

AGREEMENT NO. __ - __
(Agreement for On-Call CEQA Consulting Services)

THIS AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 2025, by and between the County of Yolo, a political subdivision of the State of California (“County”), and RCH Group, Inc., a California Corporation (“Contractor”).

W I T N E S S E T H

WHEREAS, the County is authorized by Government Code Section 23004 to make contracts as necessary for the exercise of its powers; and

WHEREAS, the County is authorized by Government Code Section 31000 to contract with persons specially trained, experienced, expert and competent to perform preparation of environmental documents to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA); and

WHEREAS, the County desires to obtain On-Call CEQA and Environmental Consulting Services; and

WHEREAS, the County circulated and distributed a request for qualifications (RFQ), an excerpt of which is attached as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor submitted a proposal to provide CEQA and NEPA consulting services, including preparation of CEQA documents; and planning-related services and project management, an excerpt of which is attached as Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, Contractor has represented and warrants to the County that it has the necessary training, experience, expertise and competency to provide the services, goods and materials that are described in this Agreement, at a cost to the County as herein specified; that it will be able to perform the herein described services at minimum cost to the County by virtue of its current and specialized knowledge of relevant data, issues, and conditions; and that it will do so in a manner consistent with and furthering of the Values of Yolo County; and

WHEREAS, Yolo County reserves the right to approve the Contractor’s project manager and any requested personnel and subcontractor changes during the course of each project; and

WHEREAS, Contractor represents and warrants that neither Contractor, nor any of its officers, agents, employees, contractors, subcontractors, volunteers, or five percent owners, is excluded or debarred from participating in or being paid for participation in any Federal or State program; and

WHEREAS, Contractor further represents and warrants that no conditions or events now exist which give rise to Contractor or any of its officers, agents, employees, contractors, subcontractors, volunteers or five percent owners being excluded or debarred from any Federal or State program; and

WHEREAS, Contractor understands that the County is relying upon these representations in entering into this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, the County and the Contractor agree as follows:

I. BASIC SERVICES

A. Contractor shall furnish and perform the following services in accordance with Exhibits A and B, and in a manner satisfactory to the Director of Community Services or his/her written designee (“Director”): as-needed, on-call CEQA consulting services. These services include the following tasks: consultation on development projects; environmental services related to CEQA/NEPA compliance; completing environmental studies for discretionary development applications such as Use Permits, Tentative Maps, Rezones, and Specific Plans, including cannabis Use Permits; CEQA analyses and review required for cannabis projects; project management; and, attendance at public hearings.

B. More specifically, the Contractor shall provide the full range of services with regard to the services described above, with the focus on: (a) environmental assessments, including Initial Studies, Negative/Mitigated Negative Declarations, Environmental Impact Reports, and supporting documents that meet all of the requirements set forth in the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code 21000 et seq.) and the State CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Section 15000 et seq.), and preparation and/or review of technical studies; (b) environmental reviews prepared for the types of development applications anticipated in rural and agricultural Yolo County, including cannabis uses; (c) and, addressing environmental issues that result in a complete and legally adequate document in compliance with CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines and other applicable laws. Contractor will provide all facilities, equipment, personnel, labor and materials necessary to provide the foregoing services in accordance with this Agreement.

C. The complete contract shall include the following Exhibits attached hereto and incorporated herein:

Exhibit A
Exhibit B

RFQ Excerpt
Proposal Excerpt

In the event of any conflict between any of the provisions of this Agreement (including Exhibits), the provision that requires the highest level of performance from Contractor for the County's benefit shall prevail.

D. The Director may approve modifications of the term, scheduling, billing rates, and allocation of funds between the tasks and subtasks (if any) set forth above, provided that there is no increase in the total compensation as set forth in Paragraph II of this Agreement.

II. COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES

A. For the services described in Paragraph I above, and subject to the condition that the services have been completed in a manner satisfactory to the Director or his/her designee, Contractor shall be compensated according to the hourly rates set forth in the Contractor's proposal, for Contractor and its subconsultants, as included in Exhibit B. Provided, however, that the total amount of compensation to be paid to Contractor for the services required by this Agreement shall not exceed four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000.00). In the determination of hourly fees, time allotments shall be calculated to one-tenth of an hour.

B. Contractor shall not be entitled to reimbursement for any expenses except as specifically set forth herein. The compensation set forth above includes reimbursement for all expenses incurred by Contractor in the performance of this Agreement.

III. METHOD OF PAYMENT

A. Not more frequently than monthly, and in a manner that is satisfactory to the Director, the Contractor shall submit an invoice detailing the services provided, the person(s) providing the service, the amount of time spent by each person providing the service calculated to the one-tenth of an hour, the rate per hour charged for each person providing service, and an itemization of the actual expenses for which reimbursement is requested. If requested by the County, Contractor shall provide any further documentation to verify the compensation and reimbursement sought by Contractor.

B. Within fifteen (15) calendar days of the receipt of Contractor's detailed invoice, the Director shall either authorize payment or advise Contractor in writing of any concerns that the Director has with the invoice and any need for further documentation.

C. Within thirty (30) calendar days of the Director's authorization for payment of an invoice, the County Auditor-Controller shall either issue the payment or advise Contractor in writing of any concerns that the County Auditor-Controller has with the request and any need for further documentation.

IV. REPORTS

A. Contractor shall provide such reports as are required elsewhere by this Agreement, and such additional information and reports relating to the services otherwise required by this Agreement as are reasonably requested by the Director, as the times and in the manner specified by this Agreement, or by the Director if not so specified. Any other provision of this Agreement notwithstanding, should Contractor fail to provide any report required by this Agreement in a timely manner and as otherwise set forth in this Agreement, County may withhold any payments otherwise due Contractor pursuant to this Agreement, and any other agreement between Contractor and County, until such report is properly submitted as determined by the Director.

B. County shall provide Contractor with all information pertinent to the services required of Contractor by this Agreement which is requested by Contractor and which is within County's possession. No charge will be made for these materials.

V. OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS AND WORK PRODUCTS

All professional and technical documents and information developed under this Agreement, and all work products, including writings, work sheets, reports, and related data, materials, copyrights and all other rights and interests therein, shall become the property of the County, and Contractor agrees to deliver and assign the foregoing to the County, upon completion of the services hereunder or upon any earlier termination of this Agreement. Contractor assigns the work products, as and when the same shall arise, for the full terms of protection available throughout the world. In addition, basic data prepared or obtained under this Agreement shall be made available to the County without restriction or limitation on their use. Upon request by County, Contractor agrees to compile and produce documents in response to any Public Records Act request or subpoena.

No additional charge will be made for any of the foregoing.

VI. RECORDS; ACCESS, RETENTION

Contractor shall retain and make available for review by the County and its designees all records, documents, and general correspondence relating to this Agreement and the services required hereunder for a period of not less than five (5) years after receipt of final payment or until all pending audits and proceedings are completed, whichever is later. Contractor shall make such records available for inspection and copying by the County and its designees at any reasonable time. At least thirty (30) calendar days prior to any destruction of these records following the four years, Contractor shall notify the Director. Upon such notification, the Director shall either agree to the destruction or authorize the records to be forwarded to the County for further retention.

VII. DISPUTES

Any dispute arising under this Agreement shall be decided by the County Administrative Officer who shall put his or her decision in writing and mail a copy thereof to the address for the notice to Contractor. The decision of the County Administrative Officer shall be final unless, within thirty (30) days from the date such copy is mailed to Contractor, Contractor appeals the decision in writing to the County Board of Supervisors. Any such written appeal shall detail the reasons for the appeal and contain copies of all documentation supporting Contractor's position. In connection with any appeal proceeding under this paragraph, Contractor shall be afforded the opportunity to be heard and offer evidence in support of its appeal to the County Board of Supervisors at a regular Board meeting. Pending a final decision of the dispute, Contractor shall proceed diligently with the performance of this Agreement and in accordance with the County Administrative Officer's decision. The decision of the County Board of Supervisors on the appeal shall be final for purposes of exhaustion of administrative remedies.

VIII. TERM AND TERMINATION

A. The term of this Agreement shall be from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028, unless sooner terminated as hereinafter provided. The County reserves the right to renew the contract after this initial term, for one (1) additional two-year renewal period by providing thirty (30) days' written notice prior to the expiration of the remaining term.

B. Should either party fail to substantially perform its obligations in accordance with this Agreement, the other party may notify the defaulting party of such default in writing and provide not less than thirty (30) days to cure the default. Such notice shall describe the default, and shall not be deemed a forfeiture or termination of this Agreement. If such default is not cured within said thirty day period (or such longer period as is specified in the notice or agreed to by the parties), the party that gave notice of default may terminate this Agreement upon not less than fifteen (15) days advance written notice. In the event of such termination based upon Contractor default, the County reserves the right to purchase or obtain the supplies or services elsewhere, and Contractor shall be liable for the difference between the prices set forth herein and the actual cost thereof to the County. The foregoing notwithstanding, neither party waives the right to recover damages against the other for breach of this Agreement.

C. This Agreement is subject to the County, the State of California and the United States appropriating and approving sufficient funds for the activities required of the Contractor pursuant to this Agreement. If the County's adopted budget and/or its receipts from the State of California and the United States do not contain sufficient funds for this Agreement, the County may terminate this Agreement by giving ten (10) days advance written notice thereof to the Contractor, in which event the County shall have no obligation to pay the Contractor any further funds or provide other consideration and the Contractor shall have no obligation to provide any further services pursuant this Agreement. If the County terminates the Agreement pursuant to this subparagraph, the County will pay Contractor in accordance with this Agreement for all services performed to the satisfaction of the Director before such termination and for which funds have appropriated as required by law.

