

**Eric S. Hill  
doing business as**

**Hilltop Tree Service**

**AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES #271-S1310**

**THIS AGREEMENT**, made and entered into by and between the County of El Dorado, a political subdivision of the State of California (hereinafter referred to as "County"), and Eric S. Hill, doing business as Hilltop Tree Service, a sole proprietorship duly qualified to conduct business in the State of California, whose principal place of business is 2561 Hoot Owl Ravine Road, Placerville, California 95667 (hereinafter referred to as "Contractor");

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, County has determined that it is necessary to obtain a Contractor to provide certified arborist services and reports, and tree and brush cutting services for matters of public safety;

**WHEREAS**, Contractor has represented to County that it is specially trained, experienced, expert, and competent to perform the special services required hereunder, and County has determined to rely upon such representations;

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of the parties hereto that such services be in conformity with all applicable state and local laws and ordinances applicable to the work, including compliance with prevailing wage rates and their payment in accordance with California Labor Code, Section 1775;

**WHEREAS**, County has determined that the provision of such services provided by Contractor are in the public's best interest, and authorized by El Dorado County Charter, Section 210(b)(6) and/or Government Code 31000;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, County and Contractor mutually agree as follows:

## **ARTICLE I**

**Scope of Services:** Contractor agrees to furnish personnel, equipment, supplies and services necessary to provide certified arborist services and reports, tree and brush cutting and removal services for matters of public safety. Services shall include, but not be limited to, consulting on proper tree and plant care; tree and plant maintenance services such as pruning, planting, cabling, fertilizing, insect and disease control, and mistletoe removal; tree and stump removal services; and chipping and disposal of branches and limbs.

For each non-emergency work assignment, Contractor will provide a written quote to the requesting department. Upon receipt and approval of each quote, the requesting department will issue a separate written Work Order to Contractor for each non-emergency work assignment identifying the specific site where the work will be performed; a description of the work; any required deliverables, including reports or other documents to be supplied in connection with the work assignment; a specific date by which the work shall be completed and a not-to-exceed cost to complete the work. Contractor shall not commence work until receiving the written Work Order. No payment will be made for any non-emergency work performed prior to the issuance of the written Work Order.

For services to be performed on an emergency basis, as determined by the requesting department, authorization to perform the work necessary to ensure that property is protected may occur through verbal or email communication to Contractor. Any verbal or email authorization to perform emergency services under this Agreement will be confirmed to Contractor by a written Work Order issued by the requesting department within seventy-two (72) hours of the verbal or email authorization. Contractor shall respond on-site to all requests for emergency services within six (6) hours of the verbal or email service request.

## **ARTICLE II**

**Term:** This Agreement shall become effective on November 9, 2012 and shall expire on November 8, 2015.

## **ARTICLE III**

**Compensation for Services:** For services provided herein, including any deliverables or reports that may be identified in the individual Work Orders issued pursuant to this Agreement, County agrees to pay Contractor upon the satisfactory completion and acceptance of each work assignment monthly in arrears. Payment shall be made within thirty (30) days following County receipt and approval of itemized invoices detailing the services rendered.

For the purposes hereof, the billing rates shall be in accordance with Exhibit A, marked "Fee Schedule," incorporated herein and made by reference a part hereof.

The total amount of this Agreement shall not exceed \$45,000, inclusive of all Work Orders, costs and expenses.

Itemized invoices shall follow the format specified by County and shall reference this Agreement number and the County-supplied Work Order number both on their faces and on any enclosures or backup documentation.

Copies of documentation attached to invoices shall reflect Contractor's charges for the specific services billed on those invoices. Contractor shall bill County for only one (1) Work Order per invoice. Invoices shall be mailed to County department requesting Contractor's service.

