

Helix Environmental Planning, Inc.

THIRD AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES #2501

THIS THIRD AMENDMENT to that Agreement for Services #2501 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 Helix Environmental Planning, Inc., a corporation duly qualified to conduct business in the State of California, whose principal place of business is 7578 El Cajon Boulevard, La Mesa, California 91942 and whose local address is 11 Natoma Street, Suite 155, Folsom, California 95630 (hereinafter referred to as "Consultant");

R E C I T A L S

WHEREAS, Consultant has been engaged by County to provide landscape design services for the U.S. 50/Silva Parkway Interchange – Phase 1 Landscape Project for the Department of Transportation pursuant to Agreement for Services #2501, dated March 27, 2018, First Amendment to Agreement for Services #2501, dated May 23, 2019, and Second Amendment to Agreement for Services #2501, dated March 16, 2021, each incorporated herein and made by reference a part hereof (hereinafter referred to as "Agreement");

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to amend the Agreement to increase the not-to-exceed compensation amount of the Agreement by \$13,935, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$86,665.69, and to include an updated cost proposal for the work to be performed under this Agreement, amending **ARTICLE III, Compensation for Services**, and replacing **Amended Exhibit C** with **Amended Exhibit C-1**;

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to amend the Agreement to update County's notice address, amending **ARTICLE XVI, Notice to Parties**;

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to amend the Agreement to update article reference in the event of a change of address, amending **ARTICLE XVII, Change of Address**;

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to fully-replace specific Articles and add new Articles to include updated contract provisions and memorialize the independent contractor relationship created through this agreement;

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 Third Amendment to Agreement for Services #2501 on the following terms and conditions:

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

ARTICLE III

Compensation for Services: For services provided herein, including any deliverables that may be identified herein, County agrees to pay Consultant upon the satisfactory completion and County's acceptance of work, in arrears. Payment shall be made within forty-five (45) days following County's receipt and approval of itemized invoices identifying the services rendered.

For the purposes hereof, for the period beginning with the effective date of this Agreement and continuing until the day before the effective date of the Second Amendment to the Agreement, the billing rates shall be in accordance with Exhibit B, marked "Rate Schedule", incorporated herein and made by reference a part hereof.

For the period beginning with the effective date of the Second Amendment and continuing through the remaining term of the Agreement, the billing rates shall be in accordance with Amended Exhibit B, marked "Amended Rate Schedule", incorporated herein and made by reference a part hereof.

The total amount of this Agreement, as amended, shall not exceed \$86,665.69, inclusive of all costs, taxes, and expenses.

Other direct costs including special reproductions, delivery charges, and other outside services authorized herein, shall be invoiced at Consultant's cost, for the services rendered. Any invoices that include other direct costs shall be accompanied by backup documentation to substantiate Consultant's costs for the services being billed on those invoices.

Reimbursement for mileage expenses for Consultant and authorized subconsultant, if applicable, shall not exceed the rates to be paid to County employees under the current Board of Supervisors Travel Policy at the time the mileage expenses are incurred. There shall be no markups allowed on mileage rates for Consultant or subconsultant. All travel costs (i.e., overnight lodging, meals, airfare, and other per diem expenses) will not be reimbursed as a direct cost for any services performed under this Agreement by Consultant.

For the purposes of budgeting the items of work identified in Exhibit A, the maximum allowable billing amounts for each task are described in Amended Exhibit C-1, marked "Amended Cost Proposal," incorporated herein and made by reference a part hereof. The amounts indicated in Amended Exhibit C-1 represent the composition of the total not-to-exceed budget for the various tasks. In the performance of the scope of services to be provided under this Agreement, Consultant may request to reallocate the expenses listed in Amended Exhibit C-1 among the various Scope of Work tasks, Other Direct Costs and Mileage, and

subconsultant subject to County's Contract Administrator's prior written approval. In no event shall the total not-to-exceed amount of the Agreement be exceeded.

Itemized invoices shall follow the format specified by County and shall reference this Agreement number on their faces. 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. Invoices shall be mailed to County at the following address:

County of El Dorado
Department of Transportation
2441 Headington Road
Placerville, California 95667
Attn.: Stephanie Lisius

or to such other location as County directs.

In the event that Consultant fails to deliver, in the format specified, the deliverables and progress reports required by this Agreement, County at its sole option may delay the payment for the period of time of the delay, cease all payments until such time as the required deliverables or progress reports are received, or proceed as set forth below in ARTICLE XV, Default, Termination, and Cancellation, herein.

- II. **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
Department of Transportation
2441 Headington Road
Placerville, California 95667

Attn.: John Kahling, P.E.
Deputy Director, Engineering
Headington Engineering
Division

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:

Helix Environmental Planning, Inc.
7578 El Cajon Boulevard
La Mesa, California 91942

Attn.: Michael Schwerin, Chief Executive Officer

or to such other location as Consultant directs.

