

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES**

(Nevada Cemetery District / City of Grass Valley)

1. IDENTIFICATION

This PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is entered into by and between the Nevada Cemetery District, a California Independent Special District under Section 9007 of the Health and Safety Code (District), and City of Grass Valley, a California municipal corporation (“Consultant”).

2. RECITALS

- 2.1. District has determined that it requires the following professional services from a consultant for: **accounting and services enumerated herein or attached herewith.**
- 2.2. Consultant represents that it is fully qualified to perform such professional services by virtue of its experience and the training, education and expertise of its principals and employees. Consultant further represents that it is willing to accept responsibility for performing such services in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions herein contained, District and Consultant agree as follows:

3. DEFINITIONS

- 3.1. “Scope of Services”: Such professional services as are set forth in Consultant’s February 1, 2023, proposal to District attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference.
- 3.2. “Agreement Administrator”: The Agreement Administrator for this project is the District General Manager, under the auspices of its Board of Trustees. The Agreement Administrator shall be the principal point of contact at the District for this project. All services under this Agreement shall be performed at the request of the Agreement Administrator. The Agreement Administrator will establish the timetable for completion of services and any interim milestones. District reserves the right to change this designation upon written notice to Consultant.
- 3.3. “Approved Fee Schedule”: Consultant’s compensation rates are set forth in the fee schedule attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference. This fee schedule shall remain in effect for the duration of this Agreement unless modified in writing by mutual agreement of the parties.

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- 3.4. “Maximum Amount”: The highest total compensation and costs payable to Consultant by District under this Agreement. The not to exceed contract amount annually is eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000.00) annually.
- 3.5. “Commencement Date”: February 27, 2023, irrespective of the date(s) executed.
- 3.6. “Termination Date”: January 31, 2025, with the option of two, one-year extensions. Contract to automatically renew at the end of the first service period. The contract will continue to automatically renew if the extension options are not-terminated, in written form, prior to, or on the termination date.

4. TERM

The term of this Agreement shall commence at 12:00 a.m. on the Commencement Date and shall expire at 11:59 p.m. on the Termination Date unless extended by written agreement of the parties or terminated earlier under Section 15 (“Termination”) below. Notwithstanding, Consultant may request extensions of time to perform the services required hereunder. Such extensions shall be effective if authorized in advance by District in writing and incorporated in written amendments to this Agreement.

5. CONSULTANT’S DUTIES

- 5.1. **Services.** Consultant shall perform the services identified in the Scope of Services. District shall have the right to request, in writing, changes in the Scope of Services. Any such changes mutually agreed upon by the parties, and any corresponding increase or decrease in compensation, shall be incorporated by written amendment to this Agreement.
- 5.2. **Coordination with District.** In performing services under this Agreement, Consultant shall coordinate all contact with District through its Agreement Administrator. Comment; Hereafter I note there is a constant interchange of Agreement Administrator and District. I think once the all contact with District is established in this 5.2. through its Agreement Administrator, items approved should refer to the District, or such other items as necessary, should refer to the District for ease of understanding?
- 5.3. **Budgetary Notification.** Consultant shall notify the Agreement Administrator, in writing, when fees and expenses incurred under this Agreement have reached eighty percent (80%) of the Maximum Amount. Consultant shall concurrently inform the Agreement Administrator, in writing, of Consultant’s estimate of total expenditures required to complete its current assignments before proceeding, when the remaining work on such assignments would exceed the Maximum Amount.
- 5.4. **Professional Standards.** Consultant shall perform all work to the standards of Consultant’s profession and in a manner reasonably satisfactory to District. Consultant

shall keep itself fully informed of and in compliance with all local, state, and federal laws, rules, and regulations in any manner affecting the performance of this Agreement, including all Cal/OSHA requirements, the conflict-of-interest provisions of Government Code § 1090 and the Political Reform Act (Government Code § 81000 et seq.).

