

SPECIAL PROVISIONS- SECTION "A"

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. LOCATION

The project is located on several separate roads in Napa County:

Base Bid:

Oak Knoll Avenue from Silverado Trail to Highway 29
Old Sonoma Road from Highway 121 to Napa City limits.
Buhman Avenue from Old Sonoma Road to Napa City Limits
Big Ranch Road from Napa City limits to Oak Knoll Avenue

Bid Alternates:

Old Sonoma Highway Bid Alternative 4
Congress Valley Road from Old Sonoma to Buhman Avenue, Bid Alternative 1
Deer Park Road from Highway 29 to Silverado Trail, Bid Alternatives 2 and 3

2. DESCRIPTION OF WORK

Base Bid:

Oak Knoll Avenue from Silverado Trail to Highway 29
 3" pavement patching, crack sealing, and a cape seal
Old Sonoma Road from Highway 121 to Napa City limits.
 3" pavement patching, crack sealing, and a cape seal
Buhman Avenue from Old Sonoma Road to Napa City Limits
 3" pavement patching, crack sealing, and a cape seal
Big Ranch Road from Napa City limits to Oak Knoll Avenue
 3" pavement patching, crack sealing, and a cape seal

Bid Alternates:

Old Sonoma Highway Bid Alternative 4
 Cape seal
Congress Valley Road from Old Sonoma to Buhman Avenue, Bid Alternative 1
 Three or six-inch pavement patching, crack sealing, and a cape seal
Deer Park Road from Highway 29 to Silverado Trail, Bid Alternatives 2 and 3
 Bid Alt 2, Grind one-and-a-half inch of the entire road and repave
 Bid Alt 3, Grind two-and-a-half inch of the entire road, place pavement fabric and repave

This work includes sole sourced 3M signage material for the purpose of conformity. The scope of work shall include and not be limited to:

- A. Mobilization.
- B. Staging Area Setup.

- C. Construction Area Signs per CAMUTCD Standards and Special Provisions.
- D. Temporary Traffic Control per CAMUTCD Standards and Special Provisions.
- E. Clearing and Grubbing and Sweeping that can include and is not limited to tree trimming and removal of brush along the shoulder of the road.
- F. Utility coordination.
- G. Asphalt Grinding
- H. Asphalt patching
- I. Asphalt Overlays
- J. Signing
- K. Striping
- L. Cape seal
- M. Crack sealing topeka fines
- N. Base work and auxiliary work shown on the Plans and as directed by the Engineer.
- O. Final cleanup.
- P. Project closeout.

3. **DIFFERING SITE CONDITIONS** 23 CFR 635.109 is made a part of this contract and incorporated herein by reference.

Contractor's Notification

Promptly notify the County's Engineer if you find either of the following conditions:

1. Physical conditions differing materially from either of the following:
 - Contract documents
 - Job site examination
2. Physical conditions of an unusual nature, differing materially from those ordinarily encountered and generally recognized as inherent in the work provided for in the Contract

Include details explaining the information you relied on and the material differences you discovered.

If you fail to promptly notify the Engineer, you waive the differing site condition claim for the period between your discovery of the differing site condition and your notification to the Engineer.

If you disturb the site after discovery and before the Engineer's investigation, you waive the differing site condition claim.

Engineer's Investigation and Decision (Standard Specifications 4-1.06C)

Upon your notification, the Engineer investigates job site conditions and:

1. Notifies you whether to resume affected work;
2. Decides whether the condition differs materially and is cause for an adjustment of time, payment, or both.

4. **DEFINITIONS AND TERMS** The following terms when used in these Special Provisions or in the Standard Specifications shall have the following meanings when used in this Contract:

Contractor. The person or entity described as "Contractor" in the preamble to this Contract.

County. Napa County, a political subdivision of the State of California.

Department of Transportation. The Board of Supervisors of Napa County, State of California, acting by and through its Director of Public Works.

Department. The Napa County Department of Public Works.

Director of Transportation. The Napa County Public Works Director.

Engineer or County Engineer. The Napa County Public Works Director, acting either directly or through properly authorized agents, such agents acting within the scope of the particular duties entrusted to them.

Laboratory. The established laboratory of the Materials and Research licensed and certified by the Department of Transportation of the State of California or laboratories authorized by the Engineer to test materials and work involved in the contract.

Owner. Napa County.

State of California. Napa County.

Transportation Building. Napa County Administration Building, 1195 Third Street, Suite 101, Napa, California 94559.

State Highway Engineer. The Napa County Public Works Director, acting either directly or through properly authorized agents, such agents acting within the scope of the particular duties entrusted to them.

Standard Specifications. The 2018 edition of the Standard Specifications of the State of California, Department of Transportation. Any reference therein to the State of California or a State agency, office or officer shall be interpreted to refer to the County or its corresponding agency, office or officer acting under this contract.

Days. As used in these special provisions, days shall mean working days.

5. **CONTRACT DOCUMENTS**

The Contract Documents shall include the Standard Specifications of the State of California, Department of Transportation, dated May 2018 (Revised October 15, 2021), insofar as same may apply, the Special Provisions, the Notice to Contractors, the Proposal, the Contract (“C”) pages, the two contract bonds required herein, any supplemental agreements amending or extending the work, and pertinent portions of other documents included by reference thereto in the Special Provisions or the Contract pages.

6. **TIME OF COMPLETION**

Attention is directed to all of the provisions of Section 8, “Prosecution and Progress,” of the Standard Specifications and these Special Provisions.

The Contractor shall begin work on the base bid within ten (10) working days after receiving the Notice to Proceed.

For the Base Bid the CONTRACTOR shall diligently prosecute the same to completion before the expiration of THIRTY (30) working days from the start of work, and shall schedule work in accordance with favorable weather conditions.

For each bid alternate awarded the contractor shall be awarded an additional Seven (7) working days. The working days shall be consecutive to the base bid's working days or other awarded bid alternates. The CONTRACTOR shall diligently prosecute the same to completion before the expiration of the specified working days from the start of work, and shall schedule work in accordance with favorable weather conditions.

7. **LIQUIDATED DAMAGES**

Attention is directed to the provisions of Section 8-1.10 "Liquidated Damages" of the Standard Specifications. The Contractor shall pay to County the sum of \$500 per day for each and every calendar day delay in finishing the work in excess of the number of working days prescribed above and any extension of time granted.

8. **SUBCONTRACTING**

Attention is directed to Section 5-1.13 of the Standard Specifications.

9. **PREVAILING WAGES**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 1774 of the Labor Code of the State of California, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Napa has ascertained from the Director of Industrial Relations the general prevailing rate of wages (which rate includes employer payments for health and welfare, pension, vacation and similar purposes) applicable to the work to be done. These rates of wages are on file and may be seen at the County of Napa, Department of Public Works, 1195 Third Street, Room 101, Napa, California.

10. **PAYROLL RECORDS**

Special Attention is directed to the provisions of Section 7-1.02K(3) of the Standard Specifications. A copy of all payrolls shall be submitted weekly to the Engineer. Payrolls shall contain the full name, address and social security number of each employee, his correct classification, rate of pay, daily and weekly number of hours worked, itemized deductions made and actual wages paid. They shall also indicate apprentices and ratio of apprentices to journeymen. The employee's address and social security number need only appear on the first payroll on which his name appears. The payroll shall be accompanied by a "Statement of Compliance" signed by the employer or his agent indicating that the payrolls are correct and complete and that the wage rates contained therein are not less than those required by the contract. The "Statement of Compliance" shall be on forms furnished by the Department or on any form with identical wording. The Contractor shall be responsible for the submission of copies of payrolls of all subcontractors.

Access to Records/Retention. COUNTY, any federal or state grantor agency funding all or part of the compensation payable hereunder, the State Controller, the Secretary General of the United States, or the duly authorized representatives of any of the above, shall have access to any books, documents,

papers and records of CONTRACTOR which are directly pertinent to the subject matter of this Contract for the purpose of making audit, examination, excerpts and transcriptions. Original records shall be forwarded to the COUNTY after Contract completion or retained for a period of 6 years after Contract completion.

11. **PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS**

Attention is directed to Section 2 of the Standard Specifications.

