awarding

agency or pass-through entity may require annual reports before the anniversary dates of multiple year Federal awards. The final performance report will be due 120 calendar days after the period of performance end date. If a justified request is submitted by a non-Federal entity, the Federal agency may extend the due date for any performance report.

- (2) The non-Federal entity must submit performance reports using OMB-approved governmentwide standard information collections when providing performance information. As appropriate in accordance with above mentioned information collections, these reports will contain, for each Federal award, brief information on the following unless other collections are approved by OMB:
 - (i) A comparison of actual accomplishments to the objectives of the Federal award established for the period. Where the accomplishments of the Federal award can be quantified, a computation of the cost (for example, related to units of accomplishment) may be required if that information will be useful. Where performance trend data and analysis would be informative to the Federal awarding agency program, the Federal awarding agency should include this as a performance reporting requirement.
 - (ii) The reasons why established goals were not met, if appropriate.
 - (iii) Additional pertinent information including, when appropriate, analysis and explanation of cost overruns or high unit costs.
- (c) Construction performance reports. For the most part, onsite technical inspections and certified percentage of completion data are relied on heavily by Federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities to monitor progress under Federal awards and subawards for construction. The Federal awarding agency may require additional performance reports only when considered necessary.
- (d) Significant developments. Events may occur between the scheduled performance reporting dates that have significant impact upon the supported activity. In such cases, the non-Federal entity must inform the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity as soon as the following types of conditions become known:
 - (1) Problems, delays, or adverse conditions which will materially impair the ability to meet the objective of the Federal award. This disclosure must include a statement of the action taken, or contemplated, and any assistance needed to resolve the situation.
 - (2) Favorable developments which enable meeting time schedules and objectives sooner or at less cost than anticipated or producing more or different beneficial results than originally planned.

Reclamation requires Performance reporting for all financial assistance awards, both Construction and non-Construction. Performance reports for Construction agreements shall meet the same minimum requirements outlined in paragraph (b)(2) above.

10.4 Report Frequency and Distribution. The following table sets forth the reporting requirements for this Agreement. Please note the first report due date listed for each type of report.

Required Reports	Interim Reports	Final Report
Performance Report		
Format	No specific format required. See content requirements within Section 10.3 and any program specific reporting requirements identified in Section 6.1 of this Agreement.	Summary of activities completed during the entire period of performance is required. See content requirements within Section 10.3 and any program specific reporting requirements identified in Section 6.1 of this Agreement.
Reporting Frequency	Quarterly	Final Report due within 120 days after the end of the period of performance.
Reporting Period	Federal fiscal quarters ending: December 31, March 31, June 30 September 30	Entire period of performance
Due Date	Within 30 days after the end of the Reporting Period.	Final Report due within 120 days after the end of the period of performance or completion of the project.
First Report Due Date	The first performance report is due for reporting period ending June 30, 2022.	N/A
Submit to:	Grants Officer at LCFA@usbr.gov or GrantSolutions	Grants Officer at LCFA@usbr.gov or GrantSolutions
Federal Financial Report		
Format	SF-425 (all sections must be completed)	SF-425(all sections must be completed)
Reporting Frequency	Quarterly	Final Report due within 120 days after the end of the period of performance or completion of the project.
Reporting Period	Federal fiscal quarters ending: December 31, March 31, June 30 September 30	Entire period of performance
Due Date	Within 30 days after the end of the Reporting Period.	Final Report due within 120 days after the end of the period of performance or completion of project.
First Report Due Date	The first Federal financial report is due for reporting period ending June 30, 2022.	N/A

Submit to:	Grants Officer at LCFA@usbr.gov or GrantSolutions	Grants Officer at LCFA@usbr.gov or GrantSolutions
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11. REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

The Recipient agrees to comply or assist Reclamation with all regulatory compliance requirements and all applicable state, Federal, and local environmental and cultural and paleontological resource protection laws and regulations as applicable to this project. These may include, but are not limited to, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), including the Council on Environmental Quality and Department of the Interior regulations implementing NEPA, the Clean Water Act, the Endangered Species Act, consultation with potentially affected Tribes, and consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office. If the Recipient begins project activities that require environmental or other regulatory compliance approval prior to receipt of written notice from a Reclamation GO that all such clearances have been obtained, then Reclamation reserves the right to initiate remedies for non-compliance as defined by 2 CFR 200.340 up to and including unilateral termination of this agreement.

12. AGENCY REVIEW OF PAYMENTS WITHIN AUTOMATED STANDARD APPLICATION FOR PAYMENTS (ASAP) SYSTEM

Payment requests by the Recipient through the ASAP system will require review and approval of the payment request by a Reclamation GO prior to disbursement. The Recipient is required to submit financial support for each ASAP payment request to the assigned Grants Management Specialist, for review prior to release of the requested payment.

13. GEOSPATIAL DATA.

Geospatial Data Act of 2018, Pub. L. 115-254, Subtitle F –Geospatial Data, §§ 751-759C, codified at 43 U.S.C. §§ 2801–2811 -Federal recipient collection of geospatial data through the use of the Department of the Interior financial assistance funds requires a due diligence search at the GeoPlatform.gov list of datasets to discover whether the needed geospatial-related data, products, or services already exist. If the required data set already exists, the recipient must use it. If the required data is not already available, the Recipient must produce the proposed geospatial data, products, or services in compliance with applicable proposed guidance and standards established by the Federal Geospatial Data Committee (FGDC) posted at <https://www.fgdc.gov/standards>.

The Recipient must submit a digital copy of all GIS data produced or collected as part of the award funds to the bureau or office via email or data transfer. All GIS data files shall be in open format. All delineated GIS data (points, lines or polygons) should be established in compliance with the approved open data standards with complete feature level metadata.

II. RECLAMATION STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. REGULATIONS

The regulations at [2 CFR Subtitle A, Chapter II, Part 200](#) “Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards”, are hereby incorporated by reference as though set forth in full text. Failure of a Recipient to comply with any applicable regulation or circular may be the basis for withholding payments for proper charges made by the Recipient and/or for termination of support.

2. PAYMENT

2.1 Payment (2 CFR 200.305).

(a) For states, payments are governed by Treasury-State Cash Management Improvement Act (CMIA) agreements and default procedures codified at 31 CFR part 205 and Treasury Financial Manual (TFM) 4A-2000, “Overall Disbursing Rules for All Federal Agencies”.

(b) For non-Federal entities other than states, payments methods must minimize the time elapsing between the transfer of funds from the United States Treasury or the pass-through entity and the disbursement by the non-Federal entity whether the payment is made by electronic funds transfer, or issuance or redemption of checks, warrants, or payment by other means. See also §200.302(b)(6). Except as noted elsewhere in this part, Federal agencies must require recipients to use only OMB-approved, governmentwide information collection requests to request payment.

- (1) The non-Federal entity must be paid in advance, provided it maintains or demonstrates the willingness to maintain both written procedures that minimize the time elapsing between the transfer of funds and disbursement by the non-Federal entity, and financial management systems that meet the standards for fund control and accountability as established in this part. Advance payments to a non-Federal entity must be limited to the minimum amounts needed and be timed to be in accordance with the actual, immediate cash requirements of the non-Federal entity in carrying out the purpose of the approved program or project. The timing and amount of advance payments must be as close as is administratively feasible to the actual disbursements by the non-Federal entity for direct program or project costs and the proportionate share of any allowable indirect costs. The non-Federal entity must make timely payment to contractors in accordance with the contract provisions.
- (2) Whenever possible, advance payments must be consolidated to cover anticipated cash needs for all Federal awards made by the Federal awarding agency to the recipient.
 - (i) Advance payment mechanisms include, but are not limited to, Treasury check and electronic funds transfer and must comply with applicable guidance in 31 CFR part 208.

- (ii) Non-Federal entities must be authorized to submit requests for advance payments and reimbursements at least monthly when electronic fund transfers are not used, and as often as they like when electronic transfers are used, in accordance with the provisions of the Electronic Fund Transfer Act (15 U.S.C. 1693-1693r).
- (3) Reimbursement is the preferred method when the requirements in this paragraph (b) cannot be met, when the Federal awarding agency sets a specific condition per §200.208, or when the non-Federal entity requests payment by reimbursement. This method may be used on any Federal award for construction, or if the major portion of the construction project is accomplished through private market financing or Federal loans, and the Federal award constitutes a minor portion of the project. When the reimbursement method is used, the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity must make payment within 30 calendar days after receipt of the billing, unless the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity reasonably believes the request to be improper.
- (4) If the non-Federal entity cannot meet the criteria for advance payments and the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity has determined that reimbursement is not feasible because the non-Federal entity lacks sufficient working capital, the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity may provide cash on a working capital advance basis. Under this procedure, the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity must advance cash payments to the non-Federal entity to cover its estimated disbursement needs for an initial period generally geared to the non-Federal entity's disbursing cycle. Thereafter, the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity must reimburse the non-Federal entity for its actual cash disbursements. Use of the working capital advance method of payment requires that the pass-through entity provide timely advance payments to any subrecipients in order to meet the subrecipient's actual cash disbursements. The working capital advance method of payment must not be used by the pass-through entity if the reason for using this method is the unwillingness or inability of the pass-through entity to provide timely advance payments to the subrecipient to meet the subrecipient's actual cash disbursements.
- (5) To the extent available, the non-Federal entity must disburse funds available from program income (including repayments to a revolving fund), rebates, refunds, contract settlements, audit recoveries, and interest earned on such funds before requesting additional cash payments.
- (6) Unless otherwise required by Federal statutes, payments for allowable costs by non-Federal entities must not be withheld at any time during the period of performance unless the conditions of §200.208, subpart D of this part, including §200.339, or one or more of the following applies:
 - (i) The non-Federal entity has failed to comply with the project objectives, Federal statutes, regulations, or the terms and conditions of the Federal award.
 - (ii) The non-Federal entity is delinquent in a debt to the United States as defined in OMB Circular A-129, "Policies for Federal Credit Programs and Non-Tax Receivables." Under such conditions, the Federal awarding agency or pass-

through entity may, upon reasonable notice, inform the non-Federal entity that payments must not be made for financial obligations incurred after a specified date until the conditions are corrected or the indebtedness to the Federal Government is liquidated.