D. This Agreement may be terminated for any reason by either party at any time during its term, by giving 60 days' written notice to the other party.

E. If Contractor, or any of its officers, agents, employees, contractors, subcontractors, volunteers or five percent owners, becomes excluded, debarred or suspended from participation in Federally or State funded programs, the County may terminate this Agreement by giving ten (10) days advance written notice thereof to the Contractor.

F. Upon termination of this Agreement or suspension of work by either County or Contractor, Contractor shall furnish to County all documents and drawings prepared under this Agreement, whether complete or incomplete. In the event of termination for any reason, reproducible copies of all finished or unfinished documents, drawings, maps,

models, photographs, and reports prepared by Contractor shall become the sole and exclusive property of Yolo County and Contractor shall be entitled to receive compensation for any work completed on such documents and other materials determined by the Director to be of satisfactory quality and within the terms and conditions of this Agreement. All creative work undertaken by Contractor such as sketches, copy, dummies and all preparatory work for which Contractor is not compensated by the County shall remain the sole and exclusive property of the Contractor.

G. During and following the term of this Agreement, Contractor shall not use, distribute or otherwise circulate any of the materials developed pursuant to this Agreement and for which Contractor was compensated by the County without the express written permission of the Director.

IX. APPLICABLE LAWS

A. In the performance of the services required by this Agreement, Contractor shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, and County statutes, ordinances, regulations, directives and laws. This Agreement is also subject to any additional restrictions or conditions that may be imposed upon the County by the Federal or State government.

B. This Agreement shall be deemed to be executed within the State of California and construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of California. Any action or proceeding arising out of this Agreement shall be filed and resolved in a California State court located in Woodland, California. Contractor waives any removal rights it might have under State or Federal law.

X. NON-DISCRIMINATION IN SERVICES AND BENEFITS

Contractor certifies that any service provided pursuant to this Agreement shall be without discrimination based on color, race, creed, national origin, religion, sex, age, sexual preferences, or physical or mental disability in accordance with all applicable Federal, State and County laws and regulations and any administrative directives established by the County Board of Supervisors or the County Administrative Officer. For the purpose of this Agreement, distinctions on the grounds of color, race, creed, national origin, religion, sex, age, sexual preferences, or physical or mental disability include but are not limited to the following: denying a participant any service or benefit which is different, or is provided in a different manner or at a different time from that provided to other participants under this Agreement; subjecting a participant to segregation or separate treatment in any way in the enjoyment or any advantage or privilege enjoyed by others receiving any service or benefit; treating a participant differently from others in determining whether the participant has satisfied any admission, enrollment quota, eligibility, membership, or other requirement or condition which individuals must meet in order to be provided any service or benefit; and the assignment of times or places for the provision of services.

XI. CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Contractor shall exercise all of the care and judgment consistent with good practices in the performance of the services required by this Agreement.

B. With the exception that this section shall in no event be construed to require indemnification by Contractor to a greater extent than permitted under the public policy of the State of California, Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the County of Yolo and its officers, agents, employees and volunteers from and against any and all claims, damages, demands, losses, defense costs, expenses (including attorneys' fees) and liability of any kind or nature arising out of or resulting from performance of the work, provided that any such claim, damage, demand, loss, cost, expense or liability is caused in whole or in part by any negligent or intentional act or omission of the contractor, any subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, regardless of whether or not it is caused in part by a party indemnified hereunder.

Responsibility for such defense and indemnity obligations shall survive the termination or completion of this agreement for the full period of time allowed by law. The defense and indemnification obligations of this agreement are undertaken in addition to, and shall not in any way be limited by, the insurance obligations contained in this agreement. In providing any defense under this Paragraph, Contractor shall use counsel reasonably acceptable to the County Counsel.

C. Subcontractor agrees to be bound to the General Contractor/**or** Contractor and the County of Yolo in the same manner and to the same extent as General Contractor/**or** Contractor is bound to the County of Yolo under the Contract Documents. Subcontractor further agrees to include the same requirements and provisions of this agreement, including the indemnity and Insurance requirements, with any Sub-subcontractor to the extent they apply to the scope of the Sub-subcontractor's work. A copy of the County of Yolo Contract Document Indemnity and Insurance provisions will be furnished to the Subcontractor upon request.

XII. PUBLIC LIABILITY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE INSURANCE

A. During the term of this Agreement, Contractor shall at all times maintain, at its expense, the following coverages and requirements. The comprehensive general liability insurance shall include broad form property damage insurance.

1. Minimum Coverages (as applicable). Insurance coverage shall be with limits not less than the following:
 - a. **Comprehensive General Liability** – \$1,000,000/occurrence and \$2,000,000/aggregate
 - b. **Automobile Liability** – \$1,000,000/occurrence (general) and \$500,000/occurrence (property) (include coverage for Hired and Non-

owned vehicles)

c. **Professional Liability/Malpractice/Errors and Omissions** – \$1,000,000/occurrence and \$2,000,000/aggregate (If any engineer, architect, attorney, accountant, medical professional, psychologist, or other licensed professional performs work under a contract, the contractor must provide this insurance. If not, then this requirement automatically does not apply.)

d. **Workers' Compensation** – Statutory Limits/**Employers' Liability** - \$1,000,000/accident for bodily injury or disease (If no employees, this requirement automatically does not apply.)

2. The County, its officers, agents, employees and volunteers shall be named as additional insured on all but the workers' compensation and professional liability coverages. It shall be a requirement under this agreement that any available insurance proceeds broader than or in excess of the specified minimum Insurance coverage requirements and/or limits shall be available to the Additional Insured. Furthermore, the requirements for coverage and limits shall be (1) the minimum coverage and limits specified in this Agreement; or (2) the broader coverage and maximum limits of coverage of any Insurance policy or proceeds available to the named Insured; whichever is greater.

a. The Additional Insured coverage under the Contractor's policy shall be "primary and non-contributory" and will not seek contribution from the County's insurance or self insurance and shall be at least as broad as CG 20 01 04 13.

b. The limits of Insurance required in this agreement may be satisfied by a combination of primary and umbrella or excess Insurance. Any umbrella or excess Insurance shall contain or be endorsed to contain a provision that such coverage shall also apply on a primary and non contributory basis for the benefit of the County of Yolo (if agreed to in a written contract or agreement) before the County's own Insurance or self insurance shall be called upon to protect it as a named insured.

3. Said policies shall remain in force through the life of this Agreement and, with the exception of professional liability coverage, shall be payable on a "per occurrence" basis unless the County Risk Manager specifically consents in writing to a "claims made" basis. For all "claims made" coverage, in the event that the Contractor changes insurance carriers Contractor shall purchase "tail" coverage covering the term of this Agreement and not less than three years thereafter. Proof of such "tail" coverage shall be required at any time that the Contractor changes to a new carrier prior to receipt of any payments due.

4. The Contractor shall declare all aggregate limits on the coverage before commencing performance of this Agreement, and the County's Risk Manager

reserves the right to require higher aggregate limits to ensure that the coverage limits required for this Agreement as set forth above are available throughout the performance of this Agreement.

5. Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and are subject to the approval of the County Risk Manager. All self-insured retentions (SIR) must be disclosed to Risk Management for approval and shall not reduce the limits of liability. Policies containing any SIR provision shall provide or be endorsed to provide that the SIR may be satisfied either by the named Insured or Yolo County.

6. Each insurance policy shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be suspended, voided, canceled by either party, reduced in coverage or in limits except after thirty (30) days' prior written notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, has been given to the Director (ten (10) days for delinquent insurance premium payments).

7. Insurance is to be placed with insurers with a current A.M. Best's rating of no less than A:VII, unless otherwise approved by the County Risk Manager.

8. The policies shall cover all activities of Contractor, its officers, employees, agents and volunteers arising out of or in connection with this Agreement.

9. For any claims relating to this Agreement, the Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary, including as respects the County, its officers, agents, employees and volunteers. Any insurance maintained by the County shall apply in excess of, and not contribute with, insurance provided by Contractor's liability insurance policy.

10. The Contractor shall waive all rights of subrogation against the County, its officers, employees, agents and volunteers.

B. Prior to commencing services pursuant to this Agreement, Contractor shall furnish the County with original endorsements reflecting coverage required by this Agreement. The endorsements are to be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. All endorsements are to be received by, and are subject to the approval of, the County Risk Manager before work commences. Upon County's request, Contractor shall provide complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements reflecting the coverage required by these specifications.

C. During the term of this Agreement, Contractor shall furnish the County with original endorsements reflecting renewals, changes in insurance companies and any other documents reflecting the maintenance of the required coverage throughout the entire term of this Agreement. The endorsements are to be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. Upon County's request, Contractor shall provide complete,

certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements reflecting the coverage required by these specifications. Yolo County reserves the right to obtain a full certified copy of any Insurance policy and endorsements. Failure to exercise this right shall not constitute a waiver of right to exercise later.

D. Contractor agrees to include with all subcontractors in their subcontract the same requirements and provisions of this Agreement including the indemnity and insurance requirements to the extent they apply to the scope of the subcontractor's work. Subcontractors hired by Contractor must agree to be bound to Contractor and the County of Yolo in the same manner and to the same extent as Contractor is bound to the County of Yolo under the Agreement. All subcontractors must further agree to include these same provisions with any sub-subcontractor. Contractor shall require all Subcontractors to provide a valid certificate of insurance and the required endorsements included in the agreement prior to commencement of any work and Contractor will provide proof of compliance to the County of Yolo.