- (a) **Examination of Site.** Each bidder shall have examined the site of the work before bidding so he shall have full knowledge of all facilities and difficulties affecting the work which may not be particularly described herein. No variation or allowance from the contract sum will be made because of lack of such examination or knowledge.
- (b) **State Contract Act.** The State Contract Act is not applicable to contracts involving political subdivisions of the State of California. Pre-qualification of bidders will not be required.
- (c) **Joint Venture.** If two or more Bidders desire to bid jointly on a single project or desire to combine their assets for so doing, they must file an affidavit of joint venture with the County Engineer, and such affidavit of joint venture will be valid only for the specific project for which it is filed. If such affidavit of joint venture is not filed as aforesaid and approved by the Engineer prior to the time for opening bids on the specific projects for which it is submitted, a joint bid submitted by the said Bidders will be disregarded.
- (d) **Registered and Qualified – California Labor Code § 1771.1.** A contractor or subcontractor shall not be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, or engage in the performance of any contract for public work, as defined in this chapter, unless currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5. It is not a violation of this section for an unregistered contractor to submit a bid that is authorized by Section 7029.1 of the Business and Professions Code or by Section 10164 or 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code, provided the contractor is registered to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5 at the time the contract is awarded.

12. **AWARD AND EXECUTION OF THE CONTRACT**

Attention is directed to Section 3 of the Standard Specifications, contract bonds. In-lieu of the bonds specified under Section 3.1.02 of the Standard Specifications, the successful bidder shall furnish a faithful Performance Bond as required by Section 20129 of the Public Contract Code in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price of the work contemplated and the laborer's and material man's payment bond as required by Section 8182 of the Civil Code in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price of the work contemplated.

The award will be based on the Base Bid.

13. **SCOPE OF WORK**

Attention is directed to Section 4 of the Standard Specifications.

The intent of the Plans and Specifications is to cover the complete project ready for use when completed. The Contractor shall accomplish complete installation of facilities, and any other required items to make the unit complete. All units, facilities, etc., shall be in operating condition to the approval of the Engineer. The quantities and items listed in the proposal form and contract form are given as a basis for the comparison of bids and the Board of Supervisors does not, expressly or by implication, agree that the actual amount of work will correspond therewith, but reserves the right to increase or decrease the amount of any class or portion of the work, or to omit portions of the work as may be deemed necessary or expedient by the Engineer.

14. **CHANGE ORDERS**

(a) **Limitations Where Contract Price Changes are Involved.**

- i. **Overhead and Profit for the Contractor.** The Contractor's overhead and profit on the cost of subcontracts shall be a sum not exceeding ten percent (10%) of such costs. The Contractor's overhead and profit on the costs of work performed by the Contractor shall be a sum not exceeding fifteen percent (15%) of such costs. Overhead and profit shall not be applied to the cost of taxes and insurance by Contractor or Subcontractors or to credits. No processing or similar fees may be charged by the Contractor in connection with the Modification.
- ii. **Bond Premiums.** The actual rate of bond premiums as paid on the total cost (including taxes) will be allowed, but with no markup for profit and overhead.
- iii. **Taxes.** State and city sales taxes should be indicated.

(b) **Procedure.** Attention is directed to Section 4-1.05 of the Standard Specifications.

(c) **Authorized Representative / Limits.** No Change Order shall be valid or binding against COUNTY unless such Change Order has been executed in writing by (1) COUNTY's Director of Public Works consistent with the authority granted to him by the Board of Supervisors pursuant to the limitations set forth under Napa County Resolution No. 2011-18 and Public Contract Code Section 20142, or (2) by the Board of Supervisors.

15. **CONTROL OF THE WORK**

Attention is directed to Section 5 of the Standard Specifications.

Deviations from the approved Plans and Specifications shall be approved by the Engineer and all changes shall be by written permission only.

- (a) **Contract Components.** A component in one contract part applies as if appearing in each. The parts are complementary and describe and provide for a complete work.

If a discrepancy is found or confusion arises, request correction or clarification in writing. Any deviations from the approved Plans and Specifications shall be approved by the Engineer and all changes shall be by written permission only.

- (b) Acceptance of Contract. Attention is directed to Section 5-1.46, "Final Inspection and Contract Acceptance," of the Standard Specifications and these Special provisions. Acceptance will consist of the execution and filing with the County Recorder of a Notice of Completion as defined in Civil Code Section 8182. Should it become necessary due to developed conditions to occupy any portion of the work before the contract is fully completed, such occupancy shall not constitute acceptance.

16. **LEGAL RELATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITY TO THE PUBLIC**

Attention is directed to Section 7 of the Standard Specifications.

- (a) Prevailing Wages. See Section 9 and 10 of these Special Provisions.

- (b) Public Safety.
Attention is directed to Section 7-1.03 and Section 7.1.04 of the Standard Specifications and these Special Provisions.

(1) Safety Devices. Furnishing and maintenance of barricades, flashing lights and other safety devices shall be the responsibility of the Contractor at all times. The Contractor shall respond promptly to correct improper conditions or inoperative devices.

Failure to frequently inspect and maintain lights and barricades in proper operating condition when in use on the roadway, or failure to respond promptly to notification of improperly operating equipment, will be sufficient cause for suspension of the contract until such defects are corrected or termination as otherwise provided in this Contract.

All expenses incurred by the County because of emergency "call-outs" and for resetting or supplementing the Contractor's barricades or warning devices, will be charged to the contractor and may be deducted from moneys due him.

(2) Safety Standards; Suspension of Contract for Unsafe Equipment. The Contractor shall comply with all the applicable provisions of the United States Department of Labor Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA), State of California Division of Industrial Safety, Title 8, Safety Orders (Cal-OSHA), the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and any other applicable codes and regulations. If, in the opinion of the Engineer, any operation or piece of equipment that is observed by the Engineer appears to be unsafe, the Engineer may immediately halt that portion of the work until the hazard is corrected to the satisfaction of the Engineer and no time extension or additional compensation shall be granted for the time lost due to said halting of the work.

(c) Hold Harmless/Indemnification. To the full extent permitted by law, Contractor shall hold harmless, defend at its own expense, and indemnify COUNTY and the officers, agents, employees and volunteers of County from any and all liability, claims, losses, damages or expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, for personal injury (including death) or damage to property, arising from all acts or omissions to act of Contractor or its officers, agents, employees, volunteers, contractors and subcontractors in rendering services under this Agreement, excluding, however, such liability, claims, losses, damages or expenses arising from the sole negligence or willful acts of County or its officers, agents, employees or volunteers. Each party shall notify the other party immediately in writing of any

claim or damage related to activities performed under this Agreement. The parties shall cooperate with each other in the investigation and disposition of any claim arising out of the activities under this Agreement, providing that nothing shall require either party to disclose any documents, records or communications that are protected under peer review privilege, attorney-client privilege, or attorney work product privilege.

(d) Insurance. CONTRACTOR shall obtain and maintain in full force and effect throughout the term of this Agreement, and thereafter as to matters occurring during the term of this Agreement, the following insurance coverage:

(1) Workers' Compensation insurance. If and to the extent required by law during the term of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall provide workers' compensation insurance for the performance of any of CONTRACTOR's duties under this Agreement, including but not limited to, coverage for workers' compensation, employer's liability, and a **waiver of subrogation**, and shall provide COUNTY with certification of all such coverages upon request by COUNTY's Risk Manager.

(2) Liability insurance. CONTRACTOR shall obtain and maintain in full force and effect during the term of this Agreement the following liability insurance coverages, issued by a company admitted to do business in California and having an A.M. Best rating of A:VII or better or equivalent self-insurance:

(i) General Liability. Commercial general liability [CGL] insurance coverage (personal injury and property damage) of not less than **ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000)** combined single limit per occurrence, covering liability or claims for any personal injury, including death, to any person and/or damage to the property of any person arising from the acts or omissions of CONTRACTOR or any officer, agent, or employee of CONTRACTOR under this Agreement. If the coverage includes an aggregate limit, the aggregate limit shall be no less than twice the occurrence limit.

(ii) Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance. Comprehensive automobile liability insurance (Bodily Injury and Property Damage) on owned, hired, leased and non-owned vehicles used in conjunction with CONTRACTOR's business of not less than **ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000)** combined single limit per occurrence. If the coverage includes an aggregate limit, the aggregate limit shall be no less than twice the occurrence limit.