In the event that Contractor fails to deliver the documents or other deliverables required by the individual Work Orders issued pursuant to this Agreement, County at its sole option may delay the monthly payment for the period of time of the delay, cease all payments until such time as the deliverables are received, or proceed as set forth herein below in Article XVII, Default, Termination, and Cancellation.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

**Prevailing Wage:** County requires Contractor's services on public works project(s) involving local and state funds to which prevailing wage requirements may apply. As a consequence, Contractor shall comply with all applicable state prevailing wage rates, statutes, rules and regulations then in effect. Contractor shall use the general prevailing wage rates determined by the Director of Industrial Relations for the county in which the work is to be done, which are available at the Construction Unit office of the County Department of Transportation. Changes, if any, to the general prevailing wage rates will be available at the same location.

Future effective general prevailing wage rates which have been predetermined and are on file with the California Department of Industrial Relations are referenced but not printed in the general prevailing wage rates.

Contractor shall comply with all applicable wage requirements, as set forth in Labor Code Sections 1770 et seq., 1773.2, 1775, 1776, 1810 and 1813. In accordance with the provisions of Labor Code Section 1810, eight (8) hours of labor shall constitute a legal day's work upon all work done hereunder, and Contractor and any subcontractor authorized under this Contract shall also conform to and be bound by the provisions of Labor Code Sections 1810 through 1815.

## **ARTICLE V**

**Certified Payroll:** As required under the provisions of Labor Code Section 1776, Contractor and its subcontractors, if any are authorized herein, shall keep accurate payroll records. A certified copy of all payroll records shall be available for inspection at all reasonable hours at the principal office of Contractor.

## **ARTICLE VI**

**Records Examination and Audit Requirements:** Contractor and its subcontractors, if any are authorized hereunder, shall maintain all books, documents, papers, accounting records, and other evidence pertaining to the performance of the Contract, including but not limited to, the costs of administering the various aspects of the Contract. In accordance with Government Code Section 8546.7, all of the above-referenced parties shall make such materials available at their respective offices at all reasonable times during the contract period and for three (3) years from the date that final payment by County and all other pending matters are closed. Representatives of County, the State Auditor, and any duly authorized representative of other government agencies shall have access to any books, documents, papers and records that are pertinent to the Contract for audit, examination, excerpts, and transactions and copies thereof shall be furnished upon request.

## **ARTICLE VII**

**Payment of all Federal, State or City Taxes:** Any federal, state or city tax payable on the articles furnished by Contractor under this Agreement shall be included in rates quoted herein and shall be paid by Contractor.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

**Compliance with all Applicable Laws:** Contractor shall conform to and abide by all federal, state and local building, labor, environmental and safety laws, ordinances, rules and regulations. All work and materials shall be in full accordance with the latest rules and regulations of the State Fire Marshal, safety orders of the Division of Industrial Safety, California Electrical Code, California Building Code, California Plumbing Code, and any and all other applicable laws and regulations. Nothing in this Agreement, including but not limited to, any directions, plans or specifications provided to Contractor, is to be construed to permit work not conforming to these codes.

## **ARTICLE IX**

**Reporting Accidents:** Contractor shall prepare and submit to County (within 24 hours of such incidents) reports of accidents at the site and anywhere else work under this Agreement is in progress in which bodily injury is sustained or property loss in excess of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) occurs.

**ARTICLE X**

**Workers' Compensation:** Contractor shall comply with Labor Code Sections 3700 et seq., requiring it to obtain Workers' Compensation Insurance, and sign a certificate of knowledge thereof.

**CERTIFICATE OF KNOWLEDGE - LABOR CODE SECTION 3700**

I am aware of the provisions of Section 3700 of the Labor Code which require every employer to be insured against liability for workers' compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions of that Code, and I will comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of the work of this Contract.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

**ARTICLE XI**

**Changes to Agreement:** This Agreement may be amended by mutual consent of the parties hereto. Said amendments shall become effective only when in writing and fully executed by duly authorized officers of the parties hereto.

**ARTICLE XII**

**Contractor to County:** It is understood that the services provided under this Agreement shall be prepared in and with cooperation from County and its staff. It is further agreed that in all matters pertaining to this Agreement, Contractor shall act as Contractor only to County and shall not act as Contractor to any other individual or entity affected by this Agreement nor provide information in any manner to any party outside of this Agreement that would conflict with Contractor's responsibilities to County during the term hereof.