- (iii) A payment withheld for failure to comply with Federal award conditions, but without suspension of the Federal award, must be released to the non-Federal entity upon subsequent compliance. When a Federal award is suspended, payment adjustments will be made in accordance with §200.343.
 - (iv) A payment must not be made to a non-Federal entity for amounts that are withheld by the non-Federal entity from payment to contractors to assure satisfactory completion of work. A payment must be made when the non-Federal entity actually disburses the withheld funds to the contractors or to escrow accounts established to assure satisfactory completion of work.
- (7) Standards governing the use of banks and other institutions as depositories of advance payments under Federal awards are as follows.
- (i) The Federal awarding agency and pass-through entity must not require separate depository accounts for funds provided to a non-Federal entity or establish any eligibility requirements for depositories for funds provided to the non-Federal entity. However, the non-Federal entity must be able to account for funds received, obligated, and expended.
 - (ii) Advance payments of Federal funds must be deposited and maintained in insured accounts whenever possible.
- (8) The non-Federal entity must maintain advance payments of Federal awards in interest-bearing accounts, unless the following apply:
- (i) The non-Federal entity receives less than \$250,000 in Federal awards per year.
 - (ii) The best reasonably available interest-bearing account would not be expected to earn interest in excess of \$500 per year on Federal cash balances.
 - (iii) The depository would require an average or minimum balance so high that it would not be feasible within the expected Federal and non-Federal cash resources.
 - (iv) A foreign government or banking system prohibits or precludes interest-bearing accounts.
- (9) Interest earned amounts up to \$500 per year may be retained by the non-Federal entity for administrative expense. Any additional interest earned on Federal advance payments deposited in interest-bearing accounts must be remitted annually to the Department of Health and Human Services Payment Management System (PMS) through an electronic medium using either Automated Clearing House (ACH) network or a Fedwire Funds Service payment.
- (i) For returning interest on Federal awards paid through PMS, the refund should:
 - (A) Provide an explanation stating that the refund is for interest;

- (B) List the PMS Payee Account Number(s) (PANs);
 - (C) List the Federal award number(s) for which the interest was earned; and
 - (D) Make returns payable to: Department of Health and Human Services.
- (ii) For returning interest on Federal awards not paid through PMS, the refund should:
- (A) Provide an explanation stating that the refund is for interest;
 - (B) Include the name of the awarding agency;
 - (C) List the Federal award number(s) for which the interest was earned; and
 - (D) Make returns payable to: Department of Health and Human Services.
- (10) Funds, principal, and excess cash returns must be directed to the original Federal agency payment system. The non-Federal entity should review instructions from the original Federal agency payment system. Returns should include the following information:
- (i) Payee Account Number (PAN), if the payment originated from PMS, or Agency information to indicate whom to credit the funding if the payment originated from ASAP, NSF, or another Federal agency payment system.
 - (ii) PMS document number and subaccount(s), if the payment originated from PMS, or relevant account numbers if the payment originated from another Federal agency payment system.
 - (iii) The reason for the return (e.g., excess cash, funds not spent, interest, part interest part other, etc.)
- (11) When returning funds or interest to PMS you must include the following as applicable:
- (i) For ACH Returns:
Routing Number: 051036706
Account number: 303000
Bank Name and Location: Credit Gateway—ACH Receiver St. Paul, MN
 - (ii) For Fedwire Returns¹:
Routing Number: 021030004
Account number: 75010501
Bank Name and Location: Federal Reserve Bank Treas NYC/Funds Transfer Division New York, NY
- ¹Please note that the organization initiating payment is likely to incur a charge from their Financial Institution for this type of payment.
- (iii) For International ACH Returns:
Beneficiary Account: Federal Reserve Bank of New York/ITS (FRBNY/ITS)
Bank: Citibank N.A. (New York)
Swift Code: CITIUS33
Account Number: 36838868
Bank Address: 388 Greenwich Street, New York, NY 10013 USA
Payment Details (Line 70): Agency Locator Code (ALC): 75010501

Name (abbreviated when possible) and ALC Agency POC

- (iv) For recipients that do not have electronic remittance capability, please make check² payable to: “The Department of Health and Human Services.”

Mail Check to Treasury approved lockbox:

HHS Program Support Center, P.O. Box 530231, Atlanta, GA 30353-0231

²Please allow 4-6 weeks for processing of a payment by check to be applied to the appropriate PMS account.

- (v) Questions can be directed to PMS at 877-614-5533 or PMSSupport@psc.hhs.gov.

2.2 Payment Method.

Recipients must utilize the Department of Treasury Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP) payment system to request advance or reimbursement payments. ASAP is a Recipient-initiated payment and information system designed to provide a single point of contact for the request and delivery of Federal funds. ASAP is the only allowable method for request and receipt of payment. Recipient procedures must minimize the time elapsing between the drawdown of Federal funds and the disbursement for agreement purposes.

In accordance with 2 CFR 25.200(b)(2) the Recipient shall “Maintain an active SAM registration with current information, including information on a recipient's immediate and highest level owner and subsidiaries, as well as on all predecessors that have been awarded a Federal contract or grant within the last three years, if applicable, at all times during which it has an active Federal award or an application or plan under consideration by a Federal awarding agency. If the Recipient allows their SAM registration to lapse, the Recipient’s accounts within ASAP will be automatically suspended by Reclamation until such time as the Recipient renews their SAM registration.

3. PROCUREMENT STANDARDS (2 CFR 200.317 through 200.327)

§200.317 Procurements by States.

When procuring property and services under a Federal award, a State must follow the same policies and procedures it uses for procurements from its non-Federal funds. The State will comply with §§200.321, 200.322, and 200.323 and ensure that every purchase order or other contract includes any clauses required by §200.327. All other non-Federal entities, including subrecipients of a State, must follow the procurement standards in §§200.318 through 200.327.

§200.318 General procurement standards.

- (a) The non-Federal entity must use its own documented procurement procedures which reflect applicable State, local, and tribal laws and regulations, provided that the procurements conform to applicable Federal law and the standards identified in this part.

- (b) Non-Federal entities must maintain oversight to ensure that contractors perform in accordance with the terms, conditions, and specifications of their contracts or purchase orders.
- (c)
- (1) The non-Federal entity must maintain written standards of conduct covering conflicts of interest and governing the actions of its employees engaged in the selection, award and administration of contracts. No employee, officer, or agent may participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by a Federal award if he or she has a real or apparent conflict of interest. Such a conflict of interest would arise when the employee, officer, or agent, any member of his or her immediate family, his or her partner, or an organization which employs or is about to employ any of the parties indicated herein, has a financial or other interest in or a tangible personal benefit from a firm considered for a contract. The officers, employees, and agents of the non-Federal entity may neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors or parties to subcontracts. However, non-Federal entities may set standards for situations in which the financial interest is not substantial or the gift is an unsolicited item of nominal value. The standards of conduct must provide for disciplinary actions to be applied for violations of such standards by officers, employees, or agents of the non-Federal entity.
 - (2) If the non-Federal entity has a parent, affiliate, or subsidiary organization that is not a state, local government, or Indian tribe, the non-Federal entity must also maintain written standards of conduct covering organizational conflicts of interest. Organizational conflicts of interest means that because of relationships with a parent company, affiliate, or subsidiary organization, the non-Federal entity is unable or appears to be unable to be impartial in conducting a procurement action involving a related organization.
- (d) The non-Federal entity's procedures must avoid acquisition of unnecessary or duplicative items. Consideration should be given to consolidating or breaking out procurements to obtain a more economical purchase. Where appropriate, an analysis will be made of lease versus purchase alternatives, and any other appropriate analysis to determine the most economical approach.
- (e) To foster greater economy and efficiency, and in accordance with efforts to promote cost-effective use of shared services across the Federal Government, the non-Federal entity is encouraged to enter into state and local intergovernmental agreements or inter-entity agreements where appropriate for procurement or use of common or shared goods and services.
- (f) The non-Federal entity is encouraged to use Federal excess and surplus property in lieu of purchasing new equipment and property whenever such use is feasible and reduces project costs.

- (g) The non-Federal entity is encouraged to use value engineering clauses in contracts for construction projects of sufficient size to offer reasonable opportunities for cost reductions. Value engineering is a systematic and creative analysis of each contract item or task to ensure that its essential function is provided at the overall lower cost.
- (h) The non-Federal entity must award contracts only to responsible contractors possessing the ability to perform successfully under the terms and conditions of a proposed procurement. Consideration will be given to such matters as contractor integrity, compliance with public policy, record of past performance, and financial and technical resources. See also 200.212 Suspension and debarment.
- (i) The non-Federal entity must maintain records sufficient to detail the history of procurement. These records will include, but are not necessarily limited to the following: rationale for the method of procurement, selection of contract type, contractor selection or rejection, and the basis for the contract price.
- (j)
 - (1) The non-Federal entity may use a time and materials type contract only after a determination that no other contract is suitable and if the contract includes a ceiling price that the contractor exceeds at its own risk. Time and materials type contract means a contract whose cost to a non-Federal entity is the sum of:
 - (i) The actual cost of materials; and
 - (ii) Direct labor hours charged at fixed hourly rates that reflect wages, general and administrative expenses, and profit.
 - (2) Since this formula generates an open-ended contract price, a time-and-materials contract provides no positive profit incentive to the contractor for cost control or labor efficiency. Therefore, each contract must set a ceiling price that the contractor exceeds at its own risk. Further, the non-Federal entity awarding such a contract must assert a high degree of oversight in order to obtain reasonable assurance that the contractor is using efficient methods and effective cost controls.
- (k) The non-Federal entity alone must be responsible, in accordance with good administrative practice and sound business judgment, for the settlement of all contractual and administrative issues arising out of procurements. These issues include, but are not limited to, source evaluation, protests, disputes, and claims. These standards do not relieve the non-Federal entity of any contractual responsibilities under its contracts. The Federal awarding agency will not substitute its judgment for that of the non-Federal entity unless the matter is primarily a Federal concern. Violations of law will be referred to the local, state, or Federal authority having proper jurisdiction.

§200.319 Competition.

- (a) All procurement transactions for the acquisition of property or services required under a Federal award must be conducted in a manner providing full and open competition consistent with the standards of this section and §200.320.