E. Contractor shall maintain insurance as required by this Agreement to the fullest amount allowed by law and shall maintain insurance for a minimum of five years following the expiration of this Agreement. In the event contractor fails to obtain or maintain completed operations coverage as required by this Agreement, the County at its sole discretion may purchase the coverage required and the cost will be paid by Contractor.

XIII. WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Contractor shall provide workers' compensation coverage as required by State law, and prior to commencing services pursuant to this Agreement shall file the following statement with the County in a form substantially as set forth below.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION CERTIFICATE

I am aware of the provisions of Section 3700 of the Labor Code that require every employer to be insured against liability for workers' compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions of that Code, and I will comply with such provisions before commencing any services required by this Agreement.

The person executing this certificate on behalf of Contractor affirmatively represents that she/he has the requisite legal authority to do so on behalf of Contractor, both the person executing this Agreement on behalf of Contractor and Contractor understand that the County is relying on this representation in entering into this Agreement.

XIV. NOTICE

A. All notices shall be deemed to have been given when made in writing and delivered or mailed to the respective representatives of County and Contractor at their respective addresses as follows:

Contractor: Attn: Paul Miller, Managing Principal
RCH Group, Inc.
6521 Chesbro Circle
Rancho Murieta, CA 95683
Pmiller@therchgroup.com

County: Stephanie Cormier, Chief Assistant Director
Yolo County Department of Community Services
292 W. Beamer Street
Woodland, CA 95695
Attn: Jeff Anderson, Principal Planner
jeff.anderson@yolocounty.gov

B. Any party may change the address to which such communications are to be given by providing the other parties with written notice of such change at least fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the effective date of the change.

C. All notices shall be effective upon receipt and shall be deemed received through delivery if personally served or served using facsimile machines, or on the fifth (5th) day following deposit in the mail if sent by first class mail.

XV. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

A. Contractor shall comply with the laws and regulations of the State of California and County regarding conflicts of interest, including, but not limited to, Article 4 of Chapter 1, Division 4, Title 1 of the California Government Code, commencing with Section 1090, and Chapter 7 of Title 9 of said Code, commencing with Section 87100 including regulations promulgated by the California Fair Political Practices Commission.

B. Contractor covenants that it presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of Contractor's obligations and responsibilities hereunder. Contractor further covenants that in the performance of this Agreement, no person having any such interest shall be employed. This covenant shall remain in force until Contractor completes performance of the services required of it under this Agreement.

C. Contractor agrees that if any fact comes to its attention that raises any question as to the applicability of any conflict of interest law or regulation, Contractor will immediately inform the County and provide all information needed for resolution of the question.

XVI. COVENANT AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES

Contractor warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working for Contractor, to solicit or secure this Agreement, and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any company or person, other than a bona fide employee, any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift, or any other consideration, contingent upon or resulting from the award or making this agreement. For breach or violation of this warranty, the County shall have the right to annul this agreement without liability, or in its discretion to deduct from the agreement price or consideration, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift or contingent fee.

XVII. AUDITS

A. Contractor shall be subject to examination and audit by the State or the County, or both, throughout the term of this Agreement and thereafter for a period of three years from the date that final payment is made pursuant to this Agreement. This does not preclude access to records by County, State, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their authorized representatives, as otherwise provided by this Agreement, the State contract, or State or Federal laws and regulations. Contractor agrees that County and/or State has the right to review, obtain, and copy all records pertaining to the performance of this Agreement, and agrees to provide County and/or State with any and all relevant information requested.

B. Any and all books, records, and facilities maintained by Contractor related to services provided under this Agreement may be audited, inspected and copied at any time during normal business hours. Unannounced visits may be made at the discretion of the County or State. Employees who might reasonably have information related to such records may be interviewed. All expenditures of State and federal funds furnished to Contractor pursuant to this Agreement are subject to audit by County, State and/or Federal representatives. Such audits shall consider and build upon external independent audits performed pursuant to audit requirements of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 as described in Paragraph C below.

C. Should Contractor expend \$500,000 or more in Federal funds during any fiscal year, Contractor shall furnish County a certified copy of an Audit Report from an independent CPA firm covering the Contractor's preceding fiscal year of January 1 through December 31. This Audit shall be performed in accordance with OMB Circular A-133 and conducted in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards as described in Government Auditing Standards (1994 Revision), and provided in a form satisfactory to the Director.

D. Contractor shall provide this Audit Report no later than July 31 of each year. In the event that this Agreement expires or is terminated on a date other than December 31, Contractor shall provide County such an Audit Report covering the preceding period of January 1 through the date of expiration or termination no later than July 31 after the date

of expiration or termination. Contractor shall ensure that audit work papers supporting the report are retained for a period of three (3) years from the date of the audit report, and longer if notified by the State or County to extend the retention period, and are made available to the State and/or County upon request.

E. Should an Audit Report or any State or County audit determine that Contractor has misspent funds and been overpaid based on the requirements of this Agreement and applicable laws and regulations, County shall demand repayment from Contractor in the amount of such audit findings and withhold any payment otherwise due under this Agreement until Contractor repays such amount. Contractor shall repay County such amount within sixty (60) days of the date of the County's demand for repayment. Should Contractor fail to repay County within sixty (60) days of the date of County's demand for repayment, the County may offset the amount due from Contractor against any amounts that would otherwise be due from the County to Contractor pursuant to this Agreement or any other agreement or source.

F. Any failure or refusal by Contractor to permit access to any facilities, books, records or other information required to be provided to the State &/or the County by this Agreement &/or the State contract shall constitute an express and immediate breach of this Agreement.

XVIII. ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACTS

The services and obligations required of Contractor under this Agreement are not assignable in whole or in part. In addition, Contractor shall not subcontract any portion of the services required of Contractor by this Agreement without the express written consent of the Director. If any portion of the services required of Contractor are subcontracted, the subcontractor(s) shall maintain the same insurance as required of Contractor by this Agreement and Contractor shall be fully responsible to the County for all work undertaken by subcontractors.

XIX. STATUS OF CONTRACTOR

A. It is understood and agreed by all the parties hereto that Contractor is an independent contractor and that no relationship of employer-employee exists between the County and Contractor. Neither Contractor nor Contractor's assigned personnel shall be entitled to any benefits payable to employees of the County. Contractor hereby indemnifies and holds the County harmless from any and all claims that may be made against the County based upon any contention by any third party that an employer-employee relationship exists by reason of this Agreement or any services provided pursuant to this Agreement.

B. It is further understood and agreed by all the parties hereto that neither Contractor nor Contractor's assigned personnel shall have any right to act on behalf of the County in any capacity whatsoever as an agent or to bind the County to any obligation whatsoever.

C. It is further understood and agreed by all the parties hereto that Contractor must issue any and all forms required by Federal and State laws for income and employment tax purposes, including W-2 and 941 forms, for all of Contractor's assigned personnel.

XX. AMENDMENT

This Agreement may be amended only by written instrument signed by the County and Contractor.

XXI. WAIVER

The waiver by the County or any of its officers, agents or employees or the failure of the County or its officers, agents or employees to take action with respect to any right conferred by, or any breach of any obligation or responsibility of this Agreement shall not be deemed to be a waiver of such obligation or responsibility, or subsequent breach of same, or of any terms, covenants or conditions of this Agreement.

XXII. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

The person executing this Agreement on behalf of Contractor affirmatively represents that she/he has the requisite legal authority to enter into this Agreement on behalf of Contractor and to bind Contractor to the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Both the person executing this Agreement on behalf of Contractor and Contractor understand that the County is relying on this representation in entering into this Agreement.

XXIII. PUBLIC RECORDS ACT

Upon its execution, this Agreement (including all exhibits and attachments) shall be subject to disclosure pursuant to the California Public Records Act.

XXIV. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

A. Where there is a doubt as to whether a provision of this document is a covenant or a condition, the provision shall carry the legal effect of both. Should the County choose to excuse any given failure of Contractor to meet any given condition, covenant or obligation (whether precedent or subsequent), that decision will not be, or have the legal effect of, a waiver of the legal effect in subsequent circumstances of either that condition, covenant or obligation or any other found in this document. All conditions, covenants and obligations continue to apply no matter how often County may choose to excuse a failure to perform them.

B. Except where specifically stated otherwise in this document, the promises in this document benefit the County and Contractor only. They are not intended to, nor shall they be interpreted or applied to, give any enforcement rights to any other persons (including corporate) which might be affected by the performance or non-performance of this Agreement, nor do the parties hereto intend to convey to anyone any "legitimate claim of

entitlement” with the meaning and rights that phrase has been given by case law.

XXV. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the County and Contractor and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations, or agreements, whether written or oral. In the event of a dispute between the parties as to the language of this Agreement or the construction or meaning of any term hereof, this Agreement shall be deemed to have been drafted by the parties in equal parts so that no presumptions or inferences concerning its terms or interpretation may be construed against any party to this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first set forth above.

CONTRACTOR

DocuSigned by:
By: Paul Miller
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RCH Group, Inc.

COUNTY OF YOLO

By: _____
Mary Vixie Sandy, Chair
Board of Supervisors

Attest:
Julie Dachtler, Senior Deputy Clerk
Board of Supervisors

By _____
Deputy (Seal)

Approved as to Form:

E. May
Eric May, Senior Deputy County Counsel

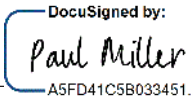
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WORKERS' COMPENSATION CERTIFICATE

I am aware of the provisions of Section 3700 of the Labor Code that require every employer to be insured against liability for workers' compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions of that code, and I will comply with such provisions before commencing any services required by this Agreement.