- 5.5. **Avoid Conflicts.** During the term of this Agreement, Consultant shall not perform any work for another person or entity for whom Consultant was not working at the Commencement Date if such work would present a conflict interfering with performance under this Agreement. However, District may consent in writing to Consultant's performance of such work.
- 5.6. **Appropriate Personnel.** Consultant has, or will secure at its own expense, all personnel required to perform the services identified in the Scope of Services. All such services shall be performed by Consultant or under its supervision, and all personnel engaged in the work shall be qualified to perform such services. Catrina Olson shall be Consultant's project administrator and shall have direct responsibility for management of Consultant's performance under this Agreement. No change shall be made in Consultant's project administrator without District's prior written consent.
- 5.7. **Substitution of Personnel.** Naming any persons in the proposal or Scope of Services constitutes a promise to the District that those persons will perform and coordinate their respective services under this Agreement. Should one or more of such personnel become unavailable, Consultant may substitute other personnel of at least equal competence upon written approval of District. If District and Consultant cannot agree as to the substitution of key personnel, District may terminate this Agreement for cause.
- 5.8. **Permits and Approvals.** Consultant shall obtain, at its sole cost and expense, all permits and regulatory approvals necessary for Consultant's performance of this Agreement. This includes, but shall not be limited to, professional licenses, encroachment permits, and building and safety permits and inspections.
- 5.9. **Notification of Organizational Changes.** Consultant shall notify the Agreement Administrator, in writing, of any change in name, ownership or control of Consultant's firm or of any subcontractor. Change of ownership or control of Consultant's firm may require an amendment to this Agreement.
- 5.10. **Records.** Consultant shall maintain all ledgers, books of account, invoices, vouchers, canceled checks, and other records or documents evidencing or relating to charges for services or expenditures and disbursements charged to District under this Agreement for a minimum of three (3) years, or for any longer period required by law, from the date of final payment to Consultant under this Agreement. All such documents shall be made available for inspection, audit, and/or copying at any time during regular business hours, upon oral or written request of District. In addition, pursuant to Government

Code § 8546.7, if the amount of public funds expended under this Agreement exceeds \$10,000, all such documents and this Agreement shall be subject to the examination and audit of the State Auditor, at the request of District or as part of any audit of District, for a period of three (3) years after final payment under this Agreement.

6. SUBCONTRACTING

- 6.1. **General Prohibition.** This Agreement covers professional services of a specific and unique nature. Except as otherwise provided herein, Consultant shall not assign or transfer its interest in this Agreement or subcontract any services to be performed other than by an amendment to this Agreement.
- 6.2. **Consultant Responsible.** Consultant shall be responsible to District for all services to be performed under this Agreement.
- 6.3. **Identification in Fee Schedule.** All subcontractors shall be specifically listed, and their billing rates identified in the Approved Fee Schedule, Exhibit A. Any changes must be approved by the Agreement Administrator in writing.
- 6.4. **Compensation for Subcontractors.** District shall pay Consultant for work performed by its subcontractors, if any, only at Consultant's actual cost plus an approved mark-up as set forth in the Approved Fee Schedule, Exhibit A. Consultant shall be liable and accountable for all payments, compensation, and federal and state taxes to all subcontractors performing services under this Agreement. District shall not be liable for any payment, compensation, or federal and state taxes to or for any subcontractors.

Notwithstanding, any subcontractors not set forth in the Approved Fee Schedule, the Consultant shall first obtain the written approval of the Agreement Administrator for such work to be performed.

7. COMPENSATION

- 7.1. **General.** District agrees to compensate Consultant for the services provided under this Agreement, and Consultant agrees to accept payment in accordance with the Fee Schedule in full satisfaction for such services. Compensation shall not exceed the Maximum Amount. Consultant shall not be reimbursed for any expenses unless provided for in this Agreement or authorized in writing by the Agreement Administrator in advance.
- 7.2. **Invoices.** Consultant shall submit to District an invoice, on a monthly basis or as otherwise agreed to by the Agreement Administrator, for services performed pursuant to this Agreement. Each invoice shall identify the Maximum Amount, the services rendered during the billing period, the amount due for the invoice, and the total amount previously invoiced. All labor charges shall be itemized by employee name and

classification or position with the firm, the corresponding hourly rate, the hours worked, a description of each labor charge, and the total amount due for labor charges.

- 7.3. **Taxes.** District shall not withhold applicable taxes or other payroll deductions from payments made to Consultant except as otherwise required by law. Consultant shall be solely responsible for calculating, withholding, and paying all taxes.
- 7.4. **Disputes.** The parties agree to meet and confer at mutually agreeable times to resolve any disputed amounts in an invoice submitted by Consultant.