- (b) In order to ensure objective contractor performance and eliminate unfair competitive advantage, contractors that develop or draft specifications, requirements, statements of work, or invitations for bids or requests for proposals must be excluded from competing for such procurements. Some of the situations considered to be restrictive of competition include but are not limited to:
- (1) Placing unreasonable requirements on firms in order for them to qualify to do business;
 - (2) Requiring unnecessary experience and excessive bonding;
 - (3) Noncompetitive pricing practices between firms or between affiliated companies;
 - (4) Noncompetitive contracts to consultants that are on retainer contracts;
 - (5) Organizational conflicts of interest;
 - (6) Specifying only a “brand name” product instead of allowing “an equal” product to be offered and describing the performance or other relevant requirements of the procurement; and
 - (7) Any arbitrary action in the procurement process.
- (c) The non-Federal entity must conduct procurements in a manner that prohibits the use of statutorily or administratively imposed state, local, or tribal geographical preferences in the evaluation of bids or proposals, except in those cases where applicable Federal statutes expressly mandate or encourage geographic preference. Nothing in this section preempts state licensing laws. When contracting for architectural and engineering (A/E) services, geographic location may be a selection criterion provided its application leaves an appropriate number of qualified firms, given the nature and size of the project, to compete for the contract.
- (d) The non-Federal entity must have written procedures for procurement transactions. These procedures must ensure that all solicitations:
- (1) Incorporate a clear and accurate description of the technical requirements for the material, product, or service to be procured. Such description must not, in competitive procurements, contain features which unduly restrict competition. The description may include a statement of the qualitative nature of the material, product or service to be procured and, when necessary, must set forth those minimum essential characteristics and standards to which it must conform if it is to satisfy its intended use. Detailed product specifications should be avoided if at all possible. When it is impractical or uneconomical to make a clear and accurate description of the technical requirements, a “brand name or equivalent” description may be used as a means to define the performance or other salient requirements of procurement. The specific features of the named brand which must be met by offers must be clearly stated; and
 - (2) Identify all requirements which the offerors must fulfill and all other factors to be used in evaluating bids or proposals.

(e) The non-Federal entity must ensure that all prequalified lists of persons, firms, or products which are used in acquiring goods and services are current and include enough qualified sources to ensure maximum open and free competition. Also, the non-Federal entity must not preclude potential bidders from qualifying during the solicitation period.

(f) Noncompetitive procurements can only be awarded in accordance with §200.320(c).

§200.320 Methods of procurement to be followed.

The non-Federal entity must have and use documented procurement procedures, consistent with the standards of this section and §§200.317, 200.318, and 200.319 for any of the following methods of procurement used for the acquisition of property or services required under a Federal award or sub-award.

(a) Informal procurement methods. When the value of the procurement for property or services under a Federal award does not exceed the simplified acquisition threshold (SAT), as defined in §200.1, or a lower threshold established by a non-Federal entity, formal procurement methods are not required. The non-Federal entity may use informal procurement methods to expedite the completion of its transactions and minimize the associated administrative burden and cost. The informal methods used for procurement of property or services at or below the SAT include:

(1) Micro-purchases—(i) Distribution. The acquisition of supplies or services, the aggregate dollar amount of which does not exceed the micro-purchase threshold (See the definition of micro-purchase in §200.1). To the maximum extent practicable, the non-Federal entity should distribute micro-purchases equitably among qualified suppliers.

(ii) Micro-purchase awards. Micro-purchases may be awarded without soliciting competitive price or rate quotations if the non-Federal entity considers the price to be reasonable based on research, experience, purchase history or other information and documents it files accordingly. Purchase cards can be used for micro-purchases if procedures are documented and approved by the non-Federal entity.

(iii) Micro-purchase thresholds. The non-Federal entity is responsible for determining and documenting an appropriate micro-purchase threshold based on internal controls, an evaluation of risk, and its documented procurement procedures. The micro-purchase threshold used by the non-Federal entity must be authorized or not prohibited under State, local, or tribal laws or regulations. Non-Federal entities may establish a threshold higher than the Federal threshold established in the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) in accordance with paragraphs (a)(1)(iv) and (v) of this section.

(iv) Non-Federal entity increase to the micro-purchase threshold up to \$50,000. Non-Federal entities may establish a threshold higher than the micro-purchase threshold identified in the FAR in accordance with the requirements of this

section. The non-Federal entity may self-certify a threshold up to \$50,000 on an annual basis and must maintain documentation to be made available to the Federal awarding agency and auditors in accordance with §200.334. The self-certification must include a justification, clear identification of the threshold, and supporting documentation of any of the following:

- (A) A qualification as a low-risk auditee, in accordance with the criteria in §200.520 for the most recent audit;
- (B) An annual internal institutional risk assessment to identify, mitigate, and manage financial risks; or,
- (C) For public institutions, a higher threshold consistent with State law.

(v) Non-Federal entity increase to the micro-purchase threshold over \$50,000. Micro-purchase thresholds higher than \$50,000 must be approved by the cognizant agency for indirect costs. The non-federal entity must submit a request with the requirements included in paragraph (a)(1)(iv) of this section. The increased threshold is valid until there is a change in status in which the justification was approved.

(2) Small purchases—(i) Small purchase procedures. The acquisition of property or services, the aggregate dollar amount of which is higher than the micro-purchase threshold but does not exceed the simplified acquisition threshold. If small purchase procedures are used, price or rate quotations must be obtained from an adequate number of qualified sources as determined appropriate by the non-Federal entity.

(ii) Simplified acquisition thresholds. The non-Federal entity is responsible for determining an appropriate simplified acquisition threshold based on internal controls, an evaluation of risk and its documented procurement procedures which must not exceed the threshold established in the FAR. When applicable, a lower simplified acquisition threshold used by the non-Federal entity must be authorized or not prohibited under State, local, or tribal laws or regulations.

(b) Formal procurement methods. When the value of the procurement for property or services under a Federal financial assistance award exceeds the SAT, or a lower threshold established by a non-Federal entity, formal procurement methods are required. Formal procurement methods require following documented procedures. Formal procurement methods also require public advertising unless a non-competitive procurement can be used in accordance with §200.319 or paragraph (c) of this section. The following formal methods of procurement are used for procurement of property or services above the simplified acquisition threshold or a value below the simplified acquisition threshold the non-Federal entity determines to be appropriate:

- (1) Sealed bids. A procurement method in which bids are publicly solicited and a firm fixed-price contract (lump sum or unit price) is awarded to the responsible bidder whose bid, conforming with all the material terms and conditions of the invitation for bids, is the lowest in price. The sealed bids method is the preferred method for procuring construction, if the conditions.
- (i) In order for sealed bidding to be feasible, the following conditions should be present:
- (A) A complete, adequate, and realistic specification or purchase description is available;
 - (B) Two or more responsible bidders are willing and able to compete effectively for the business; and
 - (C) The procurement lends itself to a firm fixed price contract and the selection of the successful bidder can be made principally on the basis of price.
- (ii) If sealed bids are used, the following requirements apply:
- (A) Bids must be solicited from an adequate number of qualified sources, providing them sufficient response time prior to the date set for opening the bids, for local, and tribal governments, the invitation for bids must be publicly advertised;
 - (B) The invitation for bids, which will include any specifications and pertinent attachments, must define the items or services in order for the bidder to properly respond;
 - (C) All bids will be opened at the time and place prescribed in the invitation for bids, and for local and tribal governments, the bids must be opened publicly;
 - (D) A firm fixed price contract award will be made in writing to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Where specified in bidding documents, factors such as discounts, transportation cost, and life cycle costs must be considered in determining which bid is lowest. Payment discounts will only be used to determine the low bid when prior experience indicates that such discounts are usually taken advantage of; and
 - (E) Any or all bids may be rejected if there is a sound documented reason.
- (2) Proposals. A procurement method in which either a fixed price or cost-reimbursement type contract is awarded. Proposals are generally used when conditions are not appropriate for the use of sealed bids. They are awarded in accordance with the following requirements:
- (i) Requests for proposals must be publicized and identify all evaluation factors and their relative importance. Proposals must be solicited from an adequate number of qualified offerors. Any response to publicized requests for proposals must be considered to the maximum extent practical;

- (ii) The non-Federal entity must have a written method for conducting technical evaluations of the proposals received and making selections;
 - (iii) Contracts must be awarded to the responsible offeror whose proposal is most advantageous to the non-Federal entity, with price and other factors considered; and
 - (iv) The non-Federal entity may use competitive proposal procedures for qualifications-based procurement of architectural/engineering (A/E) professional services whereby offeror's qualifications are evaluated and the most qualified offeror is selected, subject to negotiation of fair and reasonable compensation. The method, where price is not used as a selection factor, can only be used in procurement of A/E professional services. It cannot be used to purchase other types of services though A/E firms that are a potential source to perform the proposed effort.
- (c) Noncompetitive procurement. There are specific circumstances in which noncompetitive procurement can be used. Noncompetitive procurement can only be awarded if one or more of the following circumstances apply:
- (1) The acquisition of property or services, the aggregate dollar amount of which does not exceed the micro-purchase threshold (see paragraph (a)(1) of this section);
 - (2) The item is available only from a single source;
 - (3) The public exigency or emergency for the requirement will not permit a delay resulting from publicizing a competitive solicitation;
 - (4) The Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity expressly authorizes a noncompetitive procurement in response to a written request from the non-Federal entity; or
 - (5) After solicitation of a number of sources, competition is determined inadequate.

§200.321 Contracting with small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms.

- (a) The non-Federal entity must take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible.
- (b) Affirmative steps must include:
 - (1) Placing qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists;
 - (2) Assuring that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources;

- (3) Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;
- (4) Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;
- (5) Using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce; and
- (6) Requiring the prime contractor, if subcontracts are to be let, to take the affirmative steps listed in paragraphs (b)(1) through (5) of this section.

§200.322 Domestic preferences for procurements.

- (a) As appropriate and to the extent consistent with law, the non-Federal entity should, to the greatest extent practicable under a Federal award, provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States (including but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products). The requirements of this section must be included in all subawards including all contracts and purchase orders for work or products under this award.
- (b) For purposes of this section:
 - (1) "Produced in the United States" means, for iron and steel products, that all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States.
 - (2) "Manufactured products" means items and construction materials composed in whole or in part of non-ferrous metals such as aluminum; plastics and polymer-based products such as polyvinyl chloride pipe; aggregates such as concrete; glass, including optical fiber; and lumber.

§200.323 Procurement of recovered materials.

A non-Federal entity that is a state agency or agency of a political subdivision of a state and its contractors must comply with section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

§200.324 Contract cost and price.

- (a) The non-Federal entity must perform a cost or price analysis in connection with every procurement action in excess of the Simplified Acquisition Threshold including contract amendments. The method and degree of analysis is dependent on the facts surrounding the particular procurement situation, but as a starting point, the non-Federal entity must make independent estimates before receiving bids or proposals.
- (b) The non-Federal entity must negotiate profit as a separate element of the price for each contract in which there is no price competition and in all cases where cost analysis is performed. To establish a fair and reasonable profit, consideration must be given to the complexity of the work to be performed, the risk borne by the contractor, the contractor's investment, the amount of subcontracting, the quality of its record of past performance, and industry profit rates in the surrounding geographical area for similar work.
- (c) Costs or prices based on estimated costs for contracts under the Federal award are allowable only to the extent that costs incurred or cost estimates included in negotiated prices would be allowable for the non-Federal entity under subpart E of this part. The non-Federal entity may reference its own cost principles that comply with the Federal cost principles.
- (d) The cost plus a percentage of cost and percentage of construction cost methods of contracting must not be used.

