

**Ascent Environmental, Inc.****SEVENTH AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES #236-S1710**

**THIS SEVENTH 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, Fourth Amendment to Agreement for Services #236-S1710, dated December 7, 2021, Fifth Amendment to Agreement for Services #236-S1710, dated April 4, 2023, and Sixth Amendment to Agreement for Services #236-S1710, dated February 27, 2024, 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, 2026, to December 31, 2026, amending **ARTICLE II, Term**;

**WHEREAS**, the parties hereto desire to amend the Agreement to increase the not-to-exceed compensation amount of the Agreement by \$300,000, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$2,500,000, amending **ARTICLE III, Compensation for Services, Paragraph 11**;

**WHEREAS**, the parties hereto desire to fully-replace a specific article and a section to an article, and to add specific articles, to include updated contract provisions, adding **Exhibit C-1, Updated California Levine Act Statement**, and adding **Exhibit D, Iran Contracting Act Verification Form**;

**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 Seventh 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 December 31, 2026, as amended.

**II. ARTICLE III, Compensation for Services, Paragraph 11 is amended in its entirety to read as follows:**

The total amount of this Agreement, as amended, shall not exceed \$2,500,000, inclusive of all Work Orders and amended Work Orders, all work of subconsultants, and all costs, taxes, and expenses. It is understood and agreed that there is no guarantee, either expressed or implied that this dollar amount will be authorized under this Agreement through Work Orders.

**III. The following Article of the Agreement is fully replaced in its entirety to read as follows:**

**ARTICLE XV**

**Default, Termination, and Cancellation:**

A. 1. Termination by Default: If either party becomes aware of an event of default, that party shall give written notice of said default to the party in default (notice) that shall state the following:

- a. The alleged default and the applicable Agreement provision, and
- b. That the party in default has ten (10) days upon receiving the notice to cure the default (Time to Cure).

If the party in default does not cure the default within ten (10) days of the Time to Cure, then such party shall be in default and the party giving notice may terminate the Agreement by issuing a Notice of Termination. The party giving notice may extend the Time to Cure at their discretion. 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.

2. If County terminates this Agreement, in whole or in part, for default:

- a. County reserves the right to procure the goods or services, or both, similar to those terminated, from other sources and Consultant shall be liable to County for any excess costs for those goods or services. County may deduct from any payment due, or that may thereafter become due to Consultant, the excess costs to procure from an alternate source.
- b. County shall pay Consultant the sum due to Consultant under this Agreement prior to termination, unless the cost of completion to County exceeds the funds remaining in the Agreement. In which case the overage shall be deducted from any sum due Consultant under this Agreement and the balance, if any, shall be paid to Consultant upon demand.

- c. County may require Consultant to transfer title and deliver to County any completed work under the Agreement.
- 3. The following shall be events of default under this Agreement:
  - a. Failure by either party to perform in a timely and satisfactory manner any or all of its obligations under this Agreement.
  - b. A representation or warranty made by Consultant in this Agreement proves to have been false or misleading in any respect.
  - c. Consultant fails to observe and perform any covenant, condition or agreement on its part to be observed or performed under this Agreement, unless County agrees, in writing, to an extension of the time to perform before that time period expires.
  - d. A violation of ARTICLE XXII, Conflict of Interest.
- B. Bankruptcy: County may terminate this Agreement immediately in the case of bankruptcy, voluntary or involuntary, or insolvency of Consultant.
- C. Ceasing Performance: County may terminate this Agreement immediately in the event Consultant 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 Work Order issued pursuant to this Agreement, in whole or in part, for convenience upon thirty (30) calendar days' written Notice of Termination. If such termination is effected, County will pay for satisfactory services rendered before the effective date of termination, as set forth in the Notice of Termination provided to Consultant, and for any other services that County agrees, in writing, to be necessary for contract resolution. In no event, however, shall County be obligated to pay more than the total amount of the Work Order or the total amount of the Agreement, as applicable. Upon receipt of a Notice of Termination, Consultant 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.

**IV. ARTICLE XIX, Insurance, Subsection B is fully replaced in its entirety to read as follows:**

- B. Commercial General Liability Insurance (providing scope of coverage equivalent to ISO policy form CG 00 01) of not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage and a \$2,000,000 aggregate limit. County, including, without limitation, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers shall be named as an additional insured on ISO form CG 2010 1185, or its equivalent.