- 7.4.1. **Construction Clause.** The parties acknowledge and agree that the terms and provisions of this Agreement have been negotiated and discussed between the parties and their attorney(s), and this Agreement reflects their mutual agreement regarding the same. As a result of the nature of such negotiations and discussions, it would be inappropriate to deem any party to be the drafter of this Agreement, and therefore, no presumption for or against validity, or as to any interpretation hereof, based upon the identity of the drafter shall be applicable in interpreting or enforcing this Agreement.

Mediation-Arbitration Clause. The Parties hereto agree to mediate any dispute or claim arising between them out of this Agreement, or any resulting transaction, before resorting to arbitration. Mediation fees shall be divided equally among the parties involved. If any party commences an action based on a dispute or claim to which this paragraph applies, without first attempting to resolve the matter through mediation, then that party shall not be entitled to recover attorney fees, even if fees would otherwise be available to the party in any such action.

Arbitration of Disputes. THE PARTIES AGREE THAT ANY DISPUTE OR CLAIM IN LAW OR EQUITY ARISING BETWEEN THEM OUT OF THIS AGREEMENT, OR ANY RESULTING TRANSACTION, WHICH IS NOT SETTLED BY MEDIATION, SHALL BE DECIDED BY NEUTRAL, BINDING ARBITRATION. THE ARBITRATION SHALL BE UNDER THE RULES OF THE JUDICIAL ARBITRATION AND MEDIATION SERVICES (JAMS). THE ARBITRATOR SHALL BE AN IMPARTIAL RETIRED JUDGE OR JUSTICE, WITH AT LEAST 15 YEARS OF FULL TIME LAW EXPERIENCE, UNLESS THE PARTIES MUTUALLY AGREE TO A DIFFERENT ARBITRATOR, WHO SHALL RENDER AN AWARD WITH DETAILED REASONED FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SUBSTANTIVE CALIFORNIA LAW. IN ALL OTHER RESPECTS, THE ARBITRATION SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART III, TITLE 9 OF THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE. JUDGMENT UPON THE AWARD OF THE ARBITRATOR(S) MAY BE ENTERED IN ANY COURT HAVING JURISDICTION. THE PARTIES SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO DISCOVERY IN ACCORDANCE WITH CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE

§1283.05. EXCEPT THAT EACH PARTY SHALL BE ENTITLED AS A MATTER OF RIGHT TO TAKE ONE DEPOSITION OF THE OTHER PARTY WITHOUT THE REQUIREMENT OR CONSENT OF THE ARBITRATOR. IN ANY CONTROVERSY OR DISPUTE REQUIRING LEGAL LITIGATION/ATTORNEYS, THE PREVAILING PARTY SHALL BE ENTITLED TO REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS.

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- 7.5. **Additional Work.** Consultant shall not be reimbursed for any expenses incurred for work performed outside the Scope of Services unless prior written approval is given by the District through a fully executed written amendment to this Agreement. Consultant shall not undertake any such work without prior written approval of the Project Administrator.
- 7.6. **District Satisfaction as Precondition to Payment.** Notwithstanding any other terms of this Agreement, no payments shall be made to Consultant until District is satisfied that the services are satisfactory.
- 7.7. **Right to Withhold Payments.** If Consultant fails to provide a deposit or promptly satisfy an indemnity obligation described in Section 12, District shall have the right to withhold payments under this Agreement to offset that amount.

8. OWNERSHIP OF WRITTEN PRODUCTS

All reports, documents or other written material, and all electronic files, including computer-aided design files, developed by Consultant in the performance of this Agreement (such written material and electronic files are collectively known as “written products”) shall be and remain the property of District without restriction or limitation upon its use or dissemination by District except as provided by law. Consultant may take and retain copies of such written products as desired, but no such written products shall be the subject of a copyright application by Consultant.

9. RELATIONSHIP OF PARTIES

- 9.1. **General.** Consultant shall be a wholly independent contractor to the District under this Agreement.
- 9.2. **No Agent Authority.** Consultant shall have no power to incur any debt, obligation, or liability on behalf of District or to otherwise act on behalf of District as an agent. Neither District nor any of its agents shall have control over the conduct of Consultant or any of Consultant’s employees, except as set forth in this Agreement. Consultant

shall not represent in any manner that it is, or that any of its agents or employees are, employees of District.