The person executing this certificate on behalf of Contractor affirmatively represents that she has the requisite legal authority to do so on behalf of Contractor, both the person executing this Agreement on behalf of Contractor and Contractor understand that the County is relying on this representation in entering into this Agreement.

CONTRACTOR

By:  DocuSigned by:
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Paul Miller, Managing Principal

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CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION FROM WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that in the performance of the work for which this Agreement is entered into, and for the duration of this Agreement, I shall not employ any person so as to become subject to the Workers' Compensation Laws of the State of California and that, should I intend to so employ any person at any time during the term of this Agreement, I shall promptly so notify the County of Yolo and provide proof of Workers' Compensation/Employers' liability insurance in an amount of not less than \$1,000,000 for per accident for bodily injury or disease before employing any such person.

Executed this ___ day of _____, 2025, at _____, California.

CONTRACTOR

By _____

Print Name/Title

EXHIBIT A**I. INTRODUCTION****A. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The County of Yolo is requesting proposals from qualified consultants and/or firms to:

- (1) provide As-Needed, On-Call, CEQA Consulting Services for the County of Yolo, Community Services Department, per scope of work, as outlined in this RFQ;

or

- (2) provide As-Needed, On-Call, Land Use and Planning Consulting Services for the County of Yolo, Community Services Department, per scope of work, as outlined in this RFQ.

A Proposer may submit a response for either (1) or (2), or a joint proposal for both.

Proposers who submit a response to this RFQ must have the ability to meet the requirements for providing the consulting services they are submitting a proposal for, including complying with all the terms and conditions contained in this RFQ.

B. SYNONYMOUS TERMS

As used throughout this proposal and its attachments, the following terms are synonymous:

- a. a. Supplier, Vendor, Contractor, Firm, Consultant
- b. Purchase Order, Contract, Agreement
- c. Services, Work, Scope, and Project
- d. Bidder, Offeror, Proposer
- e. Beacon, Beacon Bid

2. "The County" refers to the County of Yolo, California.

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EXHIBIT A**C. SCOPE OF WORK****1. PART 1 – FOR CEQA CONSULTANTS****a. General Description:**

The County of Yolo is seeking to obtain consultants to provide the following services on an as-needed, on-call basis for Environmental Planning and Development Services.

Selected consultants and/or firms will be issued an “as-needed” contract for a period of three years. As development projects arise within the County, consultants and/or firms will be contacted to quote specific tasks. There is no guarantee of any specific work being awarded.

b. Technical Specifications:

Consultant/Firm shall perform project tasks which tasks shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

- i. Consultation on development projects, including meetings with County staff and Applicants;
- ii. Various environmental services related to CEQA/NEPA compliance, environmental assessments, including Initial Studies and supporting documents that meet all of the requirements set forth in the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code 21000 et seq.) and the State CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Section 15000 et seq.), and preparation and/or review of technical studies;
- iii. Addressing environmental issues that result in a complete and legally adequate document in compliance with CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines and other applicable laws;
- iv. Completing environmental studies for discretionary development applications such as Use Permits, Tentative Maps, Rezones, and Specific Plans, including cannabis Use Permits;
- v. Experience with CEQA analyses and review required for cannabis projects;
- vi. Project management; and
- vii. Attendance at public hearings.

c. Minimum Requirements:

The selected Proposer (i.e., Contractor) shall meet the following requirements:

- i. Vendor shall have a minimum of five (5) years’ experience performing the CEQA consulting services required in this RFQ, including environmental reviews prepared for the types of development applications anticipated in rural and agricultural Yolo County, including licensed cannabis uses.

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EXHIBIT A**2. PART 2 – FOR LAND USE AND PLANNING CONSULTANTS****a. General Description:**

The County of Yolo is seeking to obtain consultants to provide the following services on an as-needed, on-call basis for Land Use, Planning and Development Services.

Selected consultants and/or firms will be issued an “as-needed” contract for a period of three years. As development projects arise within the County, consultants and/or firms will be contacted to quote specific tasks. There is no guarantee of any specific work being awarded.

b. Technical Specifications:

Consultant/Firm shall perform project tasks which tasks shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

- i. Consultation on discretionary development projects, including meetings with County staff and Applicants;
- ii. Various services related to land use and Planning, including a demonstrable understanding of Planning and Zoning Laws, and other applicable laws;
- iii. Processing discretionary development applications such as Use Permits, Tentative Maps, Rezones, and Specific Plans, including cannabis Use Permits;
- iv. Planning-level project management services;
- v. Contract staff Planning support; and
- vi. Attendance at public hearings.

c. Minimum Requirements:

The selected Proposer (i.e., Contractor) shall meet the following requirements:

- i. Vendor shall have a minimum of five (5) years’ experience performing the Land Use and Planning services required in this RFQ, including processing the types of development applications anticipated in both rural and agricultural communities throughout Yolo County. This will include licensed cannabis uses.

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EXHIBIT A**3. DELIVERABLES/ REPORTS**

The Contractor(s) shall complete all tasks and reports required above within the County timeframes designated.

4. AWARDED CONTRACTOR(S) REQUIREMENTS

- a. The successful awarded contractor(s) must supply all insurance requirements as required in Attachment 1.
- b. **CONTRACT TERM:** Contractor(s) agrees to provide awarded items and/or services as specified in the RFQ document for a period of three (3) years from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2028.

The agreement may be extended by mutual consent for two (2) additional one-year renewal periods. Contract rates shall remain firm for the initial three-year term of the contract. See Price Escalation Terms in Section IV of this RFQ for potential price increases during the renewals.

5. PROPOSAL DEADLINE

Proposals shall be submitted no later than the Proposal Deadline time and date detailed in the Section II, RFQ Schedule of Events. Proposers shall respond to the written RFQ and any exhibits, attachments, or amendments. A Proposer's failure to submit a proposal as required before the deadline shall cause the proposal to be disqualified. Late proposals shall not be accepted nor shall additional time be granted to any potential Proposer.

6. SUBMITTING PROPOSALS

The required method of submitting your proposal is electronically through Beacon Bid's platform (<https://www.beaconbid.com/solicitations/yolo-county/open>).

It is the sole responsibility of the proposer to ensure their proposal reaches Beacon before the closing date and time. If you have any questions regarding the submittal of this proposal, please contact Beacon at 1-888-402-2231 or suppliersupport@beaconbid.com for vendor support.

Bidders/Offerors are cautioned to allow adequate time to ensure timely receipt of their proposals. The County is not responsible for any delays of the Bidder's/Offeror's proposal delivery. Late proposals shall not be accepted, nor shall additional time be granted to any potential Bidder/Offeror.

7. ADDENDA

Any additional information not included in this solicitation which the County finds necessary and material to responding to the RFQ will be posted as an addendum on Beacon. Answers to questions submitted through Beacon shall be considered addenda to the solicitation documents.

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II. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The following RFQ Schedule of Events represents the County’s best estimate of the schedule that shall be followed. Unless otherwise specified, the time of day for the following events shall be between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM., Pacific Time.

The County reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to adjust this schedule as it deems necessary. Notification of any adjustment to the Schedule of Events shall be provided to all vendors through Beacon.

The County is not responsible for failure of the prospective Bidders/Offerors to check for any RFQ document updates, changes, or answers to questions posted on the Beacon website. Failure to periodically check the website will be at the Bidder’s/Offeror’s sole risk.

EVENT	DATE	TIME	
1	County Issues RFQ	Thursday, January 23, 2025	
2	Deadline for Written Comments from Vendors (Posted in Beacon)	Thursday, February 6, 2025	2:00pm
3	County Issues Responses to Written Comments	Thursday, February 13, 2025	
4	Deadline Proposals Due	Thursday, February 20, 2025	2:00pm
5	County Completes Evaluations (Estimated)	March 2025	
6	Anticipated Contract Start Date based on Board Approval	July 1, 2025	

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EXHIBIT A**III. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION****A. RFQ COORDINATOR**

The following RFQ Coordinator shall be the main point of contact for this RFQ:

RFQ Coordinator: Hiren Desai

Phone: (859) 420-6760

hiren@bluebloodconsulting.com

B. COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING THE RFQ

Upon release of this RFQ, all vendor communications concerning this procurement must be directed to the RFQ Coordinator named above, unless otherwise specified in this RFQ. Unauthorized contact regarding the RFQ with other County employees of the procuring county agency may result in disqualification.

Questions concerning this proposal, including specifications, requirements, terms and/or conditions of a solicitation, etc. should be submitted solely in writing online at: <https://www.beaconbid.com/solicitations/yolo-county/open> in the questions and answers section of the solicitation no later than the date and time noted above in the Section II. Schedule of Events Chart, Deadline for Written Comments Posted or per any changes to Schedule of Events as posted to Beacon.

The County is not responsible for failure of the prospective Bidders/Offerors to check for any solicitation document updates, changes, or answers to questions posted at the Beacon website. Failure to periodically check the website will be at the Bidder's/Offeror's sole risk.

Any oral communications shall be considered unofficial and nonbinding on the County.

Any irregularities or lack of clarity in the RFQ should be brought to the attention of the County for correction or clarification.

C. PROPOSAL PREPARATION COSTS

The County shall not pay any costs associated with the preparation, submittal, or presentation of any proposal.

D. PROPOSAL WITHDRAWAL

To withdraw a proposal, the Vendor must submit a written request, signed by an authorized representative, to the RFQ Coordinator. After withdrawing a previously submitted proposal, the vendor may submit another proposal at any time up to the deadline for submitting proposals.

E. PROPOSAL AMENDMENT

The County shall not accept any amendments, revisions, or alterations to proposals after the deadline for proposal submittal unless the County formally requests such in writing.