**ARTICLE XIII**

**Confidentiality:** Contractor shall maintain the confidentiality and privileged nature of all records, including billing records, together with any knowledge therein acquired, in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations, as they may now exist or may hereafter be amended or changed. Contractor, and all Contractor's staff, employees, and representatives, shall not use or disclose, directly or indirectly at any time, any said confidential information, other than to County's Department of Transportation for the purpose of, and in the performance of, this Agreement. This confidentiality provision shall survive after the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE XIV**

**Assignment and Delegation:** Contractor is engaged by County for its unique qualifications and skills as well as those of its personnel. Contractor shall not subcontract, delegate or assign services to be provided, in whole or in part, to any other person or entity without prior written consent of County.

#### **ARTICLE XV**

**Independent Contractor/Liability:** Contractor is, and shall be at all times, deemed independent and shall be wholly responsible for the manner in which it performs services required by the terms of this Agreement. Contractor exclusively assumes responsibility for acts of its employees, associates, and subcontractors, if any are authorized herein, as they relate to services to be provided under this Agreement during the course and scope of their employment.

Contractor shall be responsible for performing the work under this Agreement in a safe, professional, skillful, and workmanlike manner and shall be liable for its own negligence and negligent acts of its employees. County shall have no right of control over the manner in which work is to be done and shall, therefore, not be charged with responsibility of preventing risk to Contractor or its employees.

#### **ARTICLE XVI**

**Fiscal Considerations:** The parties to this Agreement recognize and acknowledge that County is a political subdivision of the State of California. As such, County is subject to the provisions of Article XVI, Section 18 of the California Constitution and other similar fiscal and procurement laws and regulations and may not expend funds for products, equipment, or services not budgeted in a given year. It is further understood that in the normal course of County business, County will adopt a proposed budget prior to a given fiscal year, but that the final adoption of a budget does not occur until after the beginning of the fiscal year.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, County shall give notice of cancellation of this Agreement in the event of adoption of a proposed budget that does not provide for funds for the services, products or equipment subject herein. Such notice shall become effective upon the adoption of a final budget, which does not provide funding for this Agreement. Upon the effective date of such notice, this Agreement shall be automatically terminated and County released from any further liability hereunder.

In addition to the above, should the Board of Supervisors during the course of a given year for financial reasons reduce or order a reduction in the budget for any County department for which services were contracted to be performed, pursuant to this paragraph in the sole discretion of County, this Agreement may be deemed to be canceled in its entirety subject to payment for services performed prior to cancellation.

## **ARTICLE XVII**

### **Default, Termination, and Cancellation:**

- A. **Default:** Upon the occurrence of any default of the provisions of this Agreement, a party shall give written notice of said default to the party in default (notice). If the party in default does not cure the default within ten (10) days of the date of notice (Time to Cure), then such party shall be in default. The Time to Cure may be extended at the discretion of the party giving notice. Any extension of Time to Cure must be in writing, prepared by the party in default for signature by the party giving notice, and must specify the reason(s) for the extension and the date in which the extension of Time to Cure expires.

Notice given under this section shall specify the alleged default and the applicable Agreement provision and shall demand that the party in default perform the provisions of this Agreement within the applicable period of time. No such notice shall be deemed a termination of this Agreement unless the party giving notice so elects in this notice, or the party giving notice so elects in a subsequent written notice after the Time to Cure has expired.