- III. ARTICLE XVII, Change of Address**, of the Agreement is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

ARTICLE XVII

Change of Address: In the event of a change in address for Consultant's principal place of business, Consultant's Agent for Service of Process, or Notices to Consultant, Consultant shall notify County in writing as provided in ARTICLE XVI, Notice to Parties. Said notice shall become part of this Agreement upon acknowledgment in writing by County's Contract Administrator, and no further amendment of the Agreement shall be necessary provided that such change of address does not conflict with any other provisions of this Agreement.

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

ARTICLE I

Scope of Work: Consultant is engaged in the business of doing the services and tasks required under this Agreement. Consultant agrees to furnish personnel, subconsultants, materials, and services necessary to provide landscape and revegetation design, including design plans, technical specifications, and cost estimates, obtain all jurisdictional permits for construction, and provide construction support for the U.S. 50/Silva Valley Interchange - Phase 1

Landscape Project (Project). Consultant shall perform the services and tasks required under this Agreement, including those services and tasks that are identified in Exhibit A, and those services and tasks that are reasonably necessary for the completion of the work identified in the Scope of Work.

Consultant shall perform the services and tasks required under this Agreement in a safe, professional, skillful, and workmanlike manner. Consultant is responsible for ensuring that its employees, as well as any subconsultant if applicable, perform the services and tasks required under this Agreement accordingly.

Unless otherwise indicated, receipt of this executed Agreement is Consultant's Notice to Proceed with the work specified herein. No payment will be made for any work performed prior to the effective date of the Agreement.

If a submittal or deliverable is required to be an electronic file, Consultant shall produce the file using Microsoft (MS) Office 2010 applications (specifically, MS Word, MS Project and MS Excel). Signed reports shall be submitted in Adobe portable document format (PDF). All deliverables shall be submitted in language, format and design that are compatible with and completely transferable to County's computer and that are acceptable to County's Contract Administrator. Newer versions of software may be used and other types of software used for analytical purposes may be authorized if approved in advance of the submittal by County's Contract Administrator. Consultant shall submit all deliverables to County's Contract Administrator. Failure to submit the required deliverables in the format required shall be grounds for termination of the Agreement, as provided in ARTICLE XV, Default, Termination, and Cancellation, herein.

All of the services included in this Article and Exhibit A are the responsibility of Consultant, unless specifically described as a task or item of work to be provided by County.

ARTICLE IX

Consultant 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 understood that this Agreement does not create an exclusive relationship between County and Consultant, and Consultant may perform similar work or services for others. However, Consultant shall not enter into any agreement with any other party, or provide any information in any manner to any other party, that would conflict with Consultant's responsibilities or hinder Consultant's performance of services hereunder, unless County's Contract Administrator, in writing, authorizes that agreement or sharing of information.

ARTICLE X

Confidentiality: Consultant 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. Consultant, and all Consultant's staff, employees, and representatives, including any subconsultants authorized herein, 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 XII

Independent Contractor: The parties intend that an independent contractor relationship will be created by this contract. Consultant 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. Consultant exclusively assumes responsibility for acts of its employees, agents, affiliates, and subconsultants, if any are authorized herein, as they relate to the services or work to be performed under this Agreement during the course and scope of their employment by Consultant. Those persons will be entirely and exclusively under the direction, supervision, and control of Consultant.

County may designate the tasks to be performed and the results to be accomplished under this Agreement, provide information concerning the work or services, approve or disapprove the final work product and/or services provided, and set deadlines for the completion of the work or services, but County will not control or direct the manner, means, methods, or sequence in which Consultant performs the work or services for accomplishing the results. Consultant understands and agrees that Consultant lacks the authority to bind County or incur any obligations on behalf of County.

Consultant, including any subconsultant or employees of Consultant, shall not receive, nor be eligible for, any benefits County provides for its employees, including, but not limited to, vacation pay, paid holidays, life insurance, health insurance, social security, disability insurance, pension, or 457 plans. Consultant shall not receive, nor be eligible for, workers' compensation, including medical and indemnity payments. County is not responsible for withholding, and shall not withhold, Federal Income Contribution Act amounts or taxes of any kind from any payments which it owes Consultant. Consultant shall not be subject to the work schedules or vacation periods that apply to County employees.

Consultant shall be solely responsible for paying its employees, and for withholding Federal Income Contribution Act amounts and other taxes, workers' compensation, unemployment compensation, medical insurance, life insurance, or any other benefit that Consultant provides for its employees.

Consultant acknowledges that it has no authority to bind the County or incur any obligations on behalf of the County with regard to any matter, and shall not make any agreements or representations on the County's behalf.

ARTICLE XV

Default, Termination, and Cancellation:

- A. 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 that shall state the following:
1. The alleged default and the applicable Agreement provision.
 2. 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.

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

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. County may require Consultant to transfer title and deliver to County any completed work under the Agreement.

The following shall be events of default under this Agreement:

1. Failure by either party to perform in a timely and satisfactory manner any or all of its obligations under this Agreement.
2. A representation or warranty made by Consultant in this Agreement proves to have been false or misleading in any respect.
3. 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.

4. A violation of ARTICLE XXIV, 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, 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 Agreement. 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.