§200.325 Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity review.

- (a) The non-Federal entity must make available, upon request of the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity, technical specifications on proposed procurements where the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity believes such review is needed to ensure that the item or service specified is the one being proposed for acquisition. This review generally will take place prior to the time the specification is incorporated into a solicitation document. However, if the non-Federal entity desires to have the review accomplished after a solicitation has been developed, the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity may still review the specifications, with such review usually limited to the technical aspects of the proposed purchase.
- (b) The non-Federal entity must make available upon request, for the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity pre-procurement review, procurement documents, such as requests for proposals or invitations for bids, or independent cost estimates, when:
 - (1) The non-Federal entity's procurement procedures or operation fails to comply with the procurement standards in this part;
 - (2) The procurement is expected to exceed the Simplified Acquisition Threshold and is to be awarded without competition or only one bid or offer is received in response to a solicitation;

- (3) The procurement, which is expected to exceed the Simplified Acquisition Threshold, specifies a “brand name” product;
 - (4) The proposed contract is more than the Simplified Acquisition Threshold and is to be awarded to other than the apparent low bidder under a sealed bid procurement; or
 - (5) A proposed contract amendment changes the scope of a contract or increases the contract amount by more than the Simplified Acquisition Threshold.
- (c) The non-Federal entity is exempt from the pre-procurement review in paragraph (b) of this section if the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity determines that its procurement systems comply with the standards of this part.
- (1) The non-Federal entity may request that its procurement system be reviewed by the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity to determine whether its system meets these standards in order for its system to be certified. Generally, these reviews must occur where there is continuous high-dollar funding, and third-party contracts are awarded on a regular basis;
 - (2) The non-Federal entity may self-certify its procurement system. Such self-certification must not limit the Federal awarding agency's right to survey the system. Under a self-certification procedure, the Federal awarding agency may rely on written assurances from the non-Federal entity that it is complying with these standards. The non-Federal entity must cite specific policies, procedures, regulations, or standards as being in compliance with these requirements and have its system available for review.

§200.326 Bonding requirements.

For construction or facility improvement contracts or subcontracts exceeding the Simplified Acquisition Threshold, the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity may accept the bonding policy and requirements of the non-Federal entity provided that the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity has made a determination that the Federal interest is adequately protected. If such a determination has not been made, the minimum requirements must be as follows:

- (a) A bid guarantee from each bidder equivalent to five percent of the bid price. The “bid guarantee” must consist of a firm commitment such as a bid bond, certified check, or other negotiable instrument accompanying a bid as assurance that the bidder will, upon acceptance of the bid, execute such contractual documents as may be required within the time specified.
- (b) A performance bond on the part of the contractor for 100 percent of the contract price. A “performance bond” is one executed in connection with a contract to secure fulfillment of all the contractor's requirements under such contract.
- (c) A payment bond on the part of the contractor for 100 percent of the contract price. A “payment bond” is one executed in connection with a contract to assure payment as required by law of all persons supplying labor and material in the execution of the work provided for in the contract.

§200.327 Contract provisions.

The non-Federal entity's contracts must contain the applicable provisions described in [appendix II](#) to this part.

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4. EQUIPMENT (2 CFR 200.313)

See also 200.439 Equipment and other capital expenditures.

- (a) Title. Subject to the obligations and conditions set forth in this section, title to equipment acquired under a Federal award will vest upon acquisition in the non-Federal entity. Unless a statute specifically authorizes the Federal agency to vest title in the non-Federal entity without further obligation to the Federal Government, and the Federal agency elects to do so, the title must be a conditional title. Title must vest in the non-Federal entity subject to the following conditions:
 - (1) Use the equipment for the authorized purposes of the project during the period of performance, or until the property is no longer needed for the purposes of the project.
 - (2) Not encumber the property without approval of the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity.
 - (3) Use and dispose of the property in accordance with paragraphs (b), (c) and (e) of this section.
- (b) A state must use, manage and dispose of equipment acquired under a Federal award by the state in accordance with state laws and procedures. Other non-Federal entities must follow paragraphs (c) through (e) of this section.
- (c) Use.
 - (1) Equipment must be used by the non-Federal entity in the program or project for which it was acquired as long as needed, whether or not the project or program continues to be supported by the Federal award, and the non-Federal entity must not encumber the property without prior approval of the Federal awarding agency. When no longer needed for the original program or project, the equipment may be used in other activities supported by the Federal awarding agency, in the following order of priority:
 - (i) Activities under a Federal award from the Federal awarding agency which funded the original program or project, then
 - (ii) Activities under Federal awards from other Federal awarding agencies. This includes consolidated equipment for information technology systems.
 - (2) During the time that equipment is used on the project or program for which it was acquired, the non-Federal entity must also make equipment available for use on other projects or programs currently or previously supported by the Federal Government, provided that such use will not interfere with the work on the projects or program for

which it was originally acquired. First preference for other use must be given to other programs or projects supported by Federal awarding agency that financed the equipment and second preference must be given to programs or projects under Federal awards from other Federal awarding agencies. Use for non-federally-funded programs or projects is also permissible. User fees should be considered if appropriate.

- (3) Notwithstanding the encouragement in 200.307 Program income to earn program income, the non-Federal entity must not use equipment acquired with the Federal award to provide services for a fee that is less than private companies charge for equivalent services unless specifically authorized by Federal statute for as long as the Federal Government retains an interest in the equipment.
 - (4) When acquiring replacement equipment, the non-Federal entity may use the equipment to be replaced as a trade-in or sell the property and use the proceeds to offset the cost of the replacement property.
- (d) Management requirements. Procedures for managing equipment (including replacement equipment), whether acquired in whole or in part under a Federal award, until disposition takes place will, as a minimum, meet the following requirements:
- (1) Property records must be maintained that include a description of the property, a serial number or other identification number, the source of funding for the property (including the FAIN), who holds title, the acquisition date, and cost of the property, percentage of Federal participation in the project costs for the Federal award under which the property was acquired, the location, use and condition of the property, and any ultimate disposition data including the date of disposal and sale price of the property.
 - (2) A physical inventory of the property must be taken and the results reconciled with the property records at least once every two years.
 - (3) A control system must be developed to ensure adequate safeguards to prevent loss, damage, or theft of the property. Any loss, damage, or theft must be investigated.
 - (4) Adequate maintenance procedures must be developed to keep the property in good condition.
 - (5) If the non-Federal entity is authorized or required to sell the property, proper sales procedures must be established to ensure the highest possible return.
- (e) Disposition. When original or replacement equipment acquired under a Federal award is no longer needed for the original project or program or for other activities currently or previously supported by a Federal awarding agency, except as otherwise provided in Federal statutes, regulations, or Federal awarding agency disposition instructions, the non-Federal entity must request disposition instructions from the Federal awarding agency if required by the terms and conditions of the Federal award. Disposition of the equipment will be made as follows, in accordance with Federal awarding agency disposition instructions:
- (1) Items of equipment with a current per unit fair market value of \$5,000 or less may be retained, sold or otherwise disposed of with no further obligation to the Federal awarding agency.

- (2) Except as provided in 200.312 Federally-owned and exempt property, paragraph (b), or if the Federal awarding agency fails to provide requested disposition instructions within 120 days, items of equipment with a current per-unit fair-market value in excess of \$5,000 may be retained by the non-Federal entity or sold. The Federal awarding agency is entitled to an amount calculated by multiplying the current market value or proceeds from sale by the Federal awarding agency's percentage of participation in the cost of the original purchase. If the equipment is sold, the Federal awarding agency may permit the non-Federal entity to deduct and retain from the Federal share \$500 or ten percent of the proceeds, whichever is less, for its selling and handling expenses.
- (3) The non-Federal entity may transfer title to the property to the Federal Government or to an eligible third party provided that, in such cases, the non-Federal entity must be entitled to compensation for its attributable percentage of the current fair market value of the property.
- (4) In cases where a non-Federal entity fails to take appropriate disposition actions, the Federal awarding agency may direct the non-Federal entity to take disposition actions.

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5. SUPPLIES (2 CFR 200.314)

See also 200.453 Materials and supplies costs, including costs of computing devices.

- (a) Title to supplies will vest in the non-Federal entity upon acquisition. If there is a residual inventory of unused supplies exceeding \$5,000 in total aggregate value upon termination or completion of the project or program and the supplies are not needed for any other Federal award, the non-Federal entity must retain the supplies for use on other activities or sell them, but must, in either case, compensate the Federal Government for its share. The amount of compensation must be computed in the same manner as for equipment. See 200.313 Equipment, paragraph (e)(2) for the calculation methodology.
- (b) As long as the Federal Government retains an interest in the supplies, the non-Federal entity must not use supplies acquired under a Federal award to provide services to other organizations for a fee that is less than private companies charge for equivalent services, unless specifically authorized by Federal statute.

6. INSPECTION

Reclamation has the right to inspect and evaluate the work performed or being performed under this Agreement, and the premises where the work is being performed, at all reasonable times and in a manner that will not unduly delay the work. If Reclamation performs inspection or evaluation on the premises of the Recipient or a sub-Recipient, the Recipient shall furnish and shall require sub-recipients to furnish all reasonable facilities and assistance for the safe and convenient performance of these duties.