- B. **Bankruptcy:** This Agreement, at the option of County, shall be terminable in the case of bankruptcy, voluntary or involuntary, or insolvency of Contractor.
- C. **Ceasing Performance:** County may terminate this Agreement in the event Contractor ceases to operate as a business, or otherwise becomes unable to substantially perform any term or condition of this Agreement.
- D. **Termination or Cancellation without Cause:** County may terminate this Agreement or any individual Work Orders issued pursuant to this Agreement in whole or in part upon seven (7) calendar days' written notice by County for any reason. If such prior termination is effected, County will pay for satisfactory services rendered prior to the effective dates, as set forth in the Notice of Termination provided to Contractor, and for such other services which County may agree to in writing as necessary for contract resolution. In no event, however, shall County be obligated to pay more than the not-to-exceed amount of the Work Order or the total amount of the contract, as applicable. Upon receipt of a Notice of Termination, Contractor shall promptly discontinue all services affected, as of the effective date of termination set forth in such Notice of Termination, unless the Notice directs otherwise. In the event of termination for default, County reserves the right to take over and complete the work by contract or by any other means.

**ARTICLE XVIII**

**Notice to Parties:** All notices to be given by the parties hereto shall be in writing and served by depositing same in the United States Post Office, postage prepaid and return receipt requested. Notices to County shall be addressed as follows:

County of El Dorado  
Chief Administrative Office  
Procurement & Contracts  
360 Fair Lane  
Placerville, California 95667  
Attn: Linda Silacci-Smith, Sr. Department Analyst

or to such other location as County directs.

Notices to Contractor shall be addressed as follows:

Eric S. Hill dba  
Hilltop Tree Service  
2561 Hoot Owl Ravine Road  
Placerville, CA 95667

Attn.: Eric S. Hill, Owner

or to such other location as Contractor directs.

**ARTICLE XIX**

**Indemnity:** Contractor shall defend, indemnify, and hold County and its officers, agents, employees and representatives harmless against and from any and all claims, suits, losses, damages, and liability for damages of every name, kind, and description, including attorneys' fees and costs incurred, brought for, or on account of, injuries to, or death of, any person, including but not limited to workers, County employees, and the public, or damage to property, or any economic or consequential losses, which are claimed to, or in any way arise out of, or are connected with Contractor's services, operations or performance hereunder, regardless of the existence or degree of fault or negligence on the part of County, Contractor, subcontractor(s) and employee(s) of any of these, except for the sole, or active negligence of County, its officers, agents, employees and representatives, or as expressly provided by statute. This duty of Contractor to indemnify and save County harmless includes the duties to defend set forth in California Civil Code Section 2778.

**ARTICLE XX**

**Insurance:** Contractor shall provide proof of a policy of insurance satisfactory to County's Risk Management Division and documentation evidencing that Contractor maintains insurance that meets the following requirements:



- A. Full Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability Insurance covering all employees of Contractor as required by law in the State of California.
- B. Commercial General Liability Insurance of not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage, including but not limited to endorsements for the following coverage: premises, personal injury, operations, products and completed operations, blanket contractual, and independent contractors' liability.
- C. Automobile Liability Insurance of not less than \$1,000,000 is required in the event motor vehicles are used by Contractor in performance of the Agreement.
- D. In the event Contractor is a licensed professional and is performing professional services under this Agreement, Professional Liability Insurance is required with a limit of liability of not less than \$1,000,000.
- E. Contractor shall furnish a certificate of insurance satisfactory to County's Risk Management Division as evidence that the insurance required above is being maintained.
- F. The insurance will be issued by an insurance company acceptable to County's Risk Management Division, or be provided through partial or total self-insurance likewise acceptable to the Risk Management Division.
- G. Contractor agrees that the insurance required herein shall be in effect at all times during the term of this Agreement, inclusive of the guarantee/warranty period specified hereinbelow. In the event said insurance coverage expires at any time or times during the term of this contract, Contractor shall immediately provide a new certificate of insurance as evidence of the required insurance coverage. In the event Contractor fails to keep in effect at all times insurance coverage as herein provided, County may, in addition to any other remedies it may have, terminate this contract upon the occurrence of such event. New certificates of insurance are subject to the approval of County's Risk Management Division, and Contractor agrees that no work or services shall be performed prior to the giving of such approval.
- H. The certificate of insurance must include the following provisions stating that:
  - 1. The insurer will not cancel the insured's coverage without 30-day prior written notice to County; and
  - 2. The County of El Dorado, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers are included as additional insured, but only insofar as the operations under this Agreement are concerned. This provision shall apply to all general and excess liability insurance policies.