- V. **ARTICLE XXII, Conflict of Interest**, last paragraph is replaced in its entirety to read as follows:

Pursuant to Government Code section 84308 (SB 1439, the Levine Act), Consultant shall complete and sign the attached Exhibit C, marked "California Levine Act Statement," and Exhibit C-1, marked "Updated California Levine Act Statement," both incorporated herein and made by reference a part hereof, regarding campaign contributions by Consultant, if any, to any officer of County.

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

**ARTICLE XXXIX**

**Records Examination and Audit Requirements:** Consultant and its subconsultants, if any are authorized hereunder, shall maintain all books, documents, papers, accounting records, and other evidence pertaining to the performance of the Agreement, including but not limited to, the costs of administering the various aspects of the Agreement. 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 Agreement 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 California 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 Agreement for audit, examination, excerpts, and transactions and copies thereof shall be furnished upon request.

**ARTICLE XL**

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

**ARTICLE XLI**

**Iran Contracting Act Certification:** As required by California Public Contract Code Sections 2202-2208, for Agreements that are over \$1,000,000, Consultant certifies its status regarding the Iran Contracting Act of 2010 and has duly executed Exhibit D, marked "Iran Contracting Act Verification Form," incorporated herein and made by reference a part hereof.

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 Seventh Amendment to Agreement for Services #236-S1710 on the dates indicated below.

**-- COUNTY OF EL DORADO --**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Board of Supervisors  
"County"

Attest:  
Kim Dawson  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk


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

**-- ASCENT ENVIRONMENTAL, INC. --**

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Gary Jakobs (Mar 25, 2025 10:18 PDT)

Dated: 03/25/2025

Gary D. Jakobs  
Chief Executive Officer  
"Consultant"

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Honey L Walters (Mar 25, 2025 14:16 PDT)

Dated: 03/25/2025

Honey L. Walters  
Corporate Secretary

# Ascent Environmental, Inc.

## Exhibit C-1

### Updated California Levine Act Statement

#### California Levine Act Statement

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 accepts, solicits, or directs any political contributions totaling more than two hundred and fifty dollars (\$500) 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 disclosure of such contribution by a party to be awarded a specific contract. An officer of El Dorado County includes the Board of Supervisors, any elected official, and the chief administrative officer (collectively "Officer"). It is the 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 contribution(s), or been solicited to make a contribution by an Officer or had an Officer direct you to make a contribution of more than \$500 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 person(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(s) of more than \$500 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 person(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.

03/25/2025

Date

Ascent

Type or write name of company

  
Gary Jakobs (Mar 25, 2025 10:18 PDT)

Signature of authorized individual

Gary Jakobs

Type or write name of authorized individual

# Ascent Environmental, Inc.

## Exhibit D

### IRAN CONTRACTING ACT CERTIFICATION

(Public Contract Code Section 2200 *et seq.*)


As required by California Public Contract Code Section 2204, I certify subject to penalty for perjury that: (i) I am duly authorized to execute this certification on behalf of Consultant; and (ii) the option checked below relating to Consultant's status in regard to the Iran Contracting Act of 2010 (Public Contract Code Section 2200 *et seq.*) is true and correct:

☒ Consultant is not:

(i) identified on the current list of persons and entities engaging in investment activities in Iran prepared by the California Department of General Services in accordance with subdivision (b) of Public Contract Code Section 2203; or

(ii) a financial institution that extends, for 45 days or more, credit in the amount of \$20,000,000 or more to any other person or entity identified on the current list of persons and entities engaging in investment activities in Iran prepared by the California Department of General Services in accordance with subdivision (b) of Public Contract Code Section 2203, if that person or entity uses or will use the credit to provide goods or services in the energy sector in Iran.

☐ County has exempted Consultant from the requirements of the Iran Contracting Act of 2010 after making a public finding that, absent the exemption, County will be unable to obtain the goods and/or services to be provided pursuant to the Agreement.

Signed   
Gary Jacobs (Mar 25, 2025 10:18 PDT)  
Titled President  
Firm Ascent  
Date 03/25/2025

Note: In accordance with Public Contract Code Section 2205, false certification of this form shall be reported to the California Attorney General and may result in civil penalties equal to the greater of \$250,000 or twice the Agreement amount, termination of the Agreement and/or ineligibility to bid on public contracts for three (3) years.