- 9.3. **Independent Contractor Status.** Under no circumstances shall Consultant or its employees look to the District as an employer. Consultant shall not be entitled to any benefits. District makes no representation as to the effect of this independent contractor relationship on Consultant's previously earned California Public Employees Retirement System ("CalPERS") retirement benefits, if any, and Consultant specifically assumes the responsibility for making such a determination. Consultant shall be responsible for all reports and obligations including, but not limited to: social security taxes, income tax withholding, unemployment insurance, disability insurance, and workers' compensation, and other applicable federal and state taxes.
- 9.4. **Indemnification of CalPERS Determination.** If Consultant or any employee, agent, or subcontractor of Consultant providing services under this Agreement claims or is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction or CalPERS to be eligible for enrollment in CalPERS as an employee of the District, Consultant shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless District for the payment of any employee and/or employer contributions for CalPERS benefits on behalf of Consultant or its employees, agents, or subcontractors, as well as for the payment of any penalties and interest on such contributions, which would otherwise be the responsibility of District.

10. INDEMNIFICATION

- 10.1. **Definitions.** For purposes of this Section, "Consultant" shall include Consultant, its officers, employees, servants, agents, or subcontractors, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by either Consultant or its subcontractors, in the performance of this Agreement. "District" shall include District, its officers, agents, employees and volunteers.
- 10.2. **Consultant to Indemnify District.** To the fullest extent permitted by law, Consultant shall indemnify, hold harmless, and defend District from and against all claims, losses, costs or expenses for any personal injury or property damage arising out of or in connection with Consultant's alleged negligence, recklessness or willful misconduct or other wrongful acts, errors or omissions of Consultant or failure to comply with any provision in this Agreement.
- 10.3. **Scope of Indemnity.** Personal injury shall include injury or damage due to death or injury to any person, whether physical, emotional, consequential or otherwise. Property damage shall include injury to any personal or real property. Consultant shall not be required to indemnify District for such loss or damage as is caused by the sole active negligence or willful misconduct of the District.

- 10.4. **Attorney Fees.** Such costs and expenses shall include reasonable attorney' fees for counsel of District's choice, expert fees, and all other costs and fees of litigation. Consultant shall not be entitled to any refund of attorney' fees, defense costs, or expenses if it is adjudicated to have been non-negligent.
- 10.5. **Defense Deposit.** The District may request a deposit for defense costs from Consultant with respect to a claim. If the District requests a defense deposit, Consultant shall provide it within 15 days of the request.
- 10.6. **Waiver of Statutory Immunity.** The obligations of Consultant under this Section are not limited by the provisions of any workers' compensation act or similar act. Consultant expressly waives its statutory immunity under such statutes or laws as to District.
- 10.7. **Indemnification by Subcontractors.** Consultant agrees to obtain executed indemnity agreements with provisions identical to those set forth here in this Section from every subcontractor or any other person or entity involved in the performance of this Agreement on Consultant's behalf.
- 10.8. **Insurance Not a Substitute.** District does not waive any indemnity rights by accepting any insurance policy or certificate required pursuant to this Agreement. Consultant's indemnification obligations apply whether or not any insurance policies are determined to be applicable to the claim, demand, damage, liability, loss, cost or expense.

11. INSURANCE

- 11.1. **Insurance Required.** Consultant shall maintain insurance as described in this Section and shall require its subcontractors, consultants, and other agents to do the same. Approval of the insurance by the District shall not relieve or decrease any liability of Consultant. Any requirement for insurance to be maintained after completion of the work shall survive this Agreement.
- 11.2. **Documentation of Insurance.** District will not execute this Agreement until it has received a complete set of all required documentation of insurance coverage. However, failure to obtain the required documents prior to the work beginning shall not waive the Consultant's obligation to provide them. Consultant shall file with District:
- Certificate of Insurance, indicating companies acceptable to District, with a Best's Rating of no less than A:VII showing. The Certificate of Insurance must include the following reference: Nevada Cemetery Accounting Consulting Services
 - Documentation of Best's rating acceptable to the District.
 - Original endorsements effecting coverage for all policies required by this Agreement.

- Complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements affecting the coverage.