- I. Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects County, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by County, its officers, officials, employees, or volunteers shall be in excess of Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute with it.
- J. Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to, and approved, by County. At the option of County, either: The insurer shall reduce or eliminate such deductibles or self-insured retentions as respects County, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers; or Contractor shall procure a bond guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigations, claim administration, and defense expenses.
- K. Any failure to comply with the reporting provisions of the policies shall not affect coverage provided to County, its officers, officials, employees or volunteers.
- L. The insurance companies shall have no recourse against the County of El Dorado, its officers and employees or any of them for payment of any premiums or assessments under any policy issued by any insurance company.
- M. Contractor's obligations shall not be limited by the foregoing insurance requirements and shall survive the expiration of this Agreement.
- N. In the event Contractor cannot provide an occurrence policy, Contractor shall provide insurance covering claims made as a result of performance of this Agreement for not less than three (3) years following completion of performance of this Agreement.
- O. The certificate of insurance shall meet such additional standards as may be determined by the contracting County department, either independently or in consultation with County's Risk Management Division as essential for protection of County.

## **ARTICLE XXI**

**Licenses:** Contractor warrants and represents that it holds a valid California license pursuant to the Contractors' State License Law (Business and Professions Code Sections 7000, et seq.), that its license is in good standing and that it possesses a C61 Limited Specialty/Class D49 Contractor License as required by the categories and types of work to be performed under this Agreement. Copies of Contractor's State Contractors' license(s) must be provided with this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE XXII**

**Business License:** County's Business License Ordinance provides that it is unlawful for any person to furnish supplies or services, or transact any kind of business in the unincorporated territory of El Dorado County without possessing a County business

license unless exempt under County Ordinance Code Section 5.08.070. Contractor warrants and represents that it shall comply with all of the requirements of County's Business License Ordinance, where applicable, prior to beginning work under this Agreement and at all times during the term of this Agreement.

### **ARTICLE XXIII**

**Environmental and Toxic Warranty:** Contractor warrants that its operations concerning the services and materials provided under this Agreement are not and will not be in violation of any applicable environmental federal, state, or local statute, law, or regulation dealing with hazardous materials substances or toxic substances.

### **ARTICLE XXIV**

#### **Guarantees:**

- A. Contractor shall guarantee all materials, parts and equipment furnished and work performed for a period of one (1) year. Contractor warrants and guarantees for a period of one (1) year from the date of invoice that the work is free from all defects due to faulty materials or workmanship and Contractor shall promptly make such corrections as may be necessary, including repairs of any damage to other parts of the work resulting from such defects. County will give notice of observed defects with reasonable promptness.

In the event that Contractor should fail to make such repairs, adjustments or other work that may be made necessary by such defects, County may do so and charge Contractor the cost thereby incurred.

- B. If a guaranty exceeding one (1) year is provided by the supplier or manufacturer of any parts or equipment used in the performance of services under this Agreement, then the guarantee for such materials shall be extended for such term. Contractor expressly agrees to act as co-guarantor of such parts, equipment and materials, and Contractor shall supply County with all warranty and guaranty documents relative to parts, equipment and materials incorporated in the services provided and guaranteed by its suppliers or manufacturers.
- C. Contractor warrants to County that materials, parts and equipment furnished under this Agreement will be of good quality and new, unless otherwise required or permitted by the Agreement, that the work performed will be free from defects or flaws and is of the highest quality of workmanship and that the services provided will conform with the requirements of the Agreement. Work not conforming to these requirements, including substitutions not properly approved and authorized, shall be considered defective.

#### **ARTICLE XXV**

**Interest of Public Official:** No official or employee of County who exercises any functions or responsibilities in review or approval of services to be provided by Contractor under this Agreement shall participate in or attempt to influence any decision relating to this Agreement which affects personal interest or the interest of any corporation, partnership, or association in which he/she is directly or indirectly interested; nor shall any such official or employee of County have any interest, direct or indirect, in this Agreement or the proceeds thereof.