F. PROPOSAL ERRORS

Proposers are liable for all errors or omissions contained in their proposals. Proposers shall not be allowed to alter proposal documents after the deadline for submitting a proposal.

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G. PROHIBITION OF PROPOSER TERMS & CONDITIONS

A Proposer may **not** submit the Proposer's own contract terms and conditions in a response to this RFQ. If a proposal contains such terms and conditions, the County, at its sole discretion, may determine the proposal to be a nonresponsive counteroffer, and the proposal may be rejected.

H. ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACTING

The Contractor may not subcontract, transfer, or assign any portion of the contract without prior, written approval from the County. The County must approve each subcontractor in writing. The substitution of one subcontractor for another may be made only at the discretion of the County and with prior, written approval from the County.

Notwithstanding the use of approved subcontractors, the Proposer, if awarded a contract under this RFQ, shall be the prime contractor and shall be responsible for all work performed.

Contractor shall require each of its subcontractors of any tier to carry the aforementioned coverage, or Contractor may insure subcontractors under its own policy.

I. PROPOSAL OF ADDITIONAL SERVICES

If a Proposer indicates an offer of goods or services in addition to those required by and described in this RFQ, these additional goods or services may be added to the contract before contract signing at the sole discretion of the County.

J. INDEPENDENT PRICE DETERMINATION

A proposal shall be disqualified and rejected by the County if the price in the proposal was not arrived at independently without collusion, consultation, communication, or agreement as to any matter relating to such prices with any other Proposer, a County employee, or any Competitor.

K. INSURANCE

The successful Contractor will be required to provide and maintain insurance as required and listed in Attachment 1 before commencing work on the contract.

L. LICENSURE

Before a contract pursuant to this RFQ is signed, the Proposer must hold all necessary, applicable business and professional licenses. The County may require any or all Proposers to submit evidence of proper licensure.

M. RFQ AMENDMENT AND CANCELLATION

The County reserves the unilateral right to amend this RFQ in writing at any time. The County also reserves the right to cancel or reissue the RFQ at its sole discretion. If an amendment is issued it shall be provided to all proposers through Beacon. Proposers shall respond to the final written RFQ and any exhibits, attachments, and amendments.

N. RIGHT OF REJECTION

The County reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to reject any and all proposals or to cancel this RFQ in its entirety.

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Any proposal received which does not meet the requirements of this RFQ may be considered to be nonresponsive, and the proposal may be rejected. Proposers must comply with all of the terms of this RFQ and all applicable State and County laws and regulations. The County may reject any proposal that does not comply with all of the terms, conditions, and performance requirements of this RFQ.

The County reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to waive variances in proposals provided such action is in the best interest of the County. Where the County waives minor variances in proposals, such waiver does not modify the RFQ requirements or excuse the proposer from full compliance with the RFQ. Notwithstanding any minor variance, the County may hold any Proposer to strict compliance with the RFQ.

O. DISCLOSURE OF PROPOSAL CONTENTS

All proposals become the property of the County, which is a public agency subject to the disclosure requirements of the California Public Records Act (CPRA, California Government Code §6250 and following). The CPRA contains limited exemptions. If you contend that any documents, as defined by the CPRA, are confidential or proprietary material and exempt from CPRA, these documents shall be clearly marked "Exempt from CPRA." Proposer shall defend, indemnify and hold the County harmless against any claim, action or litigation (including but not limited to all judgments, costs, fees, and attorney's fees) that may result from denial of a CPRA request. If Proposer does not respond to a CPRA request or agree to do so within five (5) days, the County may disclose the requested information under the CPRA."

P. PROPOSAL EVALUATION PROCESS

The evaluation process is designed to award the procurement to the Proposer with the best combination of attributes based upon the evaluation criteria.

The County reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to request clarifications of proposals or to conduct discussions for the purpose of clarification with any or all Proposers. If clarifications are made as a result of such discussion, the Proposer shall put such clarifications in writing.

Q. AWARD OF PROPOSAL

Award will be made to the Proposer offering the most advantageous proposal after consideration of all Evaluation Criteria set forth below. This criterion is not listed in any order of preference. The County reserves the right to establish weight factors that will be applied to the criteria depending upon the order of importance. The County shall not be obligated to accept the lowest priced proposal, but will make an award in the best interests of the County after all factors have been evaluated.

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Award Evaluation Criteria:

Criteria	Documentation Source (Section V of RFQ)	Maximum Points
Proposal Transmittal Letter	Exhibit A	Pass/Fail
Qualifications and Experience	Exhibit B	35
Responsibility/Demonstrated Competence	Exhibit C	10
References	Exhibit D	15
Reasonableness of Fee Proposal	Exhibit E	30
Other Factors	Exhibit F	10
Evidence of Financial Stability	Exhibit G	Pass/Fail
Responsiveness/Responsibility (in general)	Entire Proposal	Pass/Fail

The County reserves the right to hold interviews/discussions with selected finalists, if it is in the best interest of the County to do so. If the County decides to move forward with interviews, a separate set of criteria points will be created and added to the total.

R. AWARD PROCESS

The County reserves the right to make an award without further discussion of any proposal submitted. Each proposal should be initially submitted on the most favorable terms the proposer can offer. The County reserves the right to negotiate and/or include a best and final offer stage to the process.

Notwithstanding, the county reserves the right to add terms and conditions, deemed to be in the best interest of the county, during final negotiations. Any such terms and conditions shall be within the scope of the RFQ and shall not affect the basis of proposal evaluations and will be incorporated in a purchase order.

The County reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to negotiate with the apparent best evaluated Proposer.

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EXHIBIT A**IV. TERMS AND CONDITIONS****A. QUALIFICATIONS/INSPECTION**

Proposals will only be considered from firms normally engaged in providing the types of commodities/services specified herein. The County reserves the right to inspect the Proposer's facilities, equipment, personnel, and organization at any time, or take any other action necessary to determine Proposer's ability to perform. The RFQ Coordinator reserves the right to reject proposals where evidence or evaluation is determined to indicate inability to perform.

B. NON-WAIVER

The County's failure to address errors or omissions in the proposals shall not constitute a waiver of any requirement of this RFQ by the County.

C. FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LAWS

The successful proposer must operate in conformity with all applicable, federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, orders, rules, and regulations pertaining to work. It is the responsibility of the awarded proposer to ensure that all permits and/or licenses required for operation are valid and current. Failure to comply with this provision may be cause to cancel any contract awarded, and award will be made to the next lowest, responsive, responsible proposer.

D. GOVERNING LAW

If an award is made, the contract will be made in the County of Yolo and shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California. Any action relating to the Contract shall be instituted and prosecuted in the courts of Yolo County, California.

E. NON-DISCRIMINATION

There shall be no discrimination as to race, sex, color, creed, age or national origin in the operations conducted under any resulting contract.

F. PUBLIC AGENCY

It is intended that other public agencies (i.e., city, special district, public authority, public agency and other political subdivisions of the State of California) shall have the option to participate in any agreement created as a result of this RFQ with the same terms and conditions specified, including pricing. The County shall incur no financial responsibility in connection with a purchase order from another public agency. The public agency shall accept sole responsibility for placing orders and making payment to the vendor.

G. ADDITIONAL PURCHASES

Following the award, the County may dispense with separate bidding for additional purchases of like item(s) from the successful Proposer within a twelve (12) month period from the initial purchase date provided that the Vendor agrees to provide the like item(s) at the same discounted price and under the same terms and conditions as the previous award.

EXHIBIT A**H. EXTENSIONS**

The County reserves the right to extend any contract past the end term date upon mutual agreement and under the same pricing, terms and conditions for continual service and supplies while a new contract is being solicited, evaluated and/or awarded for a period not to exceed six (6) months.

I. PRICE ESCALATION

All prices are firm for the initial three (3) year term of the contract. The Contractor may request to raise prices in accordance with the California Consumer Price (CPI-W, US City Average, All Items; NSA) Index for each of the one-year renewal periods/extensions. The increase in price shall remain firm for the entire renewal term. The County reserves the right to accept or reject the request for a price increase within ten (10) business days of the written request.

J. INVOICES AND PAYMENT TERMS

Invoices are to be mailed to the County department(s) specified on the resulting purchase order, blanket purchase order or contract. All invoices must include the purchase order number, blanket purchase order number, or contract number, product description and reference to back ordered items. Failure to comply may result in delayed payments.

The County will make payment on a Net 30-day basis unless a cash discount of one-half percent (1/2%) or greater, which amounts to \$2.50 or more, is allowed for payment within not less than twenty (20) days. The payment term shall begin on the date the merchandise is inspected, delivered and accepted by the County, or on the date a correct invoice is received in the office specified in the order, whichever is later. Prompt payment discounts shall be considered earned if payment is postmarked or personally delivered within the prescribed term. The beginning date described above shall be considered day zero for the purposes of counting days in the prescribed term.

K. COMPLIANCE

Late, incomplete, incorrect deliveries or excessive backorders will be documented, and performance evaluated when considering contract continuation or extension. Inaccurate or erroneous billing will also be documented and monitored for the purpose of evaluating performance when considering continuation or extension of contract. Failure to meet quoted delivery timeframes, or inaccurate or erroneous invoices (as determined by the Purchasing Department) may be cause for the County to cancel the balance of the awarded purchase order and award will be made to the next lowest proposer. Failure to receive County concurrence for substitutions or alternates will be documented and considered when evaluating continuation or extension of contract.

L. DEFAULT

In case of default by the awarded proposer, the County may procure the goods or services from another source and may recover the loss occasioned thereby from any unpaid balance due the selected proposer, or by any other legal means available to the County. The County may also ban selected proposer up to two years from future solicitations for default.