7. AUDIT REQUIREMENTS (2 CFR 200.501)

- (a) Audit required. A non-Federal entity that expends \$750,000 or more during the non-Federal entity's fiscal year in Federal awards must have a single or program-specific audit conducted for that year in accordance with the provisions of this part.
- (b) Single audit. A non-Federal entity that expends \$750,000 or more during the non-Federal entity's fiscal year in Federal awards must have a single audit conducted in accordance with 200.514 Scope of audit except when it elects to have a program-specific audit conducted in accordance with paragraph (c) of this section.
- (c) Program-specific audit election. When an auditee expends Federal awards under only one Federal program (excluding R&D) and the Federal program's statutes, regulations, or the terms and conditions of the Federal award do not require a financial statement audit of the auditee, the auditee may elect to have a program-specific audit conducted in accordance with 200.507 Program-specific audits. A program-specific audit may not be elected for R&D unless all of the Federal awards expended were received from the same Federal agency, or the same Federal agency and the same pass-through entity, and that Federal agency, or pass-through entity in the case of a subrecipient, approves in advance a program-specific audit.
- (d) Exemption when Federal awards expended are less than \$750,000. A non-Federal entity that expends less than \$750,000 during the non-Federal entity's fiscal year in Federal awards is exempt from Federal audit requirements for that year, except as noted in 200.503 Relation to other audit requirements, but records must be available for review or audit by appropriate officials of the Federal agency, pass-through entity, and Government Accountability Office (GAO).
- (e) Federally Funded Research and Development Centers (FFRDC). Management of an auditee that owns or operates a FFRDC may elect to treat the FFRDC as a separate entity for purposes of this part.
- (f) Subrecipients and Contractors. An auditee may simultaneously be a recipient, a subrecipient, and a contractor. Federal awards expended as a recipient or a subrecipient are subject to audit under this part. The payments received for goods or services provided as a contractor are not Federal awards. Section 200.331 Subrecipient and contractor determinations sets forth the considerations in determining whether payments constitute a Federal award or a payment for goods or services provided as a contractor.
- (g) Compliance responsibility for contractors. In most cases, the auditee's compliance responsibility for contractors is only to ensure that the procurement, receipt, and payment for goods and services comply with Federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of Federal awards. Federal award compliance requirements normally do not pass through to contractors. However, the auditee is responsible for ensuring compliance for procurement transactions which are structured such that the contractor is responsible for program compliance or the contractor's records must be reviewed to determine program compliance. Also, when these procurement transactions relate to a major program, the scope of the audit must include determining whether these transactions are in compliance with Federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of Federal awards.

- (h) For-profit subrecipient. Since this part does not apply to for-profit subrecipients, the pass-through entity is responsible for establishing requirements, as necessary, to ensure compliance by for-profit subrecipients. The agreement with the for-profit subrecipient must describe applicable compliance requirements and the for-profit subrecipient's compliance responsibility. Methods to ensure compliance for Federal awards made to for-profit subrecipients may include pre-award audits, monitoring during the agreement, and post-award audits. See also 200.332 Requirements for pass-through entities.

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8. REMEDIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE (2 CFR 200.339)

200.339 Remedies for noncompliance.

If a non-Federal entity fails to comply with Federal statutes, regulations or the terms and conditions of a Federal award, the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity may impose additional conditions, as described in 200.207 Specific conditions. If the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity determines that noncompliance cannot be remedied by imposing additional conditions, the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity may take one or more of the following actions, as appropriate in the circumstances.

- (a) Temporarily withhold cash payments pending correction of the deficiency by the non-Federal entity or more severe enforcement action by the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity.
- (b) Disallow (that is, deny both use of funds and any applicable matching credit for) all or part of the cost of the activity or action not in compliance.
- (c) Wholly or partly suspend or terminate the Federal award.
- (d) Initiate suspension or debarment proceedings as authorized under 2 CFR part 180 and Federal awarding agency regulations (or in the case of a pass-through entity, recommend such a proceeding be initiated by a Federal awarding agency).
- (e) Withhold further Federal awards for the project or program.
- (f) Take other remedies that may be legally available.

9. TERMINATION (2 CFR 200.340)

- (a) The Federal award may be terminated in whole or in part as follows:
 - (1) By the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity, if a non-Federal entity fails to comply with the terms and conditions of a Federal award;
 - (2) By the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity, to the greatest extent authorized by law, if an award no longer effectuates the program goals or agency priorities;

- (3) By the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity with the consent of the non-Federal entity, in which case the two parties must agree upon the termination conditions, including the effective date and, in the case of partial termination, the portion to be terminated;
 - (4) By the non-Federal entity upon sending to the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity written notification setting forth the reasons for such termination, the effective date, and, in the case of partial termination, the portion to be terminated. However, if the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity determines in the case of partial termination that the reduced or modified portion of the Federal award or subaward will not accomplish the purposes for which the Federal award was made, the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity may terminate the Federal award in its entirety; or
 - (5) By the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity pursuant to termination provisions included in the Federal award.
- (b) When a Federal award is terminated or partially terminated, both the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity and the non-Federal entity remain responsible for compliance with the requirements in 200.344 Closeout and 200.345 Post-closeout adjustments and continuing responsibilities.

10. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION (2 CFR 1400)

The Department of the Interior regulations at 2 CFR 1400—Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement), which adopt the common rule for the governmentwide system of debarment and suspension for nonprocurement activities, are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement. By entering into this grant or cooperative Agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation, the Recipient agrees to comply with 2 CFR 1400, Subpart C, and agrees to include a similar term or condition in all lower-tier covered transactions. These regulations are available at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/ecfr/>.

11. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE (2 CFR 182 and 1401)

The Department of the Interior regulations at 2 CFR 1401—Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Financial Assistance), which adopt the portion of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (41 U.S.C. 701 et seq, as amended) applicable to grants and cooperative agreements, are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this agreement. By entering into this grant or cooperative agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation, the Recipient agrees to comply with 2 CFR 182.

12. ASSURANCES AND CERTIFICATIONS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

The provisions of the Assurances, SF 424B or SF 424D as applicable, executed by the Recipient in connection with this Agreement shall apply with full force and effect to this Agreement. All anti-discrimination and equal opportunity statutes, regulations, and Executive Orders that apply to the expenditure of funds under Federal contracts, grants, and cooperative Agreements, loans,

and other forms of Federal assistance. The Recipient shall comply with Title VI or the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and any program-specific statutes with anti-discrimination requirements. The Recipient shall comply with civil rights laws including, but not limited to, the Fair Housing Act, the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Equal Educational Opportunities Act, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, and the Uniform Relocation Act.

Such Assurances also include, but are not limited to, the promise to comply with all applicable Federal statutes and orders relating to nondiscrimination in employment, assistance, and housing; the Hatch Act; Federal wage and hour laws and regulations and work place safety standards; Federal environmental laws and regulations and the Endangered Species Act; and Federal protection of rivers and waterways and historic and archeological preservation.

13. COVENANT AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES

The Recipient warrants that no person or agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this Agreement upon an Agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, excepting bona fide employees or bona fide offices established and maintained by the Recipient for the purpose of securing Agreements or business. For breach or violation of this warranty, the Government shall have the right to annul this Agreement without liability or, in its discretion, to deduct from the Agreement amount, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

14. TRAFFICKING VICTIMS PROTECTION ACT OF 2000 (2 CFR 175.15)

Trafficking in persons.

- (a) *Provisions applicable to a recipient that is a private entity.* You as the recipient, your employees, subrecipients under this award, and subrecipients' employees may not
 - (1) Engage in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect;
 - (2) Procure a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect; or
 - (3) Use forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.
- (b) We as the Federal awarding agency may unilaterally terminate this award, without penalty, if you or a subrecipient that is a private entity —
 - (1) Is determined to have violated a prohibition in paragraph a.1 of this award term; or
 - (2) Has an employee who is determined by the agency official authorized to terminate the award to have violated a prohibition in paragraph a.1 of this award term through conduct that is either:
 - (i) Associated with performance under this award; or

- (ii) Imputed to you or the subrecipient using the standards and due process for imputing the conduct of an individual to an organization that are provided in 2 CFR part 180, “OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement),” as implemented by our agency at 2 *CFR part 1400*.
- (c) *Provision applicable to a recipient other than a private entity.* We as the Federal awarding agency may unilaterally terminate this award, without penalty, if a subrecipient that is a private entity—
 - (1) Is determined to have violated an applicable prohibition in paragraph a.1 of this award term; or
 - (2) Has an employee who is determined by the agency official authorized to terminate the award to have violated an applicable prohibition in paragraph a.1 of this award term through conduct that is either:
 - (i) Associated with performance under this award; or
 - (ii) Imputed to the subrecipient using the standards and due process for imputing the conduct of an individual to an organization that are provided in 2 CFR part 180, “OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement),” as implemented by our agency at 2 *CFR part 1400*.
- (d) *Provisions applicable to any recipient.*
 - (1) You must inform us immediately of any information you receive from any source alleging a violation of a prohibition in paragraph a.1 of this award term.
 - (2) Our right to terminate unilaterally that is described in paragraph a.2 or b of this section:
 - (i) Implements section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA), as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104(g)), and
 - (ii) Is in addition to all other remedies for noncompliance that are available to us under this award.
 - (3) You must include the requirements of paragraph a.1 of this award term in any subaward you make to a private entity.
- (e) *Definitions.* For purposes of this award term:
 - (1) “Employee” means either:
 - (i) An individual employed by you or a subrecipient who is engaged in the performance of the project or program under this award; or
 - (ii) Another person engaged in the performance of the project or program under this award and not compensated by you including, but not limited to, a volunteer or individual whose services are contributed by a third party as an in-kind contribution toward cost sharing or matching requirements.
 - (2) “Forced labor” means labor obtained by any of the following methods: the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services,

through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subsection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.

(3) "Private entity":

(i) Means any entity other than a state, local government, Indian tribe, or foreign public entity, as those terms are defined in 2 CFR 175.25.

(ii) Includes:

(A) A nonprofit organization, including any nonprofit institution of higher education, hospital, or tribal organization other than one included in the definition of Indian tribe at 2 CFR 175.25(b).

(B) A for-profit organization.

(4) "Severe forms of trafficking in persons," "commercial sex act," and "coercion" have the meanings given at section 103 of the TVPA, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7102).

15. NEW RESTRICTIONS ON LOBBYING (43 CFR 18)

The Recipient agrees to comply with 43 CFR 18, New Restrictions on Lobbying, including the following certification:

- (a) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the Recipient, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, and officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or amendment of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- (b) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying" in accordance with its instructions.
- (c) The Recipient shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify accordingly. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

16. UNIFORM RELOCATION ASSISTANCE AND REAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION POLICIES ACT OF 1970 (URA) (42 USC 4601 *et seq.*)

- (a) The Uniform Relocation Assistance Act (URA), 42 U.S.C. 4601 *et seq.*, as amended, requires certain assurances for Reclamation funded land acquisition projects conducted by a Recipient that cause the displacement of persons, businesses, or farm operations. Because Reclamation funds only support acquisition of property or interests in property from willing sellers, it is not anticipated that Reclamation funds will result in any “displaced persons,” as defined under the URA.
- (b) However, if Reclamation funds are used for the acquisition of real property that results in displacement, the URA requires Recipients to ensure that reasonable relocation payments and other remedies will be provided to any displaced person. Further, when acquiring real property, Recipients must be guided, to the greatest extent practicable, by the land acquisition policies in 42 U.S.C. 4651.
- (c) Exemptions to the URA and 49 CFR Part 24
 - (1) The URA provides for an exemption to the appraisal, review and certification rules for those land acquisitions classified as “voluntary transactions.” Such “voluntary transactions” are classified as those that do not involve an exercise of eminent domain authority on behalf of a Recipient, and must meet the conditions specified at 49 CFR 24.101(b)(1)(i)-(iv).
 - (2) For any land acquisition undertaken by a Recipient that receives Reclamation funds, but does not have authority to acquire the real property by eminent domain, to be exempt from the requirements of 49 CFR Part 24 the Recipient must:
 - (i) provide written notification to the owner that it will not acquire the property in the event negotiations fail to result in an amicable agreement, and;
 - (ii) inform the owner in writing of what it believes to be the market value of the property
- (d) Review of Land Acquisition Appraisals. Reclamation reserves the right to review any land appraisal whether or not such review is required under the URA or 49 CFR 24.104. Such reviews may be conducted by the Department of the Interior’s Appraisal Services Directorate or a Reclamation authorized designee. When Reclamation determines that a review of the original appraisal is necessary, Reclamation will notify the Recipient and provide an estimated completion date of the initial appraisal review.

17. SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT and Universal Identifier Requirements (2 CFR 25, Appendix A)

A. Requirement for System for Award Management

Unless you are exempted from this requirement under 2 CFR 25.110, you as the recipient must maintain current information in the SAM. This includes information on your immediate and highest level owner and subsidiaries, as well as on all of your predecessors that have been awarded a Federal contract or Federal financial assistance within the last three years, if applicable, until you submit the final financial report required under this Federal award or receive the final payment, whichever is later. This requires that you review and update the information at least annually after the initial registration, and more frequently if required by changes in your information or another Federal award term.

B. Requirement for unique entity identifier

If you are authorized to make subawards under this award, you:

1. Must notify potential subrecipients that no entity (see definition in paragraph C of this award term) may receive a subaward from you unless the entity has provided its unique entity identifier to you.
2. May not make a subaward to an entity unless the entity has provided its Unique Entity Identifier to you. Subrecipients are not required to obtain an active SAM registration, but must obtain a Unique Entity Identifier.

C. Definitions

For purposes of this award term:

1. System for Award Management (SAM) means the Federal repository into which an entity must provide information required for the conduct of business as a recipient. Additional information about registration procedures may be found at the SAM Internet site (currently at <http://www.sam.gov>).
2. Unique entity identifier means the identifier required for SAM registration to uniquely identify business entities.
3. Entity, as it is used in this award term, means all of the following, as defined at 2 CFR part 25, subpart C:
 - a. A Governmental organization, which is a State, local government, or Indian Tribe;
 - b. A foreign public entity;
 - c. A domestic or foreign nonprofit organization;
 - d. A domestic or foreign for-profit organization; and
 - e. A Federal agency, but only as a subrecipient under an award or subaward to a non-Federal entity.
4. Subaward has the meaning given in 2 CFR 200.1.
5. Subrecipient has the meaning given in 2 CFR 200.1.

18. PROHIBITION ON TEXT MESSAGING AND USING ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED BY THE GOVERNMENT WHILE DRIVING

Executive Order 13513, *Federal Leadership On Reducing Text Messaging While Driving*, was signed by President Barack Obama on October 1, 2009 (ref: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E9-24203.pdf>). This Executive Order introduces a Federal Government-wide prohibition on the use of text messaging while driving on official business or while using Government-supplied equipment. Additional guidance enforcing the ban will be issued at a later date. In the meantime, please adopt and enforce policies that immediately ban text messaging while driving company-owned or rented vehicles, government-owned or leased vehicles, or while driving privately owned vehicles when on official government business or when performing any work for or on behalf of the government.

19. REPORTING SUBAWARDS AND EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION (2 CFR 170 APPENDIX A)

I. Reporting Subawards and Executive Compensation.

a. Reporting of first-tier subawards.

1. **Applicability.** Unless you are exempt as provided in paragraph d. of this award term, you must report each action that equals or exceeds \$30,000 in Federal funds for a subaward to a non-Federal entity or Federal agency (see definitions in paragraph e. of this award term).
2. **Where and when to report.**
 - i. The non-Federal entity or Federal agency must report each obligating action described in paragraph a.1. of this award term to <http://www.fsrs.gov>.
 - ii. For subaward information, report no later than the end of the month following the month in which the obligation was made. (For example, if the obligation was made on November 7, 2010, the obligation must be reported by no later than December 31, 2010.)
3. **What to report.** You must report the information about each obligating action that the submission instructions posted at <http://www.fsrs.gov> specify.

b. Reporting total compensation of recipient executives for non-Federal entities.

1. **Applicability and what to report.** You must report total compensation for each of your five most highly compensated executives for the preceding completed fiscal year, if—
 - i. The total Federal funding authorized to date under this Federal award equals or exceeds \$30,000 as defined in 2 CFR 170.320;
 - ii. in the preceding fiscal year, you received—
 - (A) 80 percent or more of your annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts) and Federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act, as defined at 2 CFR 170.320 (and subawards), and

- (B) \$25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts) and Federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act, as defined at 2 CFR 170.320 (and subawards); and,
 - iii. The public does not have access to information about the compensation of the executives through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a), 78o(d)) or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. (To determine if the public has access to the compensation information, see the U.S. Security and Exchange Commission total compensation filings at <http://www.sec.gov/answers/execomp.htm>.)
- 2. Where and when to report. You must report executive total compensation described in paragraph b.1. of this award term:
 - i. As part of your registration profile at <https://www.sam.gov>.
 - ii. By the end of the month following the month in which this award is made, and annually thereafter.
- c. Reporting of Total Compensation of Subrecipient Executives.
 - 1. Applicability and what to report. Unless you are exempt as provided in paragraph d. of this award term, for each first-tier non-Federal entity subrecipient under this award, you shall report the names and total compensation of each of the subrecipient's five most highly compensated executives for the subrecipient's preceding completed fiscal year, if—
 - i. in the subrecipient's preceding fiscal year, the subrecipient received—
 - (A) 80 percent or more of its annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts) and Federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act, as defined at 2 CFR 170.320 (and subawards) and,
 - (B) \$25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts), and Federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act (and subawards); and
 - ii. The public does not have access to information about the compensation of the executives through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a), 78o(d)) or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. (To determine if the public has access to the compensation information, see the U.S. Security and Exchange Commission total compensation filings at <http://www.sec.gov/answers/execomp.htm>.)
 - 2. Where and when to report. You must report subrecipient executive total compensation described in paragraph c.1. of this award term:
 - i. To the recipient.
 - ii. By the end of the month following the month during which you make the subaward. For example, if a subaward is obligated on any date during the month of October of a given year (i.e., between October 1 and 31), you must report any

required compensation information of the subrecipient by November 30 of that year.

d. Exemptions.

If, in the previous tax year, you had gross income, from all sources, under \$300,000, you are exempt from the requirements to report:

- i. Subawards, and
- ii. The total compensation of the five most highly compensated executives of any subrecipient.

e. Definitions. For purposes of this award term:

1. Federal Agency means a Federal agency as defined at 5 U.S.C. 551(1) and further clarified by 5 U.S.C. 552(f).
2. Non-Federal entity means all of the following, as defined in 2 CFR part 25:
 - i. A Governmental organization, which is a State, local government, or Indian tribe;
 - ii. A foreign public entity;
 - iii. A domestic or foreign nonprofit organization; and,
 - iv. A domestic or foreign for-profit organization
3. Executive means officers, managing partners, or any other employees in management positions.
4. Subaward:
 - i. This term means a legal instrument to provide support for the performance of any portion of the substantive project or program for which you received this award and that you as the recipient award to an eligible subrecipient.
 - ii. The term does not include your procurement of property and services needed to carry out the project or program (for further explanation, see 2 CFR 200.331).
 - iii. A subaward may be provided through any legal agreement, including an agreement that you or a subrecipient considers a contract.
5. Subrecipient means a non-Federal entity or Federal agency that:
 - i. Receives a subaward from you (the recipient) under this award; and
 - ii. Is accountable to you for the use of the Federal funds provided by the subaward.
6. Total compensation means the cash and noncash dollar value earned by the executive during the recipient's or subrecipient's preceding fiscal year and includes the following (for more information see 17 CFR 229.402(c)(2)).

[85 FR 49526, Aug. 13, 2020]

20. RECIPIENT EMPLOYEE WHISTLEBLOWER RIGHTS AND REQUIREMENT TO INFORM EMPLOYEES OF WHISTLEBLOWER RIGHTS (SEP 2013)

- (a) This award and employees working on this financial assistance agreement will be subject to the whistleblower rights and remedies in the pilot program on Award Recipient employee whistleblower protections established at 41 U.S.C. 4712 by section 828 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (Pub.L. 112-239).
- (b) The Award Recipient shall inform its employees in writing, in the predominant language of the workforce, of employee whistleblower rights and protections under 41 U.S.C 4712.
- (c) The Award Recipient shall insert the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (c), in all subawards or subcontracts over the simplified acquisition threshold. 48 CFR 52.203-17 (as referenced in 48 CFR 3.908-9).

21. REPORTING OF MATTERS RELATED TO RECIPIENT INTEGRITY AND PERFORMANCE (APPENDIX XII to 2 CFR Part 200)

1. General Reporting Requirement

If the total value of your currently active grants, cooperative agreements, and procurement contracts from all Federal awarding agencies exceeds \$10,000,000 for any period of time during the period of performance of this Federal award, then you as the recipient during that period of time must maintain the currency of information reported to the System for Award Management (SAM) that is made available in the designated integrity and performance system (currently the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS)) about civil, criminal, or administrative proceedings described in paragraph 2 of this award term and condition. This is a statutory requirement under section 872 of Public Law 110-417, as amended (41 U.S.C. 2313). As required by section 3010 of Public Law 111-212, all information posted in the designated integrity and performance system on or after April 15, 2011, except past performance reviews required for Federal procurement contracts, will be publicly available.

2. Proceedings About Which You Must Report

Submit the information required about each proceeding that:

- a. Is in connection with the award or performance of a grant, cooperative agreement, or procurement contract from the Federal Government;
- b. Reached its final disposition during the most recent five-year period; and
- c. Is one of the following:
 - (1) A criminal proceeding that resulted in a conviction, as defined in paragraph 5 of this award term and condition;
 - (2) A civil proceeding that resulted in a finding of fault and liability and payment of a monetary fine, penalty, reimbursement, restitution, or damages of \$5,000 or more;

- (3) An administrative proceeding, as defined in paragraph 5. of this award term and condition, that resulted in a finding of fault and liability and your payment of either a monetary fine or penalty of \$5,000 or more or reimbursement, restitution, or damages in excess of \$100,000; or
- (4) Any other criminal, civil, or administrative proceeding if:
 - (i) It could have led to an outcome described in paragraph 2.c.(1), (2), or (3) of this award term and condition;
 - (ii) It had a different disposition arrived at by consent or compromise with an acknowledgment of fault on your part; and
 - (iii) The requirement in this award term and condition to disclose information about the proceeding does not conflict with applicable laws and regulations.