11.3. **Coverage Amounts.** Insurance coverage shall be at least in the following minimum amounts:

- Professional Liability Insurance: \$1,000,000 per occurrence,
\$2,000,000 aggregate
- General Liability:
 - General Aggregate: \$2,000,000
 - Products Comp/Op Aggregate \$2,000,000
 - Personal & Advertising Injury \$1,000,000
 - Each Occurrence \$1,000,000
 - Fire Damage (any one fire) \$ 50,000
 - Medical Expense (any 1 person) \$ 5,000
- Workers' Compensation:
 - Workers' Compensation Statutory Limits
 - EL Each Accident \$1,000,000
 - EL Disease - Policy Limit \$1,000,000
 - EL Disease - Each Employee \$1,000,000
- Automobile Liability
 - Any vehicle, combined single limit \$1,000,000

Any available insurance proceeds broader than or in excess of the specified minimum insurance coverage requirements or limits shall be available to the additional insured. Furthermore, the requirements for coverage and limits shall be the greater of (1) the minimum coverage and limits specified in this Agreement, or (2) the broader coverage and maximum limits of coverage of any insurance policy or proceeds available to the named insured.

11.4. **General Liability Insurance.** Commercial General Liability Insurance shall be no less broad than ISO form CG 00 01. Coverage must be on a standard Occurrence form. Claims-Made, modified, limited or restricted Occurrence forms are not acceptable.

11.5. **Worker's Compensation Insurance.** Consultant is aware of the provisions of Section 3700 of the Labor Code which requires every employer to carry Workers' Compensation (or to undertake equivalent self-insurance), and Consultant will comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of the work of this Agreement. If such insurance is underwritten by any agency other than the State Compensation Fund, such agency shall be a company authorized to do business in the

State of California. If Consultant is an individual and has no employees, the Project Administrator may accept an affirmation of that fact in lieu of proof of workers compensation insurance.

- 11.6. **Automobile Liability Insurance.** Covered vehicles shall include owned, if any, non-owned, and hired automobiles and trucks.
- 11.7. **Professional Liability Insurance or Errors & Omissions Coverage.** The deductible or self-insured retention may not exceed \$50,000. If the insurance is on a Claims-Made basis, the retroactive date shall be no later than the commencement of the work. Coverage shall be continued for two years after the completion of the work by one of the following: (1) renewal of the existing policy; (2) an extended reporting period endorsement; or (3) replacement insurance with a retroactive date no later than the commencement of the work under this Agreement.

The Project Administrator may, in his or her sole discretion, waive the requirement for Professional Liability Insurance by initialing here:

Initials: _____

Name: _____

- 11.8. **Claims-Made Policies.** If any of the required policies provide coverage on a claims-made basis, the Retroactive Date must be shown and must be before the date of this Agreement or the beginning of work under this Agreement. Claims-Made Insurance must be maintained, and evidence of insurance must be provided for at least five (5) years after completion of work under this Agreement. If coverage is canceled or non-renewed, and not replaced with another claims-made policy form with a Retroactive Date prior to the effective date of this Agreement, the Consultant must purchase “extended reporting” coverage for a minimum of five (5) years after completion of work under this Agreement.
- 11.9. **Additional Insured Endorsements.** The District, its Council, Commissions, officers, and employees must be endorsed as additional insureds for each policy required herein, other than Professional Errors and Omissions and Worker’s Compensation, for liability arising out of ongoing and completed operations by or on behalf of the Consultant. Consultant’s insurance policies shall be primary as respects any claims related to or as the result of the Consultant’s work. Any insurance, pooled coverage or self-insurance maintained by the District, its elected or appointed officials, officers, agents, employees, volunteers, or consultants shall be non-contributory. All endorsements shall be signed by a person authorized by the insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. General liability coverage can be provided using an endorsement to the Consultant’s insurance at least as broad as ISO Form CG 20 10 11 85 or both CG 20 10 and CG 20 37.