EXHIBIT A**M. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE**

The County reserves the right, in its best interest as determined by the County, to cancel any contract by giving written notice to the Contractor thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of such cancellation.

N. CANCELLATION FOR UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS

The obligation of the County for payment to a Contractor is limited to the availability of funds appropriated in a current fiscal period, and continuation of the contract into a subsequent fiscal period is subject to appropriation of funds, unless otherwise authorized by law.

O. ASSIGNMENT/TRANSFER/SUBCONTRACTING

Awarded Contractor shall not assign, transfer, or subcontract any portion of the contract without the express written consent of the department. Any award issued pursuant to this RFQ, and the monies, which may become due hereunder, are not assignable without the prior written approval of the County.

P. F.O.B. POINT

All prices quoted shall be F.O.B destination, freight prepaid (proposer pays and bears freight charges, proposer owns goods in transit and files any claims), excluding sales tax. The County is exempt from Federal Excise and Transportation taxes.

Q. PROTESTS

The County encourages Suppliers to resolve issues regarding requirements or the procurement process through written correspondence and discussions. The County is committed to fostering relationships with its Suppliers to encourage an ongoing pursuit to fulfill requirements.

1) Protest Procedures:

All protests shall be typed under the protester's letterhead and submitted in accordance with the provisions stated herein. Protests may be submitted by mail or by electronic mail. Protests submitted by facsimile will not be accepted. All protests must be addressed and submitted to both the RFQ Coordinator of this solicitation and the Manager of Procurement. All protests shall include at a minimum the following information:

- a. The name, address, and telephone number of the Protester;
- b. The signature of the Protester or Protester's representative;
- c. The solicitation title and due date;
- d. Name of County employee designated as the RFQ/IFB Coordinator;
- e. Identification of the statute or procedure that is alleged to have been violated;
- f. A detailed statement identifying the legal and/or factual grounds of the protest and all documentation supporting the vendor's position;
- g. The form of relief requested.

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The contact information for the Manager of Procurement is as follows:

Manager of Procurement
Yolo County Department of General Services
120 W Main St., Ste. G
Woodland, CA 95695

Protester's failure to comply with these procedures shall constitute a waiver of any right to further the RFQ Protest and shall constitute a failure to exhaust administrative remedies.

The Manager of Procurement will review the materials in connection with the protest, assess the merits of the protest, and provide a written decision on the protest. The Manager of Procurement's decision is final.

If it is determined the protest is frivolous, the party originating the protest may be determined to be irresponsible and may be ineligible for future contracts.

2) Protest of RFQ Specifications/Requirements/Terms & Conditions:

Companies who are concerned regarding irregularities or lack of clarity in specifications, requirements, terms and/or conditions of a solicitation should be brought to the attention of the County. Notice shall be provided prior to the closing date and time of the designated "question and answer period" of the proposal noted above in the Section II. Schedule of Events Chart, item#3 Deadline for Written Comments Posted on Beacon.

Notice must be clearly marked "**Notice of Protest of Specifications/Requirements/Terms & Conditions.**" No requests for protests of solicitation specifications, requirements, terms and/or conditions shall be considered after the deadline stated above.

Companies who fail to do so forfeit all rights to protest a solicitation or any subsequent award based on the specifications, requirements, terms or conditions of this solicitation. In the event of the protest for specifications, requirements, terms and/or conditions is denied and the protester wishes to continue in the solicitation process they must still submit a bid/proposal prior to the close of the solicitation.

3) Protest of Disqualification:

Initial evaluations will determine if proposals have met the minimal requirements as indicated in this RFQ. Notices will be sent to all companies who have been disqualified for not meeting the minimal requirements. Should a company disagree with the determination, notice of disagreement must be received within five (5) working days of date of notice identifying areas that are in question and how the company met the minimal requirements. Notice must be clearly marked "**Notice of Disagreement.**" Companies who fail to do so forfeit all rights in the protest process. It is at the county's discretion at the department level to make final determinations for all disqualified protests.

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4) Protest of Award of Contract:

In protests related to the award of a contract, the protest must be received by e-mail or hard copy no later than 4:00 PM Pacific Time five (5) business days after the notice of the proposed contract. Notice must be clearly marked "**Notice of Protest of Award of Contract.**" A review may be granted if the protest is received within the specified time and the firm/person submitting the protest is a Bidder/Offeror.

Throughout the review process, the County has no obligation to delay or otherwise postpone an award of a contract based on a protest.

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EXHIBIT A**V. INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF PROPOSAL****A. SUBMITTING PROPOSALS**

The required method of submitting your proposal is electronically through Beacon. It is the sole responsibility of the proposer to ensure their proposal reaches Beacon before the closing date and time. If you have any questions regarding the submittal of this proposal, please contact Beacon at 1-888-402-2231 or suppliersupport@beaconbid.com for vendor support.

Late proposals shall not be accepted, nor shall additional time be granted to any potential Proposer.

B. REQUIRED PROPOSAL SUBMITTALS

The submittals requested shall be included with the proposal response. Failure to include required submittals may be cause for rejection of your proposal. The following are required for your proposal to be considered and must be labeled with the following:

IMPORTANT: Tailor your proposal response to the specific category of services you are applying for (i.e., CEQA Consulting or Land Use and Planning Consulting as described in the Scope of Work Section of this RFQ).

If applying for both categories of services in one joint proposal, please clearly label and provide separate and distinct information for each category of services (for example: for references, complete an Exhibit D for each category – one for CEQA and one for Land Use and Planning).

1) Exhibit "A" - Proposal Transmittal Letter

- a. The proposal transmittal letter shall be signed by an official authorized to solicit business and enter into contracts for the Proposer. The cover letter should include the name, address, email address, and phone number of the authorized business contact.
- b. If the Proposer is submitting in conjunction with a subcontractor, information on the subcontractor shall also be included.

2) Exhibit "B" – Qualifications and Experience

In this section, the Proposer shall provide the following:

- a. A description summarizing Proposer/s experience over the past five years in performing similar services to those requested in Section I.C. of this RFQ.
- b. For commitments or projects referenced in the statement of experience and qualifications, list the involvement of the Project Manager and other proposed key personnel, such as Contract Staff.
- c. A statement demonstrating an understanding of the services desired by the County, and the general approach required for providing related services, including:

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- i. For CEQA Services: preparation of Initial Studies, Negative/Mitigated Negative Declarations, and Environmental Impact Reports, including a description of all activities associated with the planning, coordination, and reporting during a CEQA review process.
 - ii. For Land Use and Planning Services: a description of all activities associated with the planning, coordination, and reporting during a discretionary application review process.
 - d. A statement identifying the personnel likely to be assigned to projects for Yolo County. Vendor shall identify key staff including Project Managers, Contract Staff Planners, other Key Personnel and their qualifications, including resumes.
 - e. A statement identifying the firm's ability to produce the required product in a timely fashion and the ability to present any necessary reports or studies to elected officials and/or the general public.
 - f. A brief description of the firm's experience and history in meeting tight project deadlines.
 - g. A brief description of the firm's ability to control project budgets.
- 3) Exhibit "C" – Responsibility/Demonstrated Competence
 - a. List instances within the past five (5) years, if any, where Consultant has defaulted on a contract. Provide an explanation of the reason for the default for each instance.
 - b. List instances, if any, when your firm has been suspended or debarred by any government agency. Provide an explanation of the reason for the suspension or debarment for each instance.
 - c. List all claims made in the past five (5) years against your company concerning your company's work on a project that have been filed in court or gone to arbitration.
 - d. Have you ever been terminated from any project due to a contract dispute or claim filed against your company? If yes, please explain.
 - e. Describe the process by which your firm resolves problems with clients.
 - f. Provide a statement of conflict you, your firm, and/or other key staff may have regarding these services. The statement should not only include actual conflicts, but also any working relationships that may be perceived by disinterested parties as a conflict. If no potential conflicts of interest are identified, so state in your proposal.
- 4) Exhibit "D" - References
 - a. Please complete Exhibit D (Previous Customer Reference Form).
 - b. Provide references from three (3) different municipal agencies, including rural and agriculturally dominant areas, served by the consultant during the past five (5) years, for projects similar in size and scope. Include the name, email address and telephone number for a contact person from each reference, and the date range for which the services were rendered for each client contact. The County reserves the right to contact any references listed, if it is in the County's best interest to do so.
 - c. Preference will be given for references with California state or local government agencies.
 - d. References cannot be from any individuals on behalf of Yolo County itself.

EXHIBIT A5) Exhibit "E" – Fee Proposal

Proposer shall provide a list of rates which shall be inclusive of all costs associated with work likely to be assigned the firm related to tasks stated in this RFQ, including but not limited to personnel, administrative overhead, printing costs, attendance at meetings, travel, etc.

6) Exhibit "F"- Other Factors

In order to properly assess vendor availability, each firm shall provide a list of current commitments for the relevant category of services you are applying for (i.e., CEQA or Land Use and Planning), which are currently being handled by vendor's firm, including how many of the commitments are the responsibility of the Project Manager named in the proposal.

7) Exhibit "G"- Evidence of Financial Stability

a. Proposers must provide the following financial data demonstrating financial stability:

- i. If the Proposer is an audited organization, please provide the last three (3) years of audited financial statements (in US dollars) for your organization and identify which entity audited the statements. If such information is not available in whole or in part, please explain why.
- ii. All Proposers must provide sufficient information to enable the County to determine that the Proposer's financial health and capability are sufficient to meet the anticipated contractual and usage requirements of any resulting agreement. The County is the sole judge for making a determination about Proposer's financial stability and may request additional information, if it is in the best interest of the County to do so.