(3) Certificates. All insurance coverages referenced in (2), above, shall be evidenced by one or more certificates of coverage or, with the consent of COUNTY's Risk Manager demonstrated by other evidence of coverage acceptable to COUNTY's Risk Manager, which shall be filed by CONTRACTOR with the DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS prior to commencement of performance of any of Contractor's duties; shall reference this Agreement by its COUNTY number or title and department; shall be kept current during the term of this Agreement; shall provide that COUNTY shall be given no less than thirty (30) days prior written notice of any non-renewal, cancellation, other termination, or material change, except that only ten (10) days prior written notice shall be required where the cause of non-renewal or cancellation is non-payment of premium; and shall provide that the inclusion of more than one insured shall not operate to impair the rights of one insured against another insured, the coverage afforded applying as

though separate policies had been issued to each insured, but the inclusion of more than one insured shall not operate to increase the limits of the company's liability.

For the commercial general liability insurance coverage referenced in (2)(i), and, where the vehicles area covered by a commercial policy rather than a personal policy, for the comprehensive automobile liability insurance coverage referenced in (2)(ii) CONTRACTOR shall also file with the evidence of coverage and endorsement from the insurance provider naming COUNTY, its officers employees, agents and volunteers as additional insureds and waiving subrogation, and the certificate or other evidence of coverage shall provide that if the same policy applies to activities of CONTRACTOR not covered by this Agreement then the limits in the applicable certificate relating to the additional insured coverage of COUNTY shall pertain only to liability for activities of CONTRACTOR under this Agreement, and that the insurance provided is primary coverage to COUNTY with respect to any insurance or self-insurance programs maintained by COUNTY. The additional insured endorsements for the general liability coverage shall use Insurance Services Office (ISO) Form No. CG 20 09 11 85 or CG 20 10 11 85, or equivalent including (if used together) CG 2010 10 01 and CG 2037 10 01; but shall not use the following forms: CG 20 10 10 93 or 03 94. Upon request of COUNTY's Risk Manager, CONTRACTOR shall provide or arrange for the insured to provide within thirty (30) days of the request, certified copies of the actual insurance policies or relevant portions thereof.

(4) Additional Insured. The general liability and automobile liability policies listed above are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

Napa County, its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers are to be covered as insureds with respect to liability arising out of automobiles owned, leased, hired or borrowed by or on behalf of the grantee; and with respect to liability arising out of work or operations performed by or on behalf of the grantee including materials, parts or equipment furnished in connection with the work or operations.

(5) Deductibles/Retentions. Any deductibles or self-insured retentions shall be declared to, and be approved by, COUNTY's Risk Manager, which approval shall not be denied unless the COUNTY's Risk Manager determines that the deductibles or self-insured retentions are unreasonably large in relation to compensation payable under this Agreement and the risks of liability associated with the activities required of CONTRACTOR by this Agreement. At the option of and upon request by COUNTY's Risk Manager if the Risk Manager determines that such deductibles or retentions are unreasonably high, either the insurer shall reduce or eliminate such deductibles or self-insurance retentions as respects COUNTY, its officers, employees, agents and volunteers or CONTRACTOR shall procure a bond guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigations, claims administration and defense expenses.

17. PROSECUTION AND PROGRESS

Attention is directed to Section 8 of the Standard Specifications, and these Special Provisions.

(a) Preconstruction Meeting. Prior to the commencement of work at the site, a Preconstruction meeting will be held at a mutually agreed time and place which shall be attended by the Contractor, its Superintendent, and its subcontractors as appropriate.

The conference is required to familiarize all authorized persons involved with policies, regulations and procedures and to discuss construction operations and methods in order to avoid any misunderstanding or conflicts during construction.

Unless previously submitted to the Engineer, the Contractor shall bring to the preconstruction meeting six (6) copies each of the following:

1. Draft Construction Schedule.
2. Procurement schedule of major equipment and materials and items requiring long lead time.
3. Shop Drawing/Sample/submittal schedule.
4. Schedule of values (lump sum price breakdown) for progress payment purposes.
5. The Temporary Traffic Control Plan for Engineers review
6. Substitution Requests
7. Letter of Responsibility designating emergency contacts for the Contractor after business hours.

(b) Progress Meetings. The Contractor shall schedule progress meetings and hold regular on site or at the Napa County at least weekly and at other times as requested by Engineer. The Contractor, Engineer, Inspector, and all subcontractors active on the site shall be represented at each meeting. The Contractor or Engineer may at its discretion request attendance by the Contractor's suppliers, manufacturer's, and other subcontractors.

The County shall provide for keeping and distribution of the minutes. The purpose of the meetings will be to review the progress of the Work, discuss changes in scheduling, maintain coordination of efforts, review the status of submittals, and resolve other problems which may develop.

(c) Progress Schedule. The contractor, promptly after being awarded the contract or upon receiving notice of intent to award, shall prepare and submit for the Owner's and Engineer's information a Contractor's construction schedule for the work. The schedule shall not exceed time limits current under the Contract Documents, shall be revised at appropriate intervals as required by the conditions of the work and project or when requested in writing by the Engineer, shall be related to the entire project to the extent required by the Contract Documents, and shall provide for expeditious and practicable execution of the work.

The Contractor shall also incorporate all required permit conditions and other coordination into the schedule.

Progress schedules shall be updated and submitted on a weekly basis thereafter. The progress schedule shall be revised at appropriate intervals as required by the conditions of the work and project or when requested in writing by the Engineer. The Contractor shall perform the work in general accordance with the most recent schedules submitted to the Engineer.

(d) Schedule of Submittals. A schedule of submittals shall be provided to the Engineer at the preconstruction meeting. The Contractor shall keep the submittal schedule up to date and ensure that it coordinates with the construction schedule, with adequate time for the Engineer to review the submittals.

(e) Termination of Contract. Attention is directed Section 8-1.13 of the Standard Specifications and these Special provisions.

Whenever, in the opinion of the Board of Supervisors the said work is neglected by the Contractor, or the same is not prosecuted with the diligence and force specified, meant and intended in and by the terms of this contract, it shall be lawful for the Board of Supervisors to make a requisition upon the Contractor for such additional specific force or such additional specific material to be brought into the work under this contract or to remove improper material from the grounds, and its due and faithful fulfillment requires; of which action of the Board of Supervisors due notice in writing of not less than five days shall be served upon the Contractor or his agent having charge of the work; and if the Contractor fails to comply with such requisition within five days, it shall be lawful for the Board of Supervisors to employ upon such work the additional force or supply the materials as specifically required as aforesaid; and the amount paid for such additional force or material shall be charged against the Contractor and be deducted from his next or subsequent estimate and payment, or the same or any part thereof not so deducted may be recovered from the Contractor or his sureties.

Moreover, if the Contractor fails to comply with such requisition within five days, the Board of Supervisors may declare the contract terminated and may itself proceed to complete the work herein specified or may engage any other person or persons to do the same. Upon the completion of such work, the said Board of Supervisors through its proper office or officers shall cause a statement to be made of the default of the Contractor as aforesaid, and in completing the work itself or by any other person or persons. Should the amount in such statement be more than the amount would have been due the Contractor upon the completion of the work by him, the difference shall be paid by the Contractor to the County of Napa.

18. **TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE OF THE COUNTY**

Notwithstanding any other provision of this AGREEMENT, COUNTY may, at any time, and without cause, terminate this AGREEMENT in whole or in part, upon not less than seven (7) days' written notice to CONTRACTOR. Such termination shall be effected by delivery to CONTRACTOR of a notice of termination specifying the effective date of the termination and the extent of the work to be terminated. CONTRACTOR shall immediately stop work in accordance with the notice and comply with any other direction as may be specified in the notice or as provided subsequently by COUNTY. COUNTY shall pay CONTRACTOR for the work completed prior to the effective date of the termination, and such payment shall be CONTRACTOR's sole remedy under this AGREEMENT. Under no circumstances will CONTRACTOR be entitled to anticipatory or unearned profits, consequential damages, or other damages of any sort as a result of a termination or partial termination under this paragraph. CONTRACTOR shall insert in all subcontracts that the subcontractor shall stop work on the date of and to the extent specified in a notice of termination, and shall require subcontractors to insert the same condition in any lower tier subcontracts.