3. Reporting Procedures

Enter in the SAM Entity Management area the information that SAM requires about each proceeding described in paragraph 2 of this award term and condition. You do not need to submit the information a second time under assistance awards that you received if you already provided the information through SAM because you were required to do so under Federal procurement contracts that you were awarded.

4. Reporting Frequency

During any period of time when you are subject to the requirement in paragraph 1 of this award term and condition, you must report proceedings information through SAM for the most recent five year period, either to report new information about any proceeding(s) that you have not reported previously or affirm that there is no new information to report. Recipients that have Federal contract, grant, and cooperative agreement awards with a cumulative total value greater than \$10,000,000 must disclose semiannually any information about the criminal, civil, and administrative proceedings.

5. Definitions

For purposes of this award term and condition:

- a. Administrative proceeding means a non-judicial process that is adjudicatory in nature in order to make a determination of fault or liability (e.g., Securities and Exchange Commission Administrative proceedings, Civilian Board of Contract Appeals proceedings, and Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals proceedings). This includes proceedings at the Federal and State level but only in connection with performance of a Federal contract or grant. It does not include audits, site visits, corrective plans, or inspection of deliverables.
- b. Conviction, for purposes of this award term and condition, means a judgment or conviction of a criminal offense by any court of competent jurisdiction, whether entered upon a verdict or a plea, and includes a conviction entered upon a plea of nolo contendere.

- c. Total value of currently active grants, cooperative agreements, and procurement contracts includes—
 - (1) Only the Federal share of the funding under any Federal award with a recipient cost share or match; and
 - (2) The value of all expected funding increments under a Federal award and options, even if not yet exercised.

[80 FR 43310, July 22, 2015, as amended at 85 FR 49582, Aug. 13, 2020]

22. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

(a) Applicability.

- (1) This section intends to ensure that non-Federal entities and their employees take appropriate steps to avoid conflicts of interest in their responsibilities under or with respect to Federal financial assistance agreements.
- (2) In the procurement of supplies, equipment, construction, and services by recipients and by subrecipients, the conflict of interest provisions in 2 CFR 200.318 apply.

(b) Requirements.

- (1) Non-Federal entities must avoid prohibited conflicts of interest, including any significant financial interests that could cause a reasonable person to question the recipient's ability to provide impartial, technically sound, and objective performance under or with respect to a Federal financial assistance agreement.
- (2) In addition to any other prohibitions that may apply with respect to conflicts of interest, no key official of an actual or proposed recipient or subrecipient, who is substantially involved in the proposal or project, may have been a former Federal employee who, within the last one (1) year, participated personally and substantially in the evaluation, award, or administration of an award with respect to that recipient or subrecipient or in development of the requirement leading to the funding announcement.
- (3) No actual or prospective recipient or subrecipient may solicit, obtain, or use non-public information regarding the evaluation, award, or administration of an award to that recipient or subrecipient or the development of a Federal financial assistance opportunity that may be of competitive interest to that recipient or subrecipient.

(c) Notification.

- (1) Non-Federal entities, including applicants for financial assistance awards, must disclose in writing any conflict of interest to the DOI awarding agency or pass-through entity in accordance with 2 CFR 200.112, Conflicts of Interest.

- (2) Recipients must establish internal controls that include, at a minimum, procedures to identify, disclose, and mitigate or eliminate identified conflicts of interest. The recipient is responsible for notifying the Financial Assistance Officer in writing of any conflicts of interest that may arise during the life of the award, including those that have been reported by subrecipients.
- (d) Restrictions on Lobbying. Non-Federal entities are strictly prohibited from using funds under this grant or cooperative agreement for lobbying activities and must provide the required certifications and disclosures pursuant to 43 CFR Part 18 and 31 USC 1352.
- (e) Review Procedures. The Financial Assistance Officer will examine each conflict of interest disclosure on the basis of its particular facts and the nature of the proposed grant or cooperative agreement, and will determine whether a significant potential conflict exists and, if it does, develop an appropriate means for resolving it.
- (f) Enforcement. Failure to resolve conflicts of interest in a manner that satisfies the Government may be cause for termination of the award. Failure to make required disclosures may result in any of the remedies described in 2 CFR 200.338, Remedies for Noncompliance, including suspension or debarment (see also 2 CFR Part 180).

23. DATA AVAILABILITY

- (a) Applicability. The Department of the Interior is committed to basing its decisions on the best available science and providing the American people with enough information to thoughtfully and substantively evaluate the data, methodology, and analysis used by the Department to inform its decisions.
- (b) Use of Data. The regulations at 2 CFR 200.315 apply to data produced under a Federal award, including the provision that the Federal Government has the right to obtain, reproduce, publish, or otherwise use the data produced under a Federal award as well as authorize others to receive, reproduce, publish, or otherwise use such data for Federal purposes.
- (c) Availability of Data. The recipient shall make the data produced under this award and any subaward(s) available to the Government for public release, consistent with applicable law, to allow meaningful third party evaluation and reproduction of the following:
 - (i) The scientific data relied upon;
 - (ii) The analysis relied upon; and
 - (iii) The methodology, including models, used to gather and analyze data.

24. PROHIBITION ON PROVIDING FUNDS TO THE ENEMY

(a) The recipient must—

- (1) Exercise due diligence to ensure that none of the funds, including supplies and services, received under this grant or cooperative agreement are provided directly or indirectly (including through subawards or contracts) to a person or entity who is actively opposing the United States or coalition forces involved in a contingency operation in which members of the Armed Forces are actively engaged in hostilities, which must be completed through [2 CFR 180.300](#) prior to issuing a subaward or contract and;
 - (2) Terminate or void in whole or in part any subaward or contract with a person or entity listed in SAM as a prohibited or restricted source pursuant to subtitle E of Title VIII of the NDAA for FY 2015, unless the Federal awarding agency provides written approval to continue the subaward or contract.
- (b) The recipient may include the substance of this clause, including paragraph (a) of this clause, in subawards under this grant or cooperative agreement that have an estimated value over \$50,000 and will be performed outside the United States, including its outlying areas.
- (c) The Federal awarding agency has the authority to terminate or void this grant or cooperative agreement, in whole or in part, if the Federal awarding agency becomes aware that the recipient failed to exercise due diligence as required by paragraph (a) of this clause or if the Federal awarding agency becomes aware that any funds received under this grant or cooperative agreement have been provided directly or indirectly to a person or entity who is actively opposing coalition forces involved in a contingency operation in which members of the Armed Forces are actively engaged in hostilities.

25. ADDITIONAL ACCESS TO RECIPIENT RECORDS

- (a) In addition to any other existing examination-of-records authority, the Federal Government is authorized to examine any records of the recipient and its subawards or contracts to the extent necessary to ensure that funds, including supplies and services, available under this grant or cooperative agreement are not provided, directly or indirectly, to a person or entity that is actively opposing United States or coalition forces involved in a contingency operation in which members of the Armed Forces are actively engaged in hostilities, except for awards awarded by the Department of Defense on or before Dec 19, 2017 that will be performed in the United States Central Command (USCENTCOM) theater of operations.
- (b) The substance of this clause, including this paragraph (b), is required to be included in subawards or contracts under this grant or cooperative agreement that have an estimated value over \$50,000 and will be performed outside the United States, including its outlying areas.

26. PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN TELECOMMUNICATION AND VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SERVICES OR EQUIPMENT

Federal award recipients are prohibited from using government funds to enter contracts (or extend or renew contracts) with entities that use covered telecommunications equipment or services as described in section 889 of the 2019 National Defense Authorization Act. This prohibition applies even if the contract is not intended to procure or obtain, any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services.

III. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR STANDARD AWARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The Department of the Interior (DOI) Standard Award Terms and Conditions found at <https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/doi-standard-award-terms-and-conditions-effective-december-2-2019-revised-june-19-2020.pdf> are hereby incorporated by reference as though set forth in full text. These terms and conditions are in addition to the assurances and certifications made as part of the award and terms, conditions or restrictions reflected on this Agreement. Recipient acceptance of this Agreement carries with it the responsibility to be aware of and comply with all DOI terms and conditions applicable to this Agreement. The Recipient is responsible for ensuring their subrecipients and contractors are aware of and comply with applicable statutes, regulations, and agency requirements.

Recipient and subrecipient failure to comply with the general terms and conditions outlined below and those directly reflected in this Agreement can result in the DOI taking one or more of remedies described in 2 Code of Federal Regulations parts 200.338 and 200.339. The DOI will notify the recipient whenever terms and conditions are updated to accommodate instances in the passage of a regulation or statute that requires compliance. Also, DOI will inform the Recipient of revised terms and conditions in the action of an Agreement amendment adding additional Federal funds. Reclamation will make such changes by issuing a Notice of Award amendment that describes the change and provides the effective date. Revised terms and conditions do not apply to the Recipient's expenditures of funds or activities the Recipient carries out before the effective date of the revised DOI terms and conditions.

November 9, 2023

Andrew Baker
Colonel, U.S. Army
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Subject: Imperial Streams and Salton Sea Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study, Imperial and Riverside Counties, California – 3x3x3 Exemption Request Letter of Support from the Non-Federal Sponsors

Dear COL Baker,

The purpose of this letter is to provide the 3x3x3 Exemption Request Letter of Support for the Imperial Streams and Salton Sea Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study from the two non-Federal sponsors, the Salton Sea Authority and the California Department of Water Resources.

Salton Sea Authority and the California Department of Water Resources have reviewed the 3x3x3 exemption request and are in full support of the Course of Action 2. We are prepared to amend the Feasibility Cost Share Agreement accordingly and we are actively engaged with the study's congressional delegation to relay our support and the importance of this request,

We appreciate SPL's partnership and commitment to the completion of this feasibility study. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff.

Sincerely,

G. Patrick O'Dowd
Executive Director
Salton Sea Authority

James Newcomb
Salton Sea Management Program Lead
California Department of Water Resources

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**LETTER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES AND THE SALTON SEA
 AUTHORITY FOR COLLABORATION AND COOPERATION FOR THE IMPERIAL STREAMS SALTON SEA AND
 TRIBUTARIES FEASIBILITY STUDY**

This Letter Agreement is entered into this 13th day of December, 2022, by the California Department of Water Resources (hereinafter the “DWR”) and the Salton Sea Authority (hereinafter the “Authority”), regarding the manner of their collaboration and cooperation for implementation of the Imperial Streams Salton Sea and Tributaries Feasibility Study Agreement between the Department of the Army (hereinafter the “Government”), the DWR, and the Authority executed on December 16, 2022 (hereinafter the “Agreement”).