8) Exhibit "H" - Signature Page

a. Vendor shall complete and sign the County signature page form.

9) Exhibit "I" - Non-Collusion Non-Conflict of Interest Statement

a. Vendor shall complete and sign the County form.

10) Exhibit "J" - Exceptions to Agreement

a. Vendor shall include a statement that the appropriate personnel have reviewed the Sample Agreement in the submitted proposal. Vendor shall complete and sign the Certification of Exception to RFQ Documents form.

C. REQUIRED PROPOSAL FORMAT

1. The Proposer(s) are required to prepare their written proposals in accordance with the instructions outlined below. Deviations from these instructions may be construed as non-responsive and may be cause for disqualification. Emphasis should be placed on accuracy, completeness, and clarity of content.

2. The format and content of the Proposal are as follows:

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- a. If provided, **use any forms included in the Exhibits** as well as the requirements listed above. All other submitted pages are to be single-spaced typed pages with one-inch margins.
- b. Identify the Exhibit Category of the proposal, Proposal number and Proposer name on every page submitted.
- c. All pages must be numbered sequentially.

[END OF DOCUMENT: PLEASE SEE ALL RELATED ATTACHMENTS AND EXHIBITS AS NOTED IN THE TABLE OF CONTENTS.]

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EXHIBIT A – PROPOSAL TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Attn: Hiren Desai, RFQ Coordinator
Blue Blood Consulting, On Behalf of:
Yolo County Department of Community Services
292 West Beamer Street
Woodland, CA 95695

February 20, 2025

Re: Notice of Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Consulting Services (BID#: RFQ-2025-0002)

RCH Group, Inc. (RCH) is pleased to submit the following proposal to be considered for an as-needed, on-call, CEQA consulting services contract with the County of Yolo Community Services Department.

RCH is a California-based consulting firm that provides expertise in CEQA and NEPA compliance. RCH has been under contract with Yolo County for as-needed, on-call, CEQA consulting services since 2017. While under contract with the County, RCH has completed an Environmental Impact Report (EIR), EIR Addendum, and three Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declarations (IS/MNDs).

We offer the County a strong team, with Paul Miller, M.S. as the overall Project Manager and Dan Jones as the Deputy Project Manager for the overall contract. Paul and Dan have considerable experience managing and preparing CEQA documents in Yolo County. Both Paul and Dan managed and prepared an EIR for the County for the Yolo County Central Landfill (YCCL) Permit Revisions Project (approved and adopted in November 2021), an EIR Addendum for YCCL Permit Revisions Project (approved and adopted in April 2023), and three IS/MNDs: Haykingdom Processing & Storage Improvements Project (approved and adopted in March 2021), Yolo Cold Storage Facility Project (approved and adopted in December 2021), and Esparto A1-Pre Fab LLC Project (approved and adopted in December 2024).

RCH staff members are very familiar with the County staff and procedures. RCH is especially adept in CEQA documents and environmental services where air quality, greenhouse gases, air quality health risk assessments, energy and noise are major project issues. RCH also has unique experience preparing and managing CEQA documents for solid waste facilities, electrical generation and transmission projects, mines, and airports.

We have assembled a team of experts that can provide a wide range of services to address biological and cultural resources (ECORP Consulting, Inc.), hazards, hydrology, hydrogeology, and geology (Sutro Science, LLC), and transportation and traffic (Abrams Associates Traffic Engineering, Inc.). Our team will be able to efficiently provide the various CEQA environmental services desired by the County.

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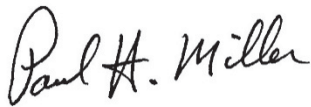
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Regarding cannabis projects in the past five years, our team has a broad range of experience with cannabis projects throughout California. RCH was a key team member (Paul, Dan and Mike Ratte) on two IS/MNDs for indoor growing operations in Blythe, California. RCH also has provided odor control plans for Cannabis Business Applications in 10 different cities throughout California (Paul and Dan). ECORP provided technical support to Yolo County in developing protocols for cultural and tribal cultural resources and paleontological resources to implement the Yolo County Cannabis Land Use Ordinance. Pete Hudson (Sutro) assisted several Mendocino County cannabis growers navigate the Mendocino County Cannabis Department (MCD) and the State of California Department of Cannabis Control (DCC) cannabis cultivation permitting process and has successfully obtained cultivation licenses for these clients. Pete remains abreast of the current permitting issues in Mendocino County for legacy growers and changes in requirements for Use Permits and Administrative Permits for cannabis cultivators in the County and State.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information. I am an official authorized to solicit business and enter into contracts for RCH Group, Inc. My contact information and our subconsultant contact information is provided below:

Prime Consultant	Subconsultant	Subconsultant	Subconsultant
RCH Group, Inc.	ECORP Consulting, Inc.	Sutro Science, LLC	Abrams Associates Traffic Engineering
Paul Miller, M.S.	Chris Stabenfeldt, AICP	Pete Hudson, PG, CEG	Steve Abrams
6521 Chesbro Circle Rancho Murieta, CA 95683	2525 Warren Drive Rocklin, CA 95677	9 Kenrick Avenue San Anselmo, CA 94960	1875 Olympic Boulevard, Suite 210 Walnut Creek, CA 94596
Pmiller@therchgroup.com	cstabenfeldt@ecorpconsulting.com	phudson@sutroscience.com	steve@abramsassociates.com
(916) 212-9600	(916) 782-9100	(415) 717-6469	(925) 945-0201

Sincerely,



Paul Miller
Managing Principal

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Firm Qualifications and Experience – Past Five Years

RCH Group (RCH) focuses almost exclusively on environmental consulting in California. RCH’s full-time professionals work closely together on the preparation of CEQA and NEPA documents and related technical reports. RCH’s specific CEQA environmental services include managing and preparing Initial Studies (IS), Negative Declarations (ND), Mitigated Negative Declarations (MND), Environmental Impact Reports (EIR), Addendums, Exemptions, and Peer reviews. In the past five years, RCH’s key staff (Paul Miller, Mike Ratte, Dan Jones and Luis Rosas) have managed and/or prepared approximately 200 CEQA documents and related technical reports for air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, health risk assessment, energy and noise.

In the past five years, RCH has managed and prepared an EIR for the Yolo County Central Landfill (YCCL) Permit Revisions Project (approved and adopted in November 2021), an EIR Addendum for YCCL Permit Revisions Project (approved and adopted in April 2023), and three IS/MNDs: Haykingdom Processing & Storage Improvements Project (approved and adopted in March 2021), Yolo Cold Storage Facility Project (approved and adopted in December 2021), and Esparto A1-Pre Fab LLC Project (approved and adopted in December 2024). **Table 1** below presents these Yolo County projects and other key projects over the past five years for RCH and its subconsultant team.

RCH has also prepared air quality, GHG emissions, and noise analyses for two IS/MNDs for cannabis cultivation facilities and has prepared cannabis odor control plans for Cannabis Business Applications in the Cities of Chula Vista, Marina, Alameda, Hanford, Oxnard, Pomona, Watsonville, Stanton, Concord and Fairfield. RCH’s public entity clients range from the Federal Aviation Administration to the California Public Utilities Commission to the California Energy Commission to Yolo County to the City of Sacramento.

Understanding of Services Desired by the County

RCH has demonstrated its understanding of the CEQA services desired by the County through its experience with the County over the past five years. RCH staff members are very familiar with the County staff and procedures. RCH understands exactly what the County needs for the preparation and management of CEQA documents (IS/NDs, IS/MNDs, and EIRs) and has demonstrated its expertise through its experience with the County. RCH understands the importance of timely and detailed planning, coordination, and reporting during the CEQA review process. RCH is committed to preparing high-quality CEQA documents that are legally defensible and informative to the public and County decision makers.

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Table 1: RCH and Subcontractor Project Experience

Project Type/Year	Lead Agency	RCH Staff Paul Miller	RCH Staff Dan Jones	RCH Staff Mike Ratte	RCH Staff Luis Rosas	Sub ECORP	SUB Abrams	SUB SUTRO
Yolo County Central Landfill (YCCL) Permit Revisions EIR. 2020 – 2021	Yolo County	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
Haykingdom Processing & Storage Improvements Project IS/MND. 2019 – 2021	Yolo County	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Yolo Cold Storage Facility Project IS/MND. 2021	Yolo County	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Yolo County Central Landfill (YCCL) Permit Revisions EIR Addendum. 2023	Yolo County	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Esparto A1-Pre Fab LLC Project IS/MND. 2024	Yolo County	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Two IS/MNDs and one IS/MND Peer Review for industrial projects. 2023 – Present	City of Pittsburg	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
Two IS/MNDs for residential projects. 2023 – 2024	City of Sacramento	✓	✓	✓			✓	
Technical Studies for two Cannabis Cultivation IS/MNDs. 2020	City of Blythe	✓	✓	✓				
Woodland Service Station Project Traffic Impact Study. 2024	Yolo County						✓	
Cannabis Cultivation Permitting. 2020 – Present	Mendocino County							✓
Knights Landing Ridge Cut Erosion Repair Program (Yolo County) CEQA, NEPA, and Section 106 Support. 2021 – Present	Knights Landing Ridge Drainage District					✓		

Personnel Assignments

RCH’s key staff (Paul Miller, Dan Jones, Mike Ratte and Luis Rosas) will be assigned, as appropriate, to potential projects that arise through the “as-needed” contract with Yolo County. RCH also has two part-time Senior Project Managers (Jeff Harvey, Ph.D. and Dan Sicular Ph.D.) available to the County on an as-needed basis, each with 30+ years of environmental

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consulting and CEQA experience. Depending on the project, RCH's subconsultants for biological and cultural resources (ECORP), hazards, hydrology and water quality, and geology and soils (Sutro) and transportation and traffic (Abrams) will be assigned as necessary. Key personnel qualifications are listed below, and resumes are attached below in the **Appendix to Exhibit B**.