19. **MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT**

Attention is directed to Section 9, "Payment," of the Standard Specifications and this Special Provisions.

Payment for the various items of the Bid Sheets, as further specified herein, shall include all compensation to be received by the Contractor for furnishing all tools, equipment, supplies, and manufactured articles, and for all labor, operations, and incidentals appurtenant to the items of work being described, as necessary to complete the various items of work as specified and shown on the Drawings, including all appurtenances thereto, and including all costs of compliance with the regulations of public agencies having jurisdiction, including Safety and Health Requirements of the California Division of Industrial Safety. No separate payment will be made for any item that is not specifically set forth in the Bid Sheet(s), and all costs therefor shall be included in the prices named in the Bid Sheet(s) for the various appurtenant items of work.

All pay line items will be paid for at the unit prices named in the Bid Sheet(s) for the respective items of work. The quantities of work or material stated as unit price items on the Bid Sheet(s) are supplied only to give an indication of the general scope of the Work; the County does not expressly nor by implication agree that the actual amount of work or material will correspond therewith, and reserves the right after award to increase or decrease the quantity of any unit price of any major item of work by an amount up to and including 25 percent of any major bid item, without a change in the unit price, and shall have the right to delete any bid item in its entirety, or to add additional bid items up to and including an aggregate total amount not to exceed 25 percent of the contract price.

Section 9-1.07 "Payment adjustments for price index fluctuations," is deleted.

(a) Force Account. Attention is directed Section 9-1.04 of the Standard Specifications and these Special Provisions.

Equipment rental rates shall be those rental rates applicable on contracts advertised by the State of California, Department of Transportation on the date of call for bids on this contract.

(b) Progress Payments. Attention is directed Section 9-1.16 of the Standard Specifications and these Special Provisions.

In lieu of Section 9-1.16 F Retentions, the County will retain 5 percent (5%) of the value of all work done and 5 percent (5%) of the value of the materials so estimated to have been furnished and delivered and unused or furnished and stored as aforesaid as part security for the fulfillment of the contract by the Contractor to the extent not inconsistent with Public Contract Code Section 20104.50; all such retentions being subject to the following statutory requirements:

Public Contract Code Section 7107. Retention proceeds; withholding disbursement

- (a) *This section is applicable with respect to all contracts entered into on or after January 1, 1993 relating to the construction of any public work of improvement.*
- (b) *The retention proceeds withheld from any payment by the public entity from the original contractor, or by the original contractor from any subcontractor, shall be subject to this section.*
- (c) *Within 60 days after the date of completion of the work of improvement, the retention withheld by the public entity shall be released. In the event of a dispute between the public entity and the original contractor, the public entity may withhold from the final payment an amount not to*

exceed 150 percent of the disputed amount. For purposes of this subdivision, "completion" means any of the following:

- (1) The occupation, beneficial use, and enjoyment of a work of improvement, excluding any operation only for testing, startup, or commissioning, by the public agency, or its agent, accompanied by cessation of labor on the work of improvement.
 - (2) The acceptance by the public agency, or its agent, of the work of improvement.
 - (3) After the commencement of a work of improvement, a cessation of labor on the work of improvement for a continuous period of 100 days or more, due to factors beyond the control of the contractor.
 - (4) After the commencement of a work of improvement, a cessation of labor on the work of improvement for a continuous period of 30 days or more, if the public agency files for record a notice of cessation or a notice of completion.
- (d) Subject to subdivision (e), within 10 days from the time that all or any portion of the retention proceeds are received by the original contractor, the original contractor shall pay each of its subcontractors from whom retention has been withheld, each subcontractor's share of the retention received. However, if a retention payment received by the original contractor is specifically designated for a particular subcontractor, payment of the retention shall be made to the designated subcontractor, if the payment is consistent with the terms of the subcontract.
 - (e) The original contractor may withhold from a subcontractor its portion of the retention proceeds if a bona fide dispute exists between the subcontractor and the original contractor. The amount withheld from the retention payment shall not exceed 150 percent of the estimated value of the disputed amount.
 - (f) In the event that retention payments are not made within the time periods required by this section, the public entity or original contractor withholding the unpaid amounts shall be subject to a charge of 2 percent per month on the improperly withheld amount, in lieu of any interest otherwise due. Additionally, in any action for the collection of funds wrongfully withheld, the prevailing party shall be entitled to attorney's fees and costs.
 - (g) If a state agency retains an amount greater than 125 percent of the estimated value of the work yet to be completed pursuant to Section 10261 of the Public Contract Code, the state agency shall distribute undisputed retention proceeds in accordance with subdivision (c). However, notwithstanding subdivision (c), if a state agency retains an amount equal to or less than 125 percent of the estimated value of the work yet to be completed, the state agency shall have 90 days in which to release undisputed retentions.
 - (h) Any attempted waiver of the provisions of this section shall be void as against the public policy of this state.

Public Contract Code Section 22300. Performance retentions; provision for substitute security; escrow agreement

- (a) Provisions shall be included in any invitation for bid and in any contract documents to permit the substitution of securities for any moneys withheld by a public agency to ensure performance under a contract; however, substitution of securities provisions shall not be required in contracts in which there will be financing provided by the Farmers Home Administration of the United

States Department of Agriculture pursuant to the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (> 7 U.S.C. Sec. 1921 et seq.), and where federal regulations or policies, or both, do not allow the substitution of securities. At the request and expense of the contractor, securities equivalent to the amount withheld shall be deposited with the public agency, or with a state or federally chartered bank in this state as the escrow agent, who shall then pay those moneys to the contractor. Upon satisfactory completion of the contract, the securities shall be returned to the contractor.

- (b) Alternatively, the contractor may request and the owner shall make payment of retentions earned directly to the escrow agent at the expense of the contractor. At the expense of the contractor, the contractor may direct the investment of the payments into securities and the contractor shall receive the interest earned on the investments upon the same terms provided for in this section for securities deposited by the contractor. Upon satisfactory completion of the contract, the contractor shall receive from the escrow agent all securities, interest, and payments received by the escrow agent from the owner, pursuant to the terms of this section.*
- (c) Securities eligible for investment under this section shall include those listed in > Section 16430 of the Government Code, bank or savings and loan certificates of deposit, interest-bearing demand deposit accounts, standby letters of credit, or any other security mutually agreed to by the contractor and the public agency. The contractor shall be the beneficial owner of any securities substituted for moneys withheld and shall receive any interest thereon. Failure to include these provisions in bid and contract documents shall void any provisions for performance retentions in a public agency contract. For purposes of this section, the term "public agency" shall include, but shall not be limited to, chartered cities.*
- (d) (1) Any contractor who elects to receive interest on moneys withheld in retention by a public agency shall, at the request of any subcontractor, make that option available to the subcontractor regarding any moneys withheld in retention by the contractor from the subcontractor. If the contractor elects to receive interest on any moneys withheld in retention by a public agency, then the subcontractor shall receive the identical rate of interest received by the contractor on any retention moneys withheld from the subcontractor by the contractor, less any actual pro rata costs associated with administering and calculating that interest. In the event that the interest rate is a fluctuating rate, the rate for the subcontractor shall be determined by calculating the interest rate paid during the time that retentions were withheld from the subcontractor. If the contractor elects to substitute securities in lieu of retention, then, by mutual consent of the contractor and subcontractor, the subcontractor may substitute securities in exchange for the release of moneys held in retention by the contractor.*
 - (2) This subdivision shall apply only to those subcontractors performing more than five percent of the contractor's total bid.*
 - (3) No contractor shall require any subcontractor to waive any provision of this section.*
- (e) The Legislature hereby declares that the provisions of this section are of statewide concern and are necessary to encourage full participation by contractors and subcontractors in public contract procedures.*
- (f) The escrow agreement used hereunder shall be null, void, and unenforceable unless it is substantially similar to the following form:*

ESCROW AGREEMENT FOR
SECURITY DEPOSITS IN LIEU OF RETENTION

This Escrow Agreement is made and entered into by and between:

_____ whose address is _____
_____ hereinafter called "Owner,"
_____ whose address is _____
_____ hereinafter called "Contractor" and
_____ whose address is _____
_____ hereinafter called "Escrow Agent."