- 11.10. **Failure to Maintain Coverage.** In the event any policy is canceled prior to the completion of work under this Agreement and the Consultant does not furnish a new certificate of insurance prior to cancellation, District has the right, but not the duty, to obtain the required insurance and deduct the premium(s) from any amounts due the Consultant under this Agreement. Failure of the Consultant to maintain the insurance required by this Agreement, or to comply with any of the requirements of this Section, shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement.
- 11.11. **Notices.** Consultant shall provide immediate written notice if (1) any of the required insurance policies is terminated; (2) the limits of any of the required policies are reduced; (3) or the deductible or self-insured retention is increased. Consultant shall provide no less than 30 days' notice of any cancellation or material change to policies required by this Agreement. Consultant shall provide proof that cancelled or expired policies of insurance have been renewed or replaced with other policies providing at least the same coverage. Such proof will be furnished at least two weeks before expiration of the coverages. The name and address for Additional Insured Endorsements, Certificates of Insurance and Notices of Cancellation is: Nevada Cemetery District, Attn: General Manager, 10523 Willow Valley Road, Nevada City, CA 95959.
- 11.12. **Consultant's Insurance Primary.** The insurance provided by Consultant, including all endorsements, shall be primary to any coverage available to District. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by District and/or its officers, employees, agents or volunteers, shall be in excess of Consultant's insurance and shall not contribute with it.
- 11.13. **Waiver of Subrogation.** Consultant hereby waives all rights of subrogation against the District. Consultant shall additionally waive such rights either by endorsement to each policy or provide proof of such waiver in the policy itself.
- 11.14. **Report of Claims to District.** Consultant shall report to the District, in addition to the Consultant's insurer, all insurance claims submitted to Consultant's insurer in connection with the services under this Agreement.
- 11.15. **Premium Payments and Deductibles.** Consultant must disclose all deductibles and self-insured retention amounts to the District. The District may require the Consultant to provide proof of ability to pay losses and related investigations, claim administration, and defense expenses within retention amounts. Ultimately, District must approve all such amounts before execution of this Agreement.

District has no obligation to pay any premiums, assessments, or deductibles under any policy required in this Agreement. Consultant shall be responsible for all premiums and deductibles in all of Consultant's insurance policies.

11.16. **Duty to Defend and Indemnify.** Consultant's duties to defend and indemnify District under this Agreement shall not be limited by the foregoing insurance requirements and shall survive the expiration of this Agreement or its early termination.

12. MUTUAL COOPERATION

12.1. **District Cooperation in Performance.** District shall provide Consultant with all pertinent data, documents and other requested information as are reasonably available for the proper performance of Consultant's services under this Agreement.

12.2. **Consultant Cooperation in Defense of Claims.** If any claim or action is brought against District relating to Consultant's performance in connection with this Agreement, Consultant shall render any reasonable assistance that District may require in the defense of that claim or action.

13. NOTICES

Any notices, bills, invoices, or reports required by this Agreement shall be deemed received on: (i) the day of delivery if delivered by hand, facsimile or overnight courier service during Consultant's and District's regular business hours; or (ii) on the third business day following deposit in the United States mail if delivered by mail, postage prepaid, to the addresses listed below (or to such other addresses as the parties may, from time to time, designate in writing).

If to District:

General Manager
Nevada Cemetery District
PO Box 2400
10523 Willow Valley Rd
Nevada City, CA 95959-2400
Telephone: (530) 265-3461
Email:

If to Consultant:

Catrina Olson
125 E Main St
Grass Valley, CA 95945
Telephone: 530-274-4302
Facsimile: 530-274-4399
Email:

With courtesy copy to:

Michael G. Colantuono, Esq.
See comments 17.3 below;
Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC
420 Sierra College Drive, Suite 140
Grass Valley, CA 95945
Telephone: (530) 432-7357
Facsimile: (530) 432-7356
Email:

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14. SURVIVING COVENANTS

The parties agree that the covenants contained in Section 6.11 (Records), Section 11.4 (Indemnification of CalPERS Determination), Section 12 (Indemnification), Section 13.8 (Claims-Made Policies), Section 14.2 (Consultant Cooperation in Defense of Claims), and Section 19.1 (Confidentiality) of this Agreement shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

15. TERMINATION

- 15.1. **District Termination.** District may terminate this Agreement for any reason on five calendar days' written notice to Consultant. Consultant agrees to cease all work under this Agreement on or before the effective date of any notice of termination. All District data, documents, objects, materials or other tangible things shall be returned to District upon the termination or expiration of this Agreement.
- 15.2. **Consultant or District Termination.** Notwithstanding Section 15.1., Consultant or District may terminate this Agreement for a material breach of this Agreement upon ~~30~~ 90 days' notice to allow District time to procure replacement services.
- 15.3. **Compensation Following Termination.** Upon termination, Consultant shall be paid based on the work satisfactorily performed at the time of termination. In no event shall Consultant be entitled to receive more than the amount that would be paid to Consultant for the full performance of the services required by this Agreement. The District shall have the benefit of such work as may have been completed up to the time of such termination.
- 15.4. **Remedies.** District retains all available legal and equitable remedies for Consultant's breach of this Agreement.

