

**PERFORMANCE BOND AGREEMENT FORM**

Whereas, the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado, a political subdivision of the State of California, and **RIDGEVIEW HOMES WEST, LLC** (hereinafter designated as "Principal") have entered into an agreement whereby Principal agrees to install and complete certain designated public improvements, which said agreement, dated August 28, 2007, and identified as project **Ridgeview Village Estates Unit 3, TM 84-0196** is hereby referred to and made part hereof; and

Whereas, Said Principal is required under the terms of said agreement to furnish a bond for the faithful performance of said agreement.

Now, therefore, we, the Principal and Insurance Company of the West, (hereinafter designated as "Surety"), are held and firmly bound unto the County of El Dorado, as Obligee, in the penal sum of **Five Hundred One Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Four Dollars and Ninety-Six Cents (\$501,274.96)** lawful money of the United States, for the payment of which sum well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, successors, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

The condition of this obligation is such that if the above bound Principal his or its heirs, executors and administrators, successors, or assigns, shall in all things stand to and abide by, and well and truly keep and perform the covenants, conditions and provisions in the said agreement and any alteration thereof made as therein provided, on his or their part, to be kept and performed at the time and in the manner therein specified, and in all respects according to their true intent and meaning, and shall indemnify and save harmless the County of El Dorado, its officers, agents

Performance Bond (continued)

and employees, as therein stipulated, then this obligation shall become null and void; otherwise it shall be and remain in full force and effect.

This guarantee shall insure the County of El Dorado during the work required by any Contract and for a period of one (1) year from the date of acceptance of the work against faulty or improper materials or workmanship that may be discovered during that time.

As a part of the obligation secured hereby and in addition to the face amount specified therefore, there shall be included costs and reasonable expenses and fees, including reasonable attorney's fees, incurred by the County of El Dorado in successfully enforcing such obligation, all to be taxed as costs and included in any judgment rendered.

The Surety hereby stipulates and agrees that no change, extension of time, alteration or addition to the terms of the agreement or to the work performed thereunder or the specifications accompanying the same shall in any way affect its obligations on this bond, and it does hereby waive notice of any such change, extension of time, alteration or addition to the terms of the agreement or to the work or to the specifications.

In witness whereof, this instrument has been duly executed by the Principal and Surety above named on July 2, \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.

**"Surety"**

Insurance Company of the West

By

Stanley J. Matranga

Stanley J. Matranga, Attorney-in-Fact

Print Name

**"Principal"**

**RIDGEVIEW HOMES WEST, LLC**  
**a Limited Liability Company**

By

Thomas A. Reid

Thomas A. Reid, Manager  
11419 Sunrise Gold Circle #6  
Rancho Cordova, California 95742

**NOTARIES ATTACHED**

ICW GROUP  
Power of Attorney  
Insurance Company of the West  
Explorer Insurance Company Independence Casualty and Surety Company

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That Insurance Company of the West, a Corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of California, Explorer Insurance Company, a Corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of California, and Independence Casualty and Surety Company, a Corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Texas, (collectively referred to as the "Companies"), do hereby appoint

STANLEY J. MATRANGA, SHARON L. MATRANGA

their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact with authority to date, execute, sign, seal, and deliver on behalf of the Companies, fidelity and surety bonds, undertakings, and other similar contracts of suretyship, and any related documents.

In witness whereof, the Companies have caused these presents to be executed by its duly authorized officers this 1st day of November, 2005.



INSURANCE COMPANY OF THE WEST  
EXPLORER INSURANCE COMPANY  
INDEPENDENCE CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY

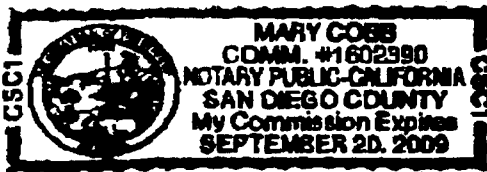
Jeffrey D. Sweeney, Assistant Secretary

John L. Hannum, Executive Vice President

State of California }  
County of San Diego } ss.

On June 5, 2006 before me, Mary Cobb, Notary Public, personally appeared John L. Hannum and Jeffrey D. Sweeney, personally known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same in their authorized capacities, and that by their signatures on the instrument, the entity upon behalf of which the persons acted, executed the instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal.



Mary Cobb, Notary Public

RESOLUTIONS

This Power of Attorney is granted and is signed, sealed and notarized with facsimile signatures and seals under authority of the following resolutions adopted by the respective Boards of Directors of each of the Companies:

"RESOLVED: That the President, an Executive or Senior Vice President of the Company, together with the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary, are hereby authorized to execute Powers of Attorney appointing the person(s) named as Attorney(s)-in-Fact to date, execute, sign, seal, and deliver on behalf of the Company, fidelity and surety bonds, undertakings, and other similar contracts of suretyship, and any related documents.

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the signatures of the officers making the appointment, and the signature of any officer certifying the validity and current status of the appointment, may be facsimile representations of those signatures; and the signature and seal of any notary, and the seal of the Company, may be facsimile representations of those signatures and seals, and such facsimile representations shall have the same force and effect as if manually affixed. The facsimile representations referred to herein may be affixed by stamping, printing, typing, or photocopying."

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary of Insurance Company of the West, Explorer Insurance Company, and Independence Casualty and Surety Company, do hereby certify that the foregoing Power of Attorney is in full force and effect, and has not been revoked, and that the above resolutions were duly adopted by the respective Boards of Directors of the Companies, and are now in full force.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand this 2nd day of July, 2007.

Jeffrey D. Sweeney, Assistant Secretary

To verify the authenticity of this Power of Attorney you may call 1-800-877-1111 and ask for the Surety Division. Please refer to the Power of Attorney Number, the above named individual(s) and details of the bond to which the power is attached. For information or filing claims, please contact Surety Claims, ICW Group, 11455 El Camino Real, San Diego, CA 92130-2045 or call (858) 350-2400.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

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County of Sacramento

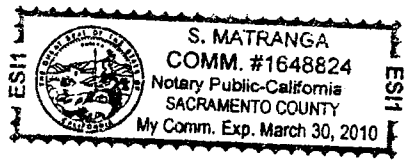
On July 2, 2007 before me, S. Matranga, Notary Public  
(here insert name and title of the officer)

personally appeared Stanley J. Matranga

personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature S. Matranga



(Seal)

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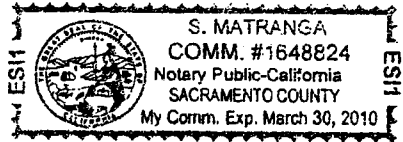
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WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature S. Matranga



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