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 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 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 sole 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.

ARTICLE XXIV

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 Consultant 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.

Consultant covenants that during the term of this Agreement neither it, or any officer or employee of Consultant, 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 Consultant becomes aware of a conflict of interest related to this Agreement, Consultant 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.

ARTICLE XXV

Nondiscrimination:

- A. County may require Consultant's services on projects involving funding from various state and/or federal agencies, and as a consequence, Consultant and its subconsultants, if any, shall comply with all applicable nondiscrimination statutes and regulations during the performance of this Agreement including but not limited to the following: Consultant and its employees, subconsultants, and representatives shall not unlawfully discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, physical handicap, mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, military or veteran status, marital status, age, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, or sex; Consultant shall, unless exempt, comply with the applicable provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Government Code, Sections 12900 et seq.) and applicable regulations promulgated thereunder (California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Sections 11000 et seq.); the applicable regulations of the Fair Employment and Housing Commission implementing Government Code, Section 12990, set forth in Subchapter 5 of

Chapter 5 of Division 4.1 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations incorporated into this Agreement by reference and made a part hereof as if set forth in full; and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended. Consultant and its employees and representatives shall give written notice of their obligations under this clause as required by law.

- B. Where applicable, Consultant shall include these nondiscrimination and compliance provisions in any of its agreements that affect or are related to the services performed herein.
- C. Consultant's signature executing this Agreement shall provide any certifications necessary under the federal laws, the laws of the State of California, including but not limited to Government Code Sections 12990 and Title 2, California Code of Regulations, Section 11102.

ARTICLE XXXI

Contract Administrator: The County Officer or employee with responsibility for administering this Agreement is John Kahling, P.E., Deputy Director, Engineering, Headington Engineering Division, Department of Transportation, or successor.

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

ARTICLE XXXVII

Force Majeure: Neither party will be liable for any delay, failure to perform, or omission under this Agreement that is due to any cause that it is beyond its control, not due to its own negligence, and cannot be overcome by the exercise of due diligence. In that event, the affected party will:

1. Promptly give written notice to the other of the fact that it is unable to so perform and the cause(s) that is beyond its control.
2. Once the cause(s) has ceased, provide written notice to the other party and immediately resume its performance under this Agreement.

For purposes of this Article, "cause that is beyond its control" includes labor disturbances, riots, fires, earthquakes, floods, storms, lightning, epidemics, war, disorders, hostilities, expropriation or confiscation of properties, failure of and delays by carriers, interference by civil or military authorities, whether legal or de facto, and whether purporting to act under some constitution, decree, or law, or otherwise, or acts of God.

ARTICLE XXXVIII

Waiver: No failure on the part of the parties to exercise any rights under this Agreement, and no course of dealing with respect to any right hereunder, shall operate as a waiver of that right, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any

right preclude the exercise of any other right. The remedies herein provided are cumulative and are not exclusive of any other remedies provided by law.

Except as herein amended, all other parts and sections of Agreement for Services #2501, as amended, shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Third Amendment to Agreement for Services #2501 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: _____

Dated: _____

Deputy Clerk

-- HELIX ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING, INC. --

By: *Michael Schwerin*
Michael Schwerin (Jan 12, 2022 21:15 PST)

Dated: 01/12/2022

Michael Schwerin
Chief Executive Officer
"Consultant"

**Helix Environmental Planning, Inc.
Amended Exhibit C-1**

Amended Cost Proposal

Scope of Work

Task 1	Project Management & Coordination	\$	4,140.60
Task 2	Conduct Site Visits	\$	2,432.89
Task 3	Prepare 30% Landscaping/Revegetation Plans and Preliminary Engineer's Estimate	\$	7,740.69
Task 4	Prepare 60% Landscaping/Revegetation Plans and Engineer's Estimate	\$	14,973.49
Task 5	Jurisdictional Permits	\$	-
Task 6	Prepare 90% Landscaping/Revegetation Plans, Technical Specifications, and Engineer's Estimate	\$	10,321.75
Task 7	Prepare Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan	\$	521.52
Task 8	Prepare 100% Landscaping/Revegetation Plans, Technical Specifications, and Engineer's Estimate	\$	29,213.30
Task 9	Bidding and Award Assistance, and Construction Support Assistance	\$	12,155.00
	Consultant Subtotal	\$	81,499.24
	Consultant Other Direct Costs and Mileage	\$	1,166.45

Subconsultant:

Unico Engineering, Inc.	\$	4,000.00
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Total Proposed Agreement Budget Cost Estimate \$86,665.69

All expenses and their distribution among Tasks are estimates only. This exhibit represents the composition of the total not-to-exceed budget for this Agreement. In the performance of the Scope of Work to be provided in accordance with this budget, Consultant may request to reallocate the expenses listed herein among the various Scope of Work Tasks, Other Direct Costs and Mileage, and subconsultant identified herein, subject to County's Contract Administrator's prior written approval. In no event shall the total not-to-exceed amount of the Agreement be exceeded.