16. INTERPRETATION OF AGREEMENT

- 16.1. **Governing Law.** This Agreement shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California.
- 16.2. **Integration of Exhibits.** All documents referenced as exhibits in this Agreement are hereby incorporated into this Agreement. In the event of any material discrepancy between the provisions of this Agreement and its exhibits, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail. This instrument contains the entire Agreement between District and Consultant with respect to the transactions contemplated herein. No other prior oral or written agreements are binding upon the parties. Amendments hereto or deviations from this Agreement shall be effective and binding only if made in writing and executed by District and Consultant.

- 16.3. **Headings.** The headings and captions appearing at the commencement of the sections hereof, and in any paragraph thereof, are for convenience of reference to this Agreement. Should there be any conflict between such heading, and the section or paragraph thereof at the head of which it appears, the language of the section or paragraph shall govern in the construction of this Agreement.
- 16.4. **Pronouns.** Masculine or feminine pronouns shall be substituted for the neuter form and vice versa, and the plural shall be substituted for the singular form and vice versa, in any place or places herein in which the context requires such substitution(s).
- 16.5. **Severability.** If any term or provision of this Agreement or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall, to any extent, be invalid or unenforceable, then such term or provision shall be amended to, and solely to the extent necessary to, cure such invalidity or unenforceability, and shall be enforceable in its amended form. In such event, the remainder of this Agreement, or the application of such term or provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected, and each term and provision of this Agreement shall be valid and be enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- 16.6. **No Presumption Against Drafter.** Each party had an opportunity to consult with an attorney in reviewing and drafting this agreement. Any uncertainty or ambiguity shall not be construed for or against any party based on attribution of drafting to any party.

17. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 17.1. **Confidentiality.** All data, documents, discussion, or other information developed or received by Consultant for performance of this Agreement are deemed confidential and Consultant shall not disclose them without prior written consent by the Project Administrator. District shall grant such consent if disclosure is legally required. Consultant shall return all District data to District upon the termination or expiration of this Agreement.
- 17.2. **Conflicts of Interest.** Consultant maintains and warrants that it has not employed nor retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for Consultant, to solicit or secure this Agreement. Further, Consultant warrants that it has not paid, nor has it agreed to pay any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for Consultant, any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift or other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement. Consultant further agrees to file, or shall cause its employees or subcontractors to file, a Statement of Economic Interest under the Political Reform Act with the District's Filing Officer if required under state law in the performance of the services. For breach or violation of this warranty, District shall have the right to rescind this Agreement without liability. No District board member, officer, or employee of District, during the term of his or her service to District, shall have any direct interest in this Agreement, or obtain any present or anticipated material benefit arising from it.

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- 17.3. **Non-assignment.** Consultant shall not delegate, transfer, subcontract or assign its duties or rights hereunder, either in whole or in part, without District's prior written consent, and any attempt to do so shall be void and of no effect. District shall not be obligated or liable under this Agreement to any party other than Consultant.
- 17.4. **Binding on Successors.** This Agreement shall be binding on the successors and permitted assigns of the parties.
- 17.5. **No Third-Party Beneficiaries.** Except as expressly stated herein, there is no intended third-party beneficiary of any right or obligation assumed by the parties under this Agreement.
- 17.6. **Time of the Essence.** Time is of the essence for every provision of this Agreement.
- 17.7. **Non-Discrimination.** Consultant shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, sex (including pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical condition), creed, national origin, color, disability as defined by law, disabled veteran status, Vietnam veteran status, religion, age (40 and above), medical condition (cancer-related), marital status, ancestry, or sexual orientation or any other unlawful basis. Employment actions to which this provision applies shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; or in terms, conditions or privileges of employment, and selection for training. Consultant shall post this nondiscrimination clause in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment.
- 17.8. **Waiver.** No provision, covenant, or condition of this Agreement shall be deemed to have been waived by District or Consultant unless in writing signed by one authorized to bind the party asserted to have consented to the waiver. The waiver by District or Consultant of any breach of any provision, covenant, or condition of this Agreement shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any subsequent breach of the same or any other provision, covenant, or condition.
- 17.9. **Excused Failure to Perform.** Consultant shall not be liable for any failure to perform if Consultant presents acceptable evidence, in District's sole judgment, that such failure was due to causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of Consultant.
- 17.10. **Remedies Non-Exclusive.** Each right, power and remedy provided for herein or now or hereafter existing at law, in equity, by statute, or otherwise shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other right, power, or remedy provided for herein or now or hereafter existing at law, in equity, by statute, or otherwise. The exercise, the commencement of the exercise, or the forbearance from the exercise by either party of

any one or more of such rights, powers or remedies shall not preclude the simultaneous or later exercise by such party of any or all such other rights, powers or remedies.