For the consideration hereinafter set forth, the Owner, Contractor, and Escrow Agent agree as follows:

(1) Pursuant to Section 22300 of the Public Contract Code of the State of California, Contractor has the option to deposit securities with Escrow Agent as a substitute for retention earnings required to be withheld by Owner pursuant to the Construction Contract entered into between the Owner and Contractor for _____ in the amount of _____ dated _____ (hereinafter referred to as the "Contract"). Alternatively, on written request of the Contractor, the Owner shall make payments of the retention earnings directly to the Escrow Agent. When the Contractor deposits the securities as a substitute for Contract earnings, the Escrow Agent shall notify the Owner within 10 days of the deposit. The market value of the securities at the time of the substitution shall be at least equal to the cash amount then required to be withheld as retention under the terms of the Contract between the Owner and Contractor. Securities shall be held in the name of _____, and shall designate the Contractor as the beneficial owner.

(2) The Owner shall make progress payments to the Contractor for those funds which otherwise would be withheld from progress payments pursuant to the Contract provisions, provided that the Escrow Agent holds securities in the form and amount specified above.

(3) When the Owner makes payment of retentions earned directly to the Escrow Agent, the Escrow Agent shall hold them for the benefit of the Contractor until the time that the escrow created under this contract is terminated. The Contractor may direct the investment of the payments into securities. All terms and conditions of this agreement and the rights and responsibilities of the parties shall be equally applicable and binding when the Owner pays the Escrow Agent directly.

(4) Contractor shall be responsible for paying all fees for the expenses incurred by Escrow Agent in administering the Escrow Account and all expenses of the Owner. These expenses and payment terms shall be determined by the Owner, Contractor, and Escrow Agent.

(5) The interest earned on the securities or the money market accounts held in escrow and all interest earned on that interest shall be for the sole account of Contractor and shall be subject to withdrawal by Contractor at any time and from time to time without notice to the Owner.

(6) Contractor shall have the right to withdraw all or any part of the principal in the Escrow Account only by written notice to Escrow Agent accompanied by written authorization from the Owner to the Escrow Agent that Owner consents to the withdrawal of the amount sought to be withdrawn by Contractor.

(7) The Owner shall have a right to draw upon the securities in the event of default by the Contractor. Upon seven days' written notice to the Escrow Agent from the owner of the default, the Escrow Agent shall immediately convert the securities to cash and shall distribute the cash as instructed by the Owner.

(8) Upon receipt of written notification from the Owner certifying that the Contract is final and complete, and that the Contractor has complied with all requirements and procedures applicable to the Contract, Escrow Agent shall release to Contractor all securities and interest on deposit less escrow fees and charges of the Escrow

Account. The escrow shall be closed immediately upon disbursement of all moneys and securities on deposit and payments of fees and charges.

(9) Escrow Agent shall rely on the written notifications from the Owner and the Contractor pursuant to Sections (5) to (8), inclusive, of this Agreement and the Owner and Contractor shall hold Escrow Agent harmless from Escrow Agent's release and disbursement of the securities and interest as set forth above.

(10) The names of the persons who are authorized to give written notice or to receive written notice on behalf of the Owner and on behalf of Contractor in connection with the foregoing, and exemplars of their respective signatures are as follows:

On behalf of Owner:

Title

Name

Signature

Address

On behalf of Contractor:

Title

Name

Signature

Address

On behalf of Escrow Agent:

Title

Name

Signature

Address

At the time the Escrow Account is opened, the Owner and Contractor shall deliver to the Escrow Agent a fully executed counterpart of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement by their proper officers on the date first set forth above.

"Owner"

Contractor

Title

Name

Signature

Title

Name

Signature

Public Contract Code Section 20104.50 *Timely progress payments; legislative intent; interest; payment requests*

- (a) (1) *It is the intent of the Legislature in enacting this section to require all local governments to pay their contractors on time so that these contractors can meet their own obligations. In requiring prompt payment by all local governments, the Legislature hereby finds and declares that the prompt payment of outstanding receipts is not merely a municipal affair, but is, instead, a matter of statewide concern.*
- (a) (2) *It is the intent of the Legislature in enacting this article to fully occupy the field of public policy relating to the prompt payment of local governments' outstanding receipts. The Legislature finds and declares that all government officials, including those in local government, must set a standard of prompt payment that any business in the private sector which may contract for services should look towards for guidance.*
- (b) *Any local agency which fails to make any progress payment within 30 days after receipt of an undisputed and properly submitted payment request from a contractor on a construction contract shall pay interest to the contractor equivalent to the legal rate set forth in subdivision (a) of Section 685.010 of the Code of Civil Procedure.*
- (c) *Upon receipt of a payment request, each local agency shall act in accordance with both of the following:*
 - (1) *Each payment request shall be reviewed by the local agency as soon as practicable after receipt for the purpose of determining that the payment request is a proper payment request.*
 - (2) *Any payment request determined not to be a proper payment request suitable for payment shall be returned to the contractor as soon as practicable, but not later than seven days, after receipt. A request returned pursuant to this paragraph shall be accompanied by a document setting forth in writing the reasons why the payment request is not proper.*
- (d) *The number of days available to a local agency to make a payment without incurring interest pursuant to this section shall be reduced by the number of days by which a local agency exceeds the seven-day return requirement set forth in paragraph (2) of subdivision (c).*
- (e) *For purposes of this article:*
 - (1) *A "local agency" includes, but is not limited to, a city, including a charter city, a county, and a city and county, and is any public entity subject to this part.*
 - (2) *A "progress payment" includes all payments due contractors, except that portion of the final payment designated by the contract as retention earnings.*
 - (3) *A payment request shall be considered properly executed if funds are available for payment of the payment request, and payment is not delayed due to an audit inquiry by the financial officer of the local agency.*
- (f) *Each local agency shall require that this article, or summary thereof, be set forth in the terms of any contract subject to this article.*

- (c) Claims. All claims under this contract shall be subject to the following statutory requirements:

Public Contract Code Section 9204 *Claim resolution process for claim by contractor in connection with public works project.*

- (a) *The Legislature finds and declares that it is in the best interests of the state and its citizens to ensure that all construction business performed on a public works project in the state that is complete and not in dispute is paid in full and in a timely manner.*
- (b) *Notwithstanding any other law, including, but not limited to, Article 7.1 (commencing with Section 10240) of Chapter 1 of Part 2, Chapter 10 (commencing with Section 19100) of Part 2, and Article 1.5 (commencing with Section 20104) of Chapter 1 of Part 3, this section shall apply to any claim by a contractor in connection with a public works project.*
- (c) *For purposes of this section:*
 - (1) *"Claim" means a separate demand by a contractor sent by registered mail or certified mail with return receipt requested, for one or more of the following:*
 - (A) *A time extension, including, without limitation, for relief from damages or penalties for delay assessed by a public entity under a contract for a public works project.*
 - (B) *Payment by the public entity of money or damages arising from work done by, or on behalf of, the contractor pursuant to the contract for a public works project and payment for which is not otherwise expressly provided or to which the claimant is not otherwise entitled.*
 - (C) *Payment of an amount that is disputed by the public entity.*
 - (2) *"Contractor" means any type of contractor within the meaning of Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 7000) of Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code who has entered into a direct contract with a public entity for a public works project.*
 - (3) (A) *"Public entity" means, without limitation, except as provided in subparagraph (B), a state agency, department, office, division, bureau, board, or commission, the California State University, the University of California, a city, including a charter city, county, including a charter county, city and county, including a charter city and county, district, special district, public authority, political subdivision, public corporation, or nonprofit transit corporation wholly owned by a public agency and formed to carry out the purposes of the public agency.*
 - (B) *"Public entity" shall not include the following:*
 - (i) *The Department of Water Resources as to any project under the jurisdiction of that department.*
 - (ii) *The Department of Transportation as to any project under the jurisdiction of that department.*
 - (iii) *The Department of Parks and Recreation as to any project under the jurisdiction of that department.*
 - (iv) *The Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation with respect to any project under its jurisdiction pursuant to Chapter 11 (commencing with Section 7000) of Title 7 of Part 3 of the Penal Code.*
 - (v) *The Military Department as to any project under the jurisdiction of that department.*
 - (vi) *The Department of General Services as to all other projects.*
 - (vii) *The High-Speed Rail Authority.*
 - (4) *"Public works project" means the erection, construction, alteration, repair, or improvement of any public structure, building, road, or other public improvement of any kind.*
 - (5) *"Subcontractor" means any type of contractor within the meaning of Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 7000) of Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code who either is in direct contract with a contractor or is a lower tier subcontractor.*
- (d) (1) (A) *Upon receipt of a claim pursuant to this section, the public entity to which the claim applies shall conduct a reasonable review of the claim and, within a period not to exceed 45 days, shall provide*

the claimant a written statement identifying what portion of the claim is disputed and what portion is undisputed. Upon receipt of a claim, a public entity and a contractor may, by mutual agreement, extend the time period provided in this subdivision.

