

Ascent Environmental, Inc.

FIFTH AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES #236-S1710

THIS FIFTH AMENDMENT to that Agreement for Services #236-S1710 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 Ascent Environmental, Inc., a corporation duly qualified to conduct business in the State of California, whose principal place of business is 455 Capitol Mall, Suite 300, Sacramento, California 95814 (hereinafter referred to as "Consultant");

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Consultant has been engaged by County to assist its Planning and Building Department by providing as-needed planning and environmental services for specific plan projects, development projects, and environmental planning services pursuant to Agreement for Services #236-S1710, dated October 6, 2016, First Amendment to Agreement for Services #236-S1710, dated April 25, 2017, Second Amendment to Agreement for Services #236-S1710, dated September 24, 2019, Third Amendment to Agreement for Services #236-S1710, dated June 30, 2020, and Fourth Amendment to Agreement for Services #236-S1710, dated December 7, 2021 incorporated herein and made by reference a part hereof (hereinafter referred to as "Agreement");

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to amend the Agreement to extend the expiration date of April 15, 2023 for three (3) additional years, amending **ARTICLE II, Term**;

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to amend the Agreement to update County's invoice recipient, amending **ARTICLE III, Compensation for Services**;

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to amend the Agreement to update County notices recipient, amending **ARTICLE XVI, Notice to Parties**;

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to amend the Agreement to update County's Contract Administrator, amending **ARTICLE XXX, Contract Administrator**;

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to fully replace specific Articles and add new Articles to include updated contract provisions;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual promises and covenants hereinafter contained, County and Consultant mutually agree to amend the terms of the Agreement in this Fifth Amendment to Agreement for Services #236-S1710 on the following terms and conditions:

- I. **ARTICLE II, Term, of the Agreement is amended in its entirety to read as follows:**

ARTICLE II

Term: This Agreement shall become effective when fully executed by the parties hereto and shall expire on April 15, 2026, as amended.

- II. **ARTICLE III, Compensation for Services, paragraph ten, of the Agreement is amended in its entirety to read as follows:**

ARTICLE III, paragraph ten,

Itemized invoices shall follow the format specified by County and shall reference this Agreement and the County-supplied Work Order number both on their faces and on any enclosures or backup documentation. Consultant shall attach copies of any progress reports required under the provisions of ARTICLE VI, Progress Reports, herein, that relate to the services being billed, as backup documentation to any invoices submitted for payment under the terms of this Agreement. Copies of documentation attached to invoices shall reflect Consultant's charges for the specific services billed on those invoices. Consultant shall bill County for only one (1) Work Order per invoice. Invoices shall be mailed to County at the following address:

County of El Dorado
Planning and Building Department
2850 Fairlane Court
Placerville, California 95667

Attn.: Patricia Soto
Administrative Technician

or to such other location as County directs.

- III. **ARTICLE XVI, Notice to Parties, of the Agreement is amended in its entirety to read as follows:**

ARTICLE XVI

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 in duplicate and addressed as follows:

To County:

County of El Dorado
Planning and Building Department
2850 Fairlane Court
Placerville, California 95667

Attn.: Rob Peters
Deputy Director of Planning

With a copy to:

County of El Dorado
Chief Administrative Office
330 Fair Lane
Placerville, California 95667

Attn.: Michele Weimer
Procurement and Contracts Manager

or to such other location as County directs.

Notices to Consultant shall be addressed as follows:

Ascent Environmental, Inc.
455 Capitol Mall, Suite 300
Sacramento, California 95814

Attn.: Patrick Angell, Principal

or to such other location as Consultant directs.

- IV. **ARTICLE XXX, Contract Administrator**, of the Agreement is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

ARTICLE XXX

Contract Administrator: The County Officer or employee with responsibility for administering the Agreement is Rob Peters, Deputy Director of Planning, Planning and Building Department, or successor.

- V. **The following Articles of the Agreement are fully replaced in their entirety to read as follows:**

ARTICLE XVIII

Indemnity: To the fullest extent permitted by law, Consultant shall defend at its own expense, indemnify, and hold the County harmless, its officers, employees, agents, and volunteers, against and from any and all liability, claims, suits, losses, damages, or expenses of every name, kind and description, including reasonable attorney's 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 the negligent acts or omissions of Consultant or its officers, agents, or employees in rendering the services, operations, or performance hereunder, except for liability, claims, suits, losses, damages or expenses arising from the negligence or willful acts of the County, its officers and employees, or as expressly prescribed by statute. This duty of Consultant to indemnify and save County harmless includes the duties to defend set forth in California Civil Code Section 2778.

The insurance obligations of Contractor are separate, independent obligations under the Agreement, and the provisions of this defense and indemnity are not intended to modify nor should they be construed as modifying or in any way limiting the insurance obligations set forth in the Agreement.