- 17.11. **Attorneys' Fees.** If legal action shall be necessary to enforce any term, covenant or condition contained in this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to an award of reasonable and actual attorneys' fees and costs expended in the action.

We need to address Michael G. Colantuono as currently both parties General Counsel: How about both parties give consent to preparation of the agreement by Colantuono, and both appoint Colantuono as Arbitrator, under an Arbitration Clause?

Then the above sub-section (17.11.) needs to address each parties right and expense to hire independent attorneys for any Arbitration or review of this Agreement?

- 17.12. **Venue.** The venue for any litigation shall be Nevada County, California, and Consultant and District hereby consents to jurisdiction there for purposes of resolving any dispute or enforcing any obligation arising under this Agreement.

- 17.13. **Counterparts; Electronic Signatures.** This Agreement may be signed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall be deemed one and the same instrument. The parties acknowledge and agree that this Agreement may be executed by electronic signature, which shall be considered as an original signature for all purposes. Without limitation, "electronic signature" shall include faxed or emailed versions of an original signature, electronically scanned and transmitted versions (e.g., via pdf) of an original signature, or a digital signature.

[Signature Page Follows]

TO EFFECTUATE THIS AGREEMENT, the parties have caused their duly authorized representatives to execute this Agreement on the dates set forth below.

“District”
Nevada Cemetery District

“Consultant”
City of Grass Valley

By: _____
Signature

By: _____
Signature

Printed: _____

Printed: _____

Title: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

EXHIBIT A
SCOPE OF SERVICES

SCOPE OF WORK:

Nevada Cemetery District (NCD) is seeking support with the District's accounting functions. The City of Grass Valley (GV) has agreed to provide NCD with the necessary accounting services for the cost of time and materials at the rates listed below. The service period to begin February 1, 2023, through January 31, 2025. Two additional one-year service extensions based on performance. It is estimated the services to be provided will require on average 15-25 hours per month. Work performed will be logged and provided with a monthly invoice to NCD.

SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY:

- 1) GV Deputy Administrative Services Director @ \$95.95/hour
- 2) GV Senior Accountant @ \$60.44
- 3) GV Accounting Technician @ \$44.04

REQUIRE SERVICES – typical services include but are not limited to:

- 1) Perform Accounting Services
 - a) Processing payroll monthly including tax and benefits payments and reporting. CalPERS retirement payment and reporting.
 - b) Invoicing and recording of deposits.
 - c) Processing accounts payable.
 - d) Reconciling all cash accounts.
 - e) Provide monthly financial statements and monthly financial reports to the District Manager.
 - f) Update the financial system as needed to improve performance and to accommodate changing requirements.
 - g) Quarterly payroll tax reporting and sales tax reporting.
 - h) Other duties as necessary.

- 2) Prepare for and participate in NCD's Annual Audit
 - a) Assemble and prepare documents required the auditor.
 - b) Verify and, if necessary, reconcile revenues and expenses.
 - c) Reconcile year end expenses and bank statements.
 - d) Reconcile payroll taxes with reporting.
 - e) Update fixed asset inventory.
 - f) Provide support for updating depreciation schedule.
 - g) Prepare list of year-end accounts payable accrued expenses and deferred revenues.
 - h) Participate in audit field work and response to questions and requests from the auditor.
 - i) Complete other duties as necessary.

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3) Other Services

- a) Perform conversion of Quickbooks from the desktop version to the cloud version.
- b) Provide input into documentation of administrative procedures as they relate to financial system management.
- c) Work with Nevada County in providing all of the financial information into the FinPlus system timely.

The City of Grass Valley will agree to provide payment processing services for payroll and accounts payable for the flat rate of \$800 per month, upon NCD's request. If requested the cost to set the payment processing services will be charged at the time and materials rate.