Presenting to Elected Officials and the Public

RCH's Project Manager (Paul Miller) and Deputy Project Manager (Dan Jones) have significant experience in presenting environmental reports and studies to elected officials and the general public. Dan Jones has assisted planning staff in presenting several CEQA environmental documents at public hearings for lead agencies such as Yolo County, Alameda County, and the Cities of Colfax, Sacramento, and South San Francisco. Paul Miller has more than 35 years of experience in providing environmental services to government agencies and has managed more than 18 major EIRs. Paul has attended and presented at more than 100 public hearings for CEQA documents. Paul and Dan also teamed with Yolo County staff to present three meetings for the YCCL Permit Revisions Project EIR: (1) the virtual scoping meeting for the Notice of Preparation, (2) the special public meeting for the Draft EIR, and (3) the Yolo County Board of Supervisors Hearing presenting the Final EIR. Paul and Dan have provided similar scoping meetings for EIR on projects in Alameda County, Sonoma County, and the City of Napa.

Producing the Required Product in a Timely Fashion

RCH certainly has been involved in some projects where the initial schedules are difficult or impossible to achieve, due to a variety of factors. The most frequent cause of delays tends to be changes in the Project Description or discovery of environmental constraints that result in the expansion of analyses in some of the environmental resource topics (i.e., biological resources, cultural resources, or traffic impact assessments).

RCH staff can determine the type of CEQA review and documents needed for project-specific issues and provide deliverables in a manner that benefit our clients' budget and adheres with the project schedule. RCH has developed an excellent reputation with our clients for preparing high quality environmental documents and technical reports while controlling project budgets and meeting project deadlines. Once our team receives project information, we can quickly give the County a scope of work to address the range of environmental issues for the project and get the project kicked off and environmental document preparation underway.

Meeting Tight Project Deadlines

RCH has extensive experience in meeting tight project deadlines. In the past, we have been contacted by clients that needed detailed technical reports for residential and commercial projects under limited time constraints. Although we prefer to allocate an appropriate amount of time for the preparation of environmental documents, RCH has dealt with tight project deadlines; often with deadlines of less than two weeks for delivery of individual technical reports. Our team has been able to deliver Air Quality and GHG Emissions, Health Risk Assessment, Noise and Energy Technical Reports in less than 2 weeks after initial contact for straightforward technical reports supporting CEQA documents. If the County is in a situation

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where the project deadlines are strict or subject to quick changes, our team of professionals would respond aptly.

Controlling Project Budgets

RCH's extensive familiarity with consulting dynamics and practices allow our project managers to create a realistic baseline budget for different types of technical reports or environmental documents needed for each project. Depending on the project type, our team will establish cost controls and metrics that we monitor regularly for the status of project budgets. Our team is trained to forecast if the project is likely to be controversial or not, which can often alter budgets depending on the amount of effort and time needed to allocate for sensitive projects. In addition, all RCH staff members do an excellent job with budget planning, cost-tracking and time management to keep the costs of our services competitive and affordable for our clients.

QUALIFICATIONS OF KEY PERSONNEL



Paul Miller, M.S. Managing Principal/Project Manager/Senior Air Quality and Noise Scientist, is an environmental professional with more than 35 years of experience in providing services and products to government agencies and private sector corporations. His technical areas of expertise include CEQA project management and technical analyses in the areas of air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, noise, integrated waste management, energy and hazardous materials. With a broad range of environmental skills, he has applied his background since 1986 to CEQA and NEPA environmental documents, including project manager for more than 18 major EIRs. He has been the project manager or a key team leader for five state agencies (California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), California Energy Commission (CEC), CalRecycle, the former California Integrated Waste Management Board, and the State Water Resources Board, Central Valley Region) on projects of statewide importance.

Paul would be the Project Manager for potential projects though the "as needed" contract and would be RCH's main contact with Yolo County. Paul would serve as the Project Manager and would review all environmental documents related to CEQA compliance. Paul managed and prepared the Yolo County Central Landfill (YCCL) Permit Revisions Project EIR and the subsequent EIR Addendum. Paul was also the overall Project Director and provided senior review and QA/QC for three Yolo County IS/MNDs: Haykingdom Processing & Storage Improvements Project, Yolo Cold Storage Facility Project, and Esparto A1-Pre Fab LLC Project.

Dan Jones, Deputy Project Manager/Air Quality and Noise Specialist, is an environmental professional with over 11 years of experience in providing CEQA and NEPA environmental services to government agencies and private sector corporations. Dan's technical areas of expertise include project management and document preparation and technical analyses in the

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areas of air quality, greenhouse gases/climate change, energy, and noise. Dan has been integral in the preparation of over 300 CEQA documents and technical studies.

Dan would serve as the Deputy Project Manager and air quality, greenhouse gas emissions and energy analyst in preparation and review of environmental documents related to CEQA compliance. Dan was deputy project manager and prepared the Yolo County Central Landfill (YCCL) Permit Revisions Project EIR and the subsequent EIR Addendum. Dan also managed and prepared three Yolo County IS/MNDs: Haykingdom Processing & Storage Improvements Project, Yolo Cold Storage Facility Project, and Esparto A1-Pre Fab LLC Project.

Mike Ratte, Senior Air Quality Scientist, has been a practicing meteorologist and air quality specialist within the consulting business for over 35 years. Mike's technical expertise includes CEQA/NEPA environmental planning, air emissions inventories, ambient air monitoring, atmospheric dispersion modeling, General Conformity determinations, CO/PM roadway intersection hot-spot analysis, air quality permitting, health risk assessments, and climate change analyses.

Mike has worked extensively for local, state, and federal agencies, as well as a wide array of commercial businesses and industries. His recent projects involved transportation facilities (airports, roadways, and marine ports), land development (residential, commercial, and institutional), landfills, quarry operations, and renewable resources. Mike has also conducted air quality analyses for over 30 airport CEQA/NEPA documents.

Mike would serve as the Senior Air Quality Scientist for preparation of air quality, greenhouse gas emissions and health risk assessment analyses. Mike prepared the air quality health risk assessment for the Yolo County Central Landfill (YCCL) Permit Revisions Project EIR.

Luis Rosas, Environmental Associate/Noise Analyst, Luis is an environmental professional with over 5 years of experience in providing environmental services and products to government agencies and private sector corporations. Luis's work involves technical analysis of noise, preparation and review of CEQA/NEPA environmental documents, and noise monitoring. His technical experience with noise includes conducting short-term and long-term noise monitoring using Metrosonics dB 308 noise meters and short-term and long-term noise and vibration monitoring using Larson-Davis SoundTrack LxT-1 sound level and vibration meters. Luis is proficient with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Roadway Construction Noise Model to estimate construction noise levels, the FHWA Traffic Noise Model to estimate traffic noise levels, and vibration modeling using Caltrans methodology for structural damage/human annoyance criteria.

Luis would serve as the Noise Analyst (in the field and authoring noise sections and reports) and would also help prepare other CEQA sections for EIRs and IS/MNDs. Luis prepared the noise analysis and conducted noise monitoring for the Yolo County Central Landfill (YCCL) Permit Revisions Project EIR, Haykingdom Processing & Storage Improvements Project IS/MND, Yolo Cold Storage Facility Project IS/MND, and Esparto A1-Pre Fab LLC Project IS/MND.

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RCH'S PART TIME SENIOR PROJECT MANAGERS

Dan Sicular, PH.D., Senior Project Manager, has 35 years of experience as an environmental consultant. Dan is an experienced CEQA practitioner, having written and managed numerous EIRs and IS/MNDs for projects ranging from State permitting programs, to solid waste landfills and mining operations, to urban development projects. In 2017 and 2018, Dan served as the Consulting Environmental Planning Manager for the Marin County Community Development Agency. He is versed in all aspects of CEQA project management, including project scoping, analysis, report writing and editing, document preparation, response to comments, and CEQA process. Dan managed the 2005 Yolo County Central Landfill (YCCL) EIR. Dan would serve as an as-needed Senior Project Manager available to the County and could be especially valuable given his significant experience with managing CEQA documents for landfills and mining.

Jeff Harvey, PH.D., Senior Project Manager, has over 30 years of experience as an environmental consultant. Jeff has expertise in the requirements of the CEQA, NEPA, and related laws and regulations pertaining to water supply, water quality, land use planning, air quality, biological resources, cultural and historic resources, and natural resources conservation and management. Jeff has organized and managed more than 300 projects, leading multi-disciplinary teams of scientists, engineers, lawyers, economists, and planners. Projects have included environmental assessments and permitting for energy and water development, mining, public infrastructure projects, and industrial development. Jeff would serve as an as-needed Senior Project Manager available to the County and could be especially valuable given his significant experience with managing CEQA documents for energy, water resources, mining, and other industrial projects.

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QUALIFICATIONS OF SUBCONSULTANTS ON RCH'S TEAM



ECORP Consulting, Inc. (ECORP) assists their public and private clients with a wide range of environmental services including technical studies for biological, cultural, and water resources; air quality and noise; land use planning; and regulatory compliance with the CEQA, NEPA, Clean Water Act, federal and state Endangered Species Acts, National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), and other laws and regulations. ECORP can provide support over the life of a project from initial baseline field surveys, special studies, and environmental planning; to environmental review, permit negotiation, liaison with resource agencies, and mitigation design; and through