Background:

Pursuant to a resolution of the U.S. Senate Committee on Environmental and Public Works, 114th Congress, 2nd Session (April 28, 2016), the Government is authorized to investigate and recommend improvements for flood risk management, ecosystem restoration, and other water and land related resources for the Salton Sea and the vicinity. Activities and tasks required to identify and evaluate alternatives and prepare a decision document that, as appropriate, recommends a coordinated and implementable solution for ecosystem restoration and public health and safety at the Salton Sea and vicinity have been identified in the Agreement, and hereinafter, as the “Study”.

DWR and the Authority have agreed to be local co-sponsors of the Study and are referred to collectively herein and in the Agreement as the “Non-Federal Sponsors”.

Through this Letter Agreement, the DWR and the Authority intend to establish the manner in which they will collaborate on the Study with regard to cost sharing and decision making.

Cost Sharing:

Pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, study costs incurred by the Government and Non-Federal Sponsors after the effective date of the Agreement will be shared. The Non-Federal Sponsors will contribute fifty percent of the study costs, including by creditable in-kind contributions, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Agreement.

Pursuant to this **Letter Agreement**, the full amount of such funding for the fifty percent cost share shall be provided to the Government by DWR through payment of funds and provision of creditable in-kind contributions.

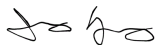
Structured Decision Making Process:

The Assistant Deputy Director for Salton Sea and the Executive Director/General Manager for the Authority will consult and endeavor to come to an agreement on all matters relevant to their obligations as Non-Federal Sponsors in the Agreement and the scope of alternatives to be analyzed, the selected plan, and the project to be recommended for construction. If there is no concurrence between them, within fourteen calendar days the Executive Director shall present the State’s position to the Authority’s Board of Directors (the Board) for decision. Within that fourteen day period the Board will accept, reject, or propose modifications to the State’s position. If the Board rejects the State’s position or proposes modifications, the Assistant Deputy Director for Salton Sea can decide to accept the Board’s rejection or proposed modification, or promptly refer the matter to the Secretary of Natural Resources for resolution. The Secretary’s decision shall be delivered to the Board within fourteen calendar days following referral.

Counterparts:

This Letter Agreement may be signed in two or more counterparts each of which, when executed and delivered, shall be an original and all of which together shall constitute one instrument, with the same force and effect as though all signatures appeared on a single document.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
WATER RESOURCES



James Newcomb
Assistant Deputy Director for Salton Sea

SALTON SEA AUTHORITY



G. Patrick O'Dowd
Executive Director/General Manager, Salton Sea
Authority

Memorandum

To: Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors
From: Israel Cruz, Director of Outreach, Engagement & Education
Date: November 16, 2023

Re: Recent Activities regarding community outreach and engagement.

Public Events and Presentations

Over the past month, we have actively participated in various public events and forums, where we had the opportunity to present the Salton Sea Authority's history, mission, and ongoing initiatives. These include an Environmental Justice Summit hosted by Comite Civico del Valle, where Executive Director O'Dowd highlighted the important work under way including the Army Corps Feasibility Study. It was also a privilege to participate in San Diego County Water Authority's celebration of the 20th anniversary of the QSA.

Partnership with CNRA

The agreement, scope of work, and expectations between CNRA and SSA were discussed with Miguel Hernandez, CNRA. We continue to explore ways to implement (and possibly expand) the agreement for the benefit of work being done around the Sea.

Planning Committee for Bus Tour

We are actively involved in the planning committee for an upcoming bus tour to the Salton Sea. This collaborative effort includes key partners such as Audubon, CNRA, and other stakeholders. The initial bus tour, scheduled for December. The collaborative effort is planning several additional bus tours for the months January through December, to a variety of targeted stakeholders.

Identifying Additional Partners

We are proactively engaging with community leaders and potential partners to broaden our outreach network. This includes outreach to local organizations, businesses, and others.

Memorandum

To: Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors
From: G. Patrick O'Dowd, Executive Director /GM
Date: November 16, 2023

Re: Health Assurance Plan

Over the past several months, the Authority has delved deeply into the changes taking place at the Sea and how they are affecting human health. Presentations from Dr. Lo, Comite Civico del Valle, and most recently a conversation with Dr. Brian McNeece, all highlight current and looming risks associated with the "known unknowns" which are and will continue to impact every man, woman and child in the region. Indeed, changes have been taking place at the Sea ever since most recent filling and initial designation as an agricultural sump, but those changes are occurring at an accelerated rate due a variety of both natural and man-made causes. For at least a generation and likely longer there is a lingering fear in the region that those changes are also contributing to adverse health impacts to the residents of the region. And while direct correlation to the Sea from elevated incidents of nosebleeds and childhood asthma have not been established, anecdotal evidence suggests a linkage. But the truth is, we just don't know. This year we celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Quantification Settlement Agreement's signing. As part and parcel of that agreement, the State of California agreed to restore the Sea and assume mitigation responsibility in excess of certain liabilities established within that agreement being addressed by the "QSA-JPA". And while there exist numerous efforts to evaluate this risk at the margins, there remains no independent resource that the community can rely upon to know with certainty that the changes now taking place at the Sea are not adversely affecting their health. After 20 years that should be viewed by all as unacceptable.

To be clear, there already exists extensive monitoring throughout the region. Work is being done by Imperial County Air Pollution Control District, South Coast Air Quality Management District, the California Air Resources Board, as well as work being performed under contract with the Imperial Irrigation District as part the QSA-JPA responsibilities, the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians, and Comite Civico del Valle, and likely others not mentioned. All contribute to a data gathering effort which should be useful in informing mitigation strategies to ensure public health. But to our knowledge that information is not used on a *consolidated* basis to specifically address sea-related health impacts. Rather, the data gathering is more regional in nature, and also includes potential contributors to health risks not directly related to the Sea. It will

always be difficult to identify discreet health risks throughout the region resulting from other localized sources, including off road activity, trans-border influences, and ag and industrial contributors. But as it relates to the Sea proper and the changes occurring within the historic shoreline, those risks are knowable, and after 20 years of effort should already be known. And to the extent that those factors are negatively impacting human health, they should likewise *already* be mitigated. Most residents if asked would likely say they just don't know and have little confidence that in fact those risks are fully known and are being responsibly mitigated.

Authority staff has for some months been researching and exploring possible strategies to address this glaring deficiency in public trust. In November of 2022, the State published the "Salton Sea Monitoring Implementation Plan", which contains five goals:

- (1) Identify and prioritize monitoring activities that will measure current and future conditions within the Salton Sea ecosystem (including created impoundments, emerging wetlands on the playa, and managed habitats).
- (2) Establish milestones against which the data gathered during long-term monitoring can be compared.
- (3) Establish methods for measuring and reporting these metrics.
- (4) Identify and prioritize filling of existing data gaps.
- (5) Describe a framework to store, manage, and make monitoring data publicly available in a timely manner.

The MIP provides that in conjunction therewith, an annual study plan will be developed that tiers off the MIP, which defines the following year's monitoring activities, coordinate efforts among implementing partners, and refine sampling methods and/or locations as appropriate.

Although no such plan was developed for 2023, we were recently notified that the State has initiated development of the 2024 monitoring work plan. However, it is critically important to note that this plan is simply a *monitoring* plan, not a plan of or strategy for mitigation. That work is being done variously by the QSA-JPA pursuant to their responsibilities, and by the State in accordance with its obligations under the Water Board order or otherwise. And while significant strides continue to be made on both fronts, mitigation is not being comprehensively achieved. And even if the mandated mitigation measures were being fully and timely implemented, it is still not known to any degree of certainty how and whether the changes taking place at the Sea would still be affecting human health. Dr. Lo highlighted that concern in his presentation to the Authority on microbial toxins, and legislation was authored last session by Assemblymember Garcia (AB 827) to facilitate a better understanding of that concern.

We believe that Dr. Lo's work and pursuit represents but one part of a larger lack of knowledge and understanding to which every community member is justly due. After 20 years of implementing the QSA (and now approaching 100 years of the Sea being

formally designated a sump) the lack of certainty whether the changes now taking place at the Sea are harmful to human health is simply unacceptable.

To address this urgent deficiency, the Authority has elevated discussions with our elected representatives around possible legislation which would create such assurance framework. To accomplish that it will be necessary, through the MIP or otherwise, analyze the data specifically from the perspective of human health, and identify data gaps which limit our ability to provide such assurance. In an earlier memo we discussed the Owens Lake model of assurance, where air quality within the “regulatory shoreline” is monitored every day through 127 monitoring stations, and satellite imagery is updated every 5 days to ensure coverage of exposed playa (and the failure on the part of LADWP to do so could result in significant financial penalties). When our community can be provided that level of assurance, they will know that they are safe. They have a right to know that, and we should be about the business of providing it.

Staff Recommendation: Board direction requested.



TO: Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors
FROM: Oracio Gonzalez, Ollin Strategies
DATE: November 2023
SUBJECT: California State Advocacy

This memorandum provides a summary of state legislative and fiscal developments related to the Authority's state advocacy.

As of the writing of this memo, Senate and Assembly leadership have not released the updated membership for policy and budget committees. As noted in last month's memo, with the election of Assemblymember Robert Rivas as Speaker of the Assembly, and the selection of Senator Mark McGuire as Senate President designee, it is anticipated most if not all committees will have new chairs and members next year.

The Authority remains keenly focused on changes to the leadership of committees with jurisdiction over the Salton Sea, including the Assembly Water Parks and Wildlife Committee, the Assembly Natural Resources Committee, the Assembly Budget Subcommittee 3 Climate Crisis, Resources, Energy, and Transportation, the Senate Natural Resources Committee and Senate Budget Subcommittee 2 on Resources, Environmental Protection and Energy.

From a fiscal perspective, the state finances continue to face uncertainty going into next year with most analyst predicting a significant budget deficit. The uncertainty was compounded by the Internal Revenue Service's extension of the tax filing deadline to November 16, 2023 for virtually all California tax payers. Historically, November would have seen a flurry of reports from the state discussing what policy makers could expect the state's finances to look like going into next year, but those reports have mostly been postponed to December. That said, initial indicators are suggesting a slowdown in the economy and a projected deficit of approximately \$15 billion.

The Governor will formally announce his proposed budget on January 10, 2024, a week after the legislature reconvenes on January 3, 2024.