(B) The claimant shall furnish reasonable documentation to support the claim.

(C) If the public entity needs approval from its governing body to provide the claimant a written statement identifying the disputed portion and the undisputed portion of the claim, and the governing body does not meet within the 45 days or within the mutually agreed to extension of time following receipt of a claim sent by registered mail or certified mail, return receipt requested, the public entity shall have up to three days following the next duly publicly noticed meeting of the governing body after the 45-day period, or extension, expires to provide the claimant a written statement identifying the disputed portion and the undisputed portion.

(D) Any payment due on an undisputed portion of the claim shall be processed and made within 60 days after the public entity issues its written statement. If the public entity fails to issue a written statement, paragraph (3) shall apply.

(2) (A) If the claimant disputes the public entity's written response, or if the public entity fails to respond to a claim issued pursuant to this section within the time prescribed, the claimant may demand in writing an informal conference to meet and confer for settlement of the issues in dispute. Upon receipt of a demand in writing sent by registered mail or certified mail, return receipt requested, the public entity shall schedule a meet and confer conference within 30 days for settlement of the dispute.

(B) Within 10 business days following the conclusion of the meet and confer conference, if the claim or any portion of the claim remains in dispute, the public entity shall provide the claimant a written statement identifying the portion of the claim that remains in dispute and the portion that is undisputed. Any payment due on an undisputed portion of the claim shall be processed and made within 60 days after the public entity issues its written statement. Any disputed portion of the claim, as identified by the contractor in writing, shall be submitted to nonbinding mediation, with the public entity and the claimant sharing the associated costs equally. The public entity and claimant shall mutually agree to a mediator within 10 business days after the disputed portion of the claim has been identified in writing. If the parties cannot agree upon a mediator, each party shall select a mediator and those mediators shall select a qualified neutral third party to mediate with regard to the disputed portion of the claim. Each party shall bear the fees and costs charged by its respective mediator in connection with the selection of the neutral mediator. If mediation is unsuccessful, the parts of the claim remaining in dispute shall be subject to applicable procedures outside this section.

(C) For purposes of this section, mediation includes any nonbinding process, including, but not limited to, neutral evaluation or a dispute review board, in which an independent third party or board assists the parties in dispute resolution through negotiation or by issuance of an evaluation. Any mediation utilized shall conform to the timeframes in this section.

(D) Unless otherwise agreed to by the public entity and the contractor in writing, the mediation conducted pursuant to this section shall excuse any further obligation under Section 20104.4 to mediate after litigation has been commenced.

(E) This section does not preclude a public entity from requiring arbitration of disputes under private arbitration or the Public Works Contract Arbitration Program, if mediation under this section does not resolve the parties' dispute.

(3) Failure by the public entity to respond to a claim from a contractor within the time periods described in this subdivision or to otherwise meet the time requirements of this section shall result in

the claim being deemed rejected in its entirety. A claim that is denied by reason of the public entity's failure to have responded to a claim, or its failure to otherwise meet the time requirements of this section, shall not constitute an adverse finding with regard to the merits of the claim or the responsibility or qualifications of the claimant.

(4) Amounts not paid in a timely manner as required by this section shall bear interest at 7 percent per annum.

(5) If a subcontractor or a lower tier subcontractor lacks legal standing to assert a claim against a public entity because privity of contract does not exist, the contractor may present to the public entity a claim on behalf of a subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor. A subcontractor may request in writing, either on his or her own behalf or on behalf of a lower tier subcontractor, that the contractor present a claim for work which was performed by the subcontractor or by a lower tier subcontractor on behalf of the subcontractor. The subcontractor requesting that the claim be presented to the public entity shall furnish reasonable documentation to support the claim. Within 45 days of receipt of this written request, the contractor shall notify the subcontractor in writing as to whether the contractor presented the claim to the public entity and, if the original contractor did not present the claim, provide the subcontractor with a statement of the reasons for not having done so.

- (e) The text of this section or a summary of it shall be set forth in the plans or specifications for any public works project that may give rise to a claim under this section.*
- (f) A waiver of the rights granted by this section is void and contrary to public policy, provided, however, that (1) upon receipt of a claim, the parties may mutually agree to waive, in writing, mediation and proceed directly to the commencement of a civil action or binding arbitration, as applicable; and (2) a public entity may prescribe reasonable change order, claim, and dispute resolution procedures and requirements in addition to the provisions of this section, so long as the contractual provisions do not conflict with or otherwise impair the timeframes and procedures set forth in this section.*
- (g) This section applies to contracts entered into on or after January 1, 2017.*
- (h) Nothing in this section shall impose liability upon a public entity that makes loans or grants available through a competitive application process, for the failure of an awardee to meet its contractual obligations.*
- (i) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2020, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2020, deletes or extends that date.*

Public Contract Code Section 20104 *Application of article; provisions included in plans and specifications*

- (a) (1) This article applies to all public works claims of three hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$375,000) or less which arise between a contractor and a local agency.*
 - (2) This article shall not apply to any claims resulting from a contract between a contractor and a public agency when the public agency has elected to resolve any disputes pursuant to Article 7.1 (commencing with Section 10240) of Chapter 1 of Part 2.*
- (b) (1) "Public work" means "public works contract" as defined in Section 1101 but does not include any work or improvement contracted for by the state or the Regents of the University of California.*
 - (2) "Claim" means a separate demand by the contractor for (A) a time extension, (B) payment of money or damages arising from work done by, or on behalf of, the contractor pursuant to the contract for a public work and payment of which is not otherwise expressly provided for or the claimant is not otherwise entitled to, or (C) an amount the payment of which is disputed by the local agency.*

- (c) *The provisions of this article or a summary thereof shall be set forth in the plans or specifications for any work which may give rise to a claim under this article.*
- (d) *This article applies only to contracts entered into on or after January 1, 1991.*

Public Contract Code Section 20104.2 Claims; requirements, tort claims excluded

For any claim subject to this article, the following requirements apply:

- (a) *The claim shall be in writing and include the documents necessary to substantiate the claim.*
Claims must be filed on or before the date of final payment. Nothing in this subdivision is intended to extend the time limit or supersede notice requirements otherwise provided by contract for the filing of claims.
- (b) (1) *For claims of less than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), the local agency shall respond in writing to any written claim within 45 days of receipt of the claim or may request, in writing, within 30 days of receipt of the claim, any additional documentation supporting the claim or relating to defenses to the claim the local agency may have against the claimant.*
(2) *If additional information is thereafter required, it shall be requested and provided pursuant to this subdivision, upon mutual agreement of the local agency and the claimant.*
(3) *The local agency's written response to the claim, as further documented, shall be submitted to the claimant within 15 days after receipt of the further documentation, or within a period of time no greater than that taken by the claimant in producing the additional information whichever is greater.*
- (c) (1) *For claims of over fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) and less than or equal to three hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$375,000), the local agency shall respond in writing to all written claim within 60 days of receipt of the claim, or may request in writing, within 30 days of receipt of the claim, any additional documentation supporting the claim or relating to defenses to the claim the local agency may have against the claimant.*
(2) *If additional information is thereafter required, it shall be requested and provided pursuant to this subdivision, upon mutual agreement of the local agency and the claimant.*
(3) *The local agency's written response to the claim, as further documented, shall be submitted to the claimant within 30 days after receipt of the further documentation. or within a period of time no greater than that taken by the claimant in producing the additional information or requested documentation, whichever is greater.*
- (d) *If the claimant disputes the local agency's written response, or the local agency fails to respond within the time prescribed, the claimant may so notify the local agency, in writing, either within 15 days of receipt of the local agency's response or within 15 days of the local agency's failure to respond within the time prescribed, respectively, and demand an informal conference to meet and confer for settlement of the issues in dispute. Upon a demand, the local agency shall schedule a meet and confer conference within 30 days for settlement of the dispute.*
- (e) *Following the meet and confer conference, if the claim or any portion remains in dispute, the claimant may file a claim as provided in Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 900) and Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 910) of Part 3 of Division 3.6 of Title 1 of the Government Code. For purposes of those provisions, the running of the period of time within which a claim must be filed shall be tolled from the time the claimant submits his or her written claim pursuant to subdivision (a) until the time that claim is denied as a result of the meet and confer process, including any period of time utilized by the meet and confer process.*
- (f) *This article does not apply to tort claims and nothing in this article is intended nor shall be construed to change the time periods for filing tort claims or actions specified by Chapter 1 (commencing with*

Section 900) and Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 910) of Part 3 of Division 3.6 of Title 1 of the Government Code.