Nothing herein shall be construed to seek indemnity in excess of that permitted by Civil Code section 2782, et seq. In the event any portion of this Article is found invalid, the Parties agree that this Article shall survive and be interpreted consistent with the provisions of Civil Code section 2782, et seq.

ARTICLE XXII

Conflict of Interest: The parties to this Agreement have read and are aware of the provisions of Government Code section 1090 et seq. and the Political Reform Act of 1974 (section 87100 et seq.), relating to conflict of interest of public officers and employees. Individuals who are working for Contractor and performing work for County and who are considered to be consultant within the meaning of Title 2, California Code of Regulations, section 18700.3, as it now reads or may thereafter be amended, are required to file a statement of economic interest in accordance with County's Conflict of Interest Code. County's Contract Administrator shall at the time this Agreement is executed make an initial determination whether or not the individuals who will provide services or perform work pursuant to this Agreement are consultants within the meaning of the Political Reform Act and County's Conflict of Interest Code. Statements of economic interests are public records subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act.

Contractor covenants that during the term of this Agreement neither it, or any officer or employee of Contractor, has or shall acquire any interest, directly or indirectly, in any of the following:

1. Any other contract connected with, or directly affected by, the services to be performed by this Agreement.
2. Any other entities connected with, or directly affected by, the services to be performed by this Agreement.
3. Any officer or employee of County that are involved in this Agreement.

If Contractor becomes aware of a conflict of interest related to this Agreement, Contractor shall promptly notify County of the existence of that conflict, and County may, in its sole discretion, immediately terminate this Agreement by giving written notice of termination specified in ARTICLE XV, Default, Termination, or Cancellation.

Pursuant to Government Code section 84308 (SB 1439, the Levine Act), Contractor shall complete and sign the attached Exhibit C, marked "California Levine Act Statement," incorporated herein and made by reference a part hereof, regarding campaign contributions by Contractor, if any, to any officer of County.

VI. The following Articles of the Agreement are added to read as follows:

ARTICLE XXXVIII

Electronic Signatures: Each party agrees that the electronic signatures, whether digital or encrypted, of the parties included in this Agreement, are intended to authenticate this writing and to have the same force and effect as manual signatures. Electronic Signature means any electronic visual symbol or signature attached to or logically associated with a record and executed and adopted by a party with the intent to sign such record, including facsimile or email electronic signatures, pursuant to the California Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (Civil Code sections 1633.1 to 1633.17) as amended from time to time.

Except as herein amended, all other parts and sections of Agreement for Services #236-S1710 shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Fifth Amendment to Agreement for Services #236-S1710 on the dates indicated below.

--COUNTY OF EL DORADO--

By: Wendy Thomas Dated: 4/4/23
Board of Supervisors
"County"

Attest:
Kim Dawson
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Kyle Kuyper Dated: 4/4/23
Deputy Clerk

--ASCENT ENVIRONMENTAL, INC.--

By: Pat Angell Dated: 03/07/2023
Pat Angell (Mar 7, 2023 13:38 PST)
Patrick Angell
Principal
"Consultant"

Ascent Environmental, Inc.
Exhibit C
California Levine Act Statement

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California Government Code section 84308, commonly referred to as the "Levine Act," prohibits any officer of El Dorado County from participating in any action related to a contract if he or she receives any political contributions totaling more than two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) within the previous twelve (12) months, and for twelve (12) months following the date a final decision concerning the contract has been made, from the person or company awarded the contract. The Levine Act also requires disclose of such contribution by a party to be awarded a specific contract. An officer of El Dorado County includes the Board of Supervisors, and any elected official (collectively "Officer"). It is the Contractor's/Consultant's responsibility to confirm the appropriate "Officer" and name the individual(s) in their disclosure.

Have you or your company, or any agent on behalf of you or your company, made any political contributions of more than \$250 to an Officer of the County of El Dorado in the twelve months preceding the date of the submission of your proposals or the anticipated date of any Officer action related to this contract?

YES NO

If yes, please identify the Officer(s) by name:

Do you or your company, or any agency on behalf of you or your company, anticipate or plan to make any political contribution of more than \$250 to an Officer of the County of El Dorado in the twelve months following any Officer action related to this contract?

YES NO

If yes, please identify the Officer(s) by name:

Answering YES to either of the two questions above does not preclude the County of El Dorado from awarding a contract to your firm or any taking any subsequent action related to the contract. It does, however, preclude the identified Officer(s) from participating in any actions related to this contract.

03/07/2023
Date

Pat Angell
Pat Angell (MR 7, 2023 13 38 FST)
Signature of authorized individual

Ascent Environmental, Inc
Type or write name of company

Patrick Angell, Principal
Type or write name of authorized individual