#### **ARTICLE XXVI**

**Interest of Contractor:** Contractor covenants that Contractor presently has no personal interest or financial interest, and shall not acquire same in any manner or degree, in either: 1) any other contract connected with or directly affected by the services to be performed by this Agreement; or, 2) any other entities connected with or directly affected by the services to be performed by this Agreement. Contractor further covenants that in the performance of this Agreement no person having any such interest shall be employed by Contractor.

#### **ARTICLE XXVII**

**California Residency (Form 590):** All independent Contractors providing services to County must file a State of California Form 590, certifying their California residency or, in the case of a corporation, certifying that they have a permanent place of business in California. Contractor will be required to submit a Form 590 prior to execution of this Agreement, or County shall withhold seven (7) percent of each payment made to Contractor during the term of this Agreement. This requirement applies to any agreement/contract exceeding \$1,500.

#### **ARTICLE XXVIII**

**County Payee Data Record Form:** All independent contractors or corporations providing services to County who do not have a Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Form W-9 (Form W-9) on file with County must file a County Payee Data Record Form with County.

#### **ARTICLE XXIX**

**Resolution of Claims:** Contractor's attention is invited to Public Contract Code Sections 20104, et seq., for resolution of construction claims, and specifically Section 20104.2. Claims pertaining to this Contract shall be governed by the provisions of those sections.

**ARTICLE XXX**

**California Forum and Law:** Any dispute resolution action arising out of this Agreement, including, but not limited to, litigation, mediation, or arbitration, shall be brought in El Dorado County, California, and shall be resolved in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

**ARTICLE XXXI**

**Contract Administrator:** The County Officer or employee with responsibility for administering this Agreement is Linda Silacci-Smith, Sr. Department Analyst, Procurement & Contracts, or successor.

**ARTICLE XXXII**

**Authorized Signatures:** The parties to this Agreement represent that the undersigned individuals executing this Agreement on their respective behalf are fully authorized to do so by law or other appropriate instrument and to bind upon said parties the obligations set forth herein.


**ARTICLE XXXIII**

**Partial Invalidity:** If any provision of the Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions will continue in full force and effect without being impaired or invalidated in any way.

**ARTICLE XXXIV**

**Entire Agreement:** This document and the documents referred to herein or exhibits hereto are the entire Agreement between the parties, and they incorporate or supersede all prior written or oral agreements or understandings.

**Contract Administrator Concurrence:**

By:  Dated: 10/23/12  
Linda Silacci-Smith  
Sr. Department Analyst  
Procurement & Contracts

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the dates indicated below.

--COUNTY OF EL DORADO--

By: 

Terri Daly, Purchasing Agent  
Chief Administrative Office  
"County"

Dated: 11/5/12

--ERIC S. HILL--

dba

--HILLTOP TREE SERVICE--

By: 

Eric S. Hill, individually and doing  
business as Hilltop Tree Service  
"Contractor"

Dated: 10/24/12



**Eric S. Hill  
doing business as**

**Hilltop Tree Service**

**Exhibit A**

**Fee Schedule**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Regular Time Per Hour*</b> (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)	<b>Overtime Per Hour*</b> (Monday through Friday 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 a.m. and all day Saturday)	<b>Double Time Per Hour*</b> (County Recognized Holidays and all day Sunday)
Foreman	\$64.00	\$96.00	\$128.00
Climber	\$54.00	\$81.00	\$108.00
Groundman	\$48.00	\$72.00	\$96.00
Chipper	\$60.00	\$90.00	\$120.00
Dump Truck	\$85.00	\$127.50	\$170.00
Loader	\$135.00	\$202.50	\$270.00
Aerial Man Lift	\$135.00	\$202.50	\$270.00
Arborist Services	\$150.00	NA	NA

\*Rates include materials and supplies.