Public Contract Code Section 20104.4 Civil action procedures; mediation and arbitration: trial de novo: witness

The following procedures are established for all civil actions filed to resolve claims subject to this article:

- (a) Within 60 days, but no earlier than 30 days, following the filing or responsive pleadings, the court shall submit the matter to non-binding mediation unless waived by mutual stipulation of both parties. The process shall provide for the selection within 15 days by both parties of a disinterested third person as mediator, shall be commenced 30 days of the submittal, and shall be concluded within 15 days from the commencement of the mediation unless a time requirement is extended upon a good cause showing to the court or by stipulation of parties. If the parties fail to select a mediator within the 15-day period, any party may petition the court to appoint the mediator.
- (b) (1) If the matter remains in dispute, the case shall be submitted to judicial arbitration pursuant to Chapter 2.5 (commencing with Section 1141.10) of Title 3 of Part 3 of the Code of Civil Procedure, notwithstanding Section 1141.11 of that code. The Civil Discovery Act of (Article 3 (commencing with Section 2016) of Chapter 3 of Title 3 Part 4 of the Code of Civil Procedure) shall apply to any proceeding brought under this subdivision consistent with the rules pertaining to judicial arbitration.
(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, upon stipulation of parties, arbitrators appointed for purposes of this article shall be experienced in construction law, and, upon stipulation of the parties, mediators and arbitrators shall be paid necessary and reasonable hourly rates of pay not to exceed their customary rate, and such fees and expenses shall be paid equally by the parties, except in the case of arbitration where the arbitrator, for good cause, determines a different division. In no event shall these fees or expenses be paid by state or county funds.
(3) In addition to Chapter 2.5 (commencing with Section 1141.10) Title 3 of Part 3 of the Code of Civil Procedure, any party who receiving an arbitration award requests a trial de novo but does not obtain a more favorable judgment shall, in addition to payment of costs and fees under that chapter, pay the attorney's fees of the other arising out of the trial de novo.
- (c) The court may, upon request by any party, order any witnesses participate in the mediation or arbitration process.

Public Contract Code Section 20104.6 Payment of portion of claim which is undisputed; of interest on arbitration award or judgment

- (a) No local agency shall fail to pay money as to any portion of a claim which is undisputed except as otherwise provided in the contract.
 - (b) In any suit filed under Section 20104.4, the local agency shall pay interest at the legal rate on any arbitration award or judgment. The interest shall begin to accrue on the date the suit is filed in a court of law.
- (d) Final Payment. Payment will be made in accordance with the provisions of Section 9-1.17 of the Standard Specifications provided however that in no event will the final payment be made within 35 calendar days after the filing of Notice of Completion.

The final estimate shall be conclusive and binding against both parties to the contract on all questions relating to the performance of the contract and the amount of work done thereunder and compensation therefore.

20. **MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

(a) **Licenses and Permits.** Any and all licenses and permits required shall be provided by the Contractor and he shall abide by any and all Federal, State and County laws and rules affecting the work and shall maintain all required protection for property, employees and the public and insurance in connection with same, for all of which he shall bear necessary expense.

(b) **Building Laws, etc.** The Contractor shall conform to and abide by all County and State Building, Labor, Sanitary and Electrical Codes, Ordinances, Laws, Rules and Regulations. Such laws and regulations shall be considered a part of these Special Provisions as if set forth herein in full and the work and materials shall be in accordance therewith.

(c) **Guarantees.** All work performed and equipment or material furnished shall be guaranteed for one (1) year from date of acceptance against any inherent or developed defects of materials or workmanship in manufacture or installations.

All guarantees normally provided by manufacturers of equipment or material installed under this project shall be furnished to COUNTY and shall remain in force for their normal life.

(d) **Ownership of Plans and Specifications.** All drawings, specifications and copies thereof provided to the Bidder by COUNTY shall remain the property of COUNTY and they shall not be used by the Contractor or its subcontractors on other work.

(e) **Addenda.** Any addenda or notices issued during the time of bidding and forming a part of the documents provided to the Bidder for the preparation of his bid, shall be covered in the bid and shall be made a part of the contract. The Bidder shall acknowledge receipt of addenda in the space provided in the Proposal.

Should a bidder find apparent discrepancies in the drawings or documents, or should he be in doubts to their meaning, he should at once notify the Napa County Public Works Department, which will send a written instruction to all bidders. COUNTY will not be responsible for oral instructions.

(f) **Disposition Of Removed Materials** – CONTRACTOR shall not dispose of any materials from demolition or removal by sale, gift or in any manner whatsoever, to the general public at the site. Disposal operations shall comply with all applicable laws and ordinances and must be approved by the Engineer. All materials for disposal shall be CONTRACTOR's responsibility to legally remove. See Section 13, these provisions Part B.

21. **OWNER'S RIGHT TO DO WORK**

COUNTY as Owner reserves the right to let other contracts in connection with this work. The Contractor shall afford other contractors on the job site reasonable opportunity for introduction and storage of their materials and execution of their work and shall properly connect and coordinate his work with theirs.

If any part of the Contractor's work depends for proper execution or results upon work of any other Contractor, the Contractor shall inspect and promptly report to the Engineer any defects in such work that render it unsuitable for proper execution and results. His failure to so inspect and report shall constitute his acceptance of other Contractors' work as fit and proper for reception of his work, except as to defects which may develop in other Contractors' work after execution of his work.

To insure proper execution of his subsequent work, the Contractor shall measure and inspect work already in place and shall at once report to the Engineer any discrepancy between executed work and contract documents.

The Contractor shall ascertain to his own satisfaction the scope of the project and nature of any other contracts that have been or may be awarded by owner in prosecution of the project to the end that the Contractor may perform this contract in the light of such other contracts, if any. Nothing herein contained shall be interpreted as granting to the Contractor exclusive occupancy at the site of project. The Contractor shall not cause any unnecessary hindrance or delay to any other Contractors working on project. If simultaneous execution of any contract for the project is likely to cause interference with performance of some other contract or contracts, the owner shall decide which Contractor shall cease work temporarily and which Contractor then shall continue or whether work can be coordinated so that the Contractors may proceed simultaneously.

22. **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT**

During the performance of the Contract, the Contractor shall comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, and codes, including but not limited to, the following:

(a) **Non-Discrimination.** During the performance of the work required by the Contract, the Contractor and its subcontractors shall not deny the benefits thereof to any person on the basis of sex, race, color, ancestry, religion or religious creed, national origin or ethnic group identification, sexual orientation, marital status, age (over 40), mental disability, physical disability or medical condition (including cancer, HIV and AIDS), nor shall they discriminate unlawfully against any employee or applicant for employment because of sex, race, color, ancestry, religion or religious creed, national origin or ethnic group identification, sexual orientation, marital status, age (over 40), mental disability, physical disability or medical condition (including cancer, HIV and AIDS), or use of family care leave. The Contractor shall ensure that the evaluation and treatment of employees and applicants for employment are free of such discrimination or harassment. In addition to the foregoing general obligations, the Contractor shall comply with the provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Government Code section 12900, et seq.), the regulations promulgated thereunder (Title 2, California Code of Regulations, section 7285.0, et seq.), the provisions of Article 9.5, Chapter 1, Part 1, Division 3, Title 2 of the Government Code (sections 11135-11139.5) and any state or local regulations adopted to implement any of the foregoing, as such statutes and regulations may be amended from time to time. To the extent this Contract subcontracts to the Contractor work required of the County by the State of California pursuant to agreement between the County and the State, the applicable regulations of the Fair Employment and Housing Commission implementing Government Code section 12990 (a) through (f), set forth in Chapter 5 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the California Code of regulations are expressly incorporated into this Agreement by reference and made a part hereof as if set forth in full, and the

Contractor and any of its subcontractors shall give written notice of their obligations thereunder to labor organizations with which they have collective bargaining or other agreements.

(b) Documentation of Right to Work. The Contractor shall abide by the requirements of the Immigration and Control Reform Act pertaining to assuring that all newly-hired employees of the Contractor performing any of the work under the Contract have a legal right to work in the United States of America, that all required documentation of such right to work is inspected, and that INS Form 1-9 (as it may be amended from time to time) is completed and on file for each employee. The Contractor shall make the required documentation available upon request to the County for inspection.

(c) Inclusion in Subcontracts. To the extent any of the work to be performed by Contractor under the Contract is subcontracted to a third party, the Contractor shall include the provisions of (a) and (b), above, in all such subcontracts as obligations of the subcontractor.

23. **COUNTY POLICIES ON WASTE, HARASSMENT, DRUG/ALCOHOL-FREE, VIOLENCE-FREE WORKPLACE.**

Contractor hereby agrees to comply, and require its employees and subcontractors to comply, with the following policies, copies of which are on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and incorporated by reference herein. Contractor also agrees that it shall not engage in any activities, or permit its officers, agents and employees to do so, during the performance of any of the services required under this Agreement, which would interfere with compliance or induce violation of these policies by COUNTY employees or contractors.

(a) Waste Source Reduction and Recycled Product Content Procurement Policy adopted by resolution of the Board of Supervisors on March 26, 1991.

(b) County of Napa "Policy for Maintaining a Harassment Free Work Environment" revised effective June 20, 2017.

(c) County of Napa Drug and Alcohol Policy adopted by resolution of the Board of Supervisors on May 1, 2009.

(d) Napa County Information Technology Use and Security Policy adopted by resolution of the Board of Supervisors on April 17, 2001. To this end, all employees and subcontractors of CONTRACTOR whose performance of services under this Agreement requires access to any portion of the COUNTY computer network shall sign and have on file with COUNTY's ITS Department prior to receiving such access the certification attached to said Policy.

(e) Napa County Workplace Violence Policy, adopted by the BOS effective May 23, 1995 and subsequently revised effective November 2, 2004, which is located in the County of Napa Policy Manual Part I, Section 37U.

24. **REVIEW OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS AND FIELD CONDITIONS BY CONTRACTOR.**

Before starting each portion of the work, the Contractor shall carefully study and compare the Contract Documents relative to that portion of the work, shall take field measurements of any existing conditions related to that portion of the work and shall observe any conditions at the site affecting it. These obligations are for the purpose of facilitating construction by the contractor and are not for the purpose of discovering errors, omissions, or inconsistencies in the Contract Documents; however, any errors, inconsistencies, or

omissions discovered by the contractor shall be reported promptly to the Engineer as a request for information in such form as the Engineer may require.

Any design errors or omissions noted by the Contractor during this review shall be reported promptly to the Engineer, but it is recognized that the Contractor's review is made in the Contractor's capacity as a contractor and not as a licensed design professional unless otherwise specifically provided in the Contract Documents. The Contractor is not required to ascertain that the contract Documents are in accordance with applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, building codes, and rules and regulations, but any nonconformity discovered by or made known to the contractor shall be reported promptly to the Engineer.

25. **SUPERVISION AND CONSTRUCTION PROCEDURES**

(a) **Supervision And Direction Of Work.** The Contractor shall supervise and direct the work, using the contractor's best skill and attention. The Contractor shall be solely responsible for and have control over construction means, methods, techniques, sequences and procedures and for coordinating all portions of the work under the contract, unless the Contract Documents give other specific instructions concerning these matters. If the Contract Documents give specific instructions concerning construction means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures, the Contractor shall evaluate the jobsite safety thereof and, except as stated below, shall be fully and solely responsible for the jobsite safety of such means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures. If the Contractor determines that such means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures may not be safe, the Contractor shall give timely written notice to the Owner and Engineer and shall not proceed with that portion of the work without further written instructions from the Engineer. If the Contractor is then instructed to proceed with the required means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures without acceptance of changes proposed by the Contractor, the Owner shall be solely responsible for any resulting loss or damage.

(b) **Responsibility Of Work.** The Contractor shall be responsible to the Owner for acts and omissions of the Contractor's employees, subcontractors, and their agents and employees, and other persons or entities performing portions of the work for or on behalf of the Contractor or any of its subcontractors.

(c) **Subsequent Work.** The Contractor shall be responsible for inspection of portions of work already performed to determine that such portions are in proper condition to receive subsequent work.

(d) **Superintendent.** The Contractor shall employ a competent superintendent and necessary assistants who shall be in attendance at the Project site during performance of the work. The superintendent shall represent the Contractor, and communications given to the superintendent shall be as binding as if given to the Contractor. Important communications shall be confirmed in writing. Other communications shall be similarly confirmed on written request in each case.

26. **PROVISIONS OF 2018 SPECIAL PROVISIONS NOT APPLICABLE.**

Those portions of the 2018 CalTrans Standard Specifications found in Section 5-1.09 "Partnering" and all of its subparts and Section 5-1.43E "Alternative Dispute Resolution" and all its subparts are hereby removed in their entirety and shall not apply to this Agreement.

27. **AUDITS/ACCOUNTING/RECORDS**

The CONTRACTOR shall maintain financial accounts, documents, and records (collectively, "records") relating to this agreement, in accordance with the guidelines of "Generally Accepted Accounting Principles" ("GAAP") published by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The records shall include, without limitation, evidence sufficient to reflect properly the amount, receipt, deposit, and disbursement of all funds related to the construction of the project, and the use, management, operation and maintenance of the real property. Time and effort reports are also required. The CONTRACTOR shall maintain adequate supporting records in a manner that permits tracing from the request for disbursement forms to the accounting records and to the supporting documentation.

Additionally, the COUNTY or its agents may review, obtain, and copy all records relating to performance of the agreement. The grantee shall provide the COUNTY or their agents with any relevant information requested and shall permit the COUNTY or their agents access to the CONTRACTOR's premises upon reasonable notice, during normal business hours, to interview employees and inspect and copy books, records, accounts, and other material that may be relevant to a matter under investigation for the purpose of determining compliance with this agreement and any applicable laws and regulations.

The CONTRACTOR shall retain the required records for a minimum of three years following the later of final disbursement by the COUNTY, and the final year to which the particular records pertain. The records shall be subject to examination and audit by the COUNTY or their agents during the retention periods.

If the CONTRACTOR retains any subcontractors to accomplish any of the work of this agreement, the CONTRACTOR shall first enter into an agreement with each subcontractor requiring the subcontractor to meet the terms of this section and to make the terms applicable to all subcontractors.

28. **INTERPRETATION; VENUE.**

(a) **Interpretation.** The headings used herein are for reference only. The terms of the Agreement are set out in the text under the headings. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California without regard to the choice of law or conflicts.

(b) **Venue.** This Agreement is made in Napa County, California. The venue for any legal action in state court filed by either party to this Agreement for the purpose of interpreting or enforcing any provision of this Agreement shall be in the Superior Court of California, County of Napa, a unified court. The venue for any legal action in federal court filed by either party to this Agreement for the purpose of interpreting or enforcing any provision of this Agreement lying within the jurisdiction of the federal courts shall be the Northern District of California. The appropriate venue for arbitration, mediation or similar legal proceedings under this Agreement shall be Napa County, California; however, nothing in this sentence shall obligate either party to submit to mediation or arbitration any dispute arising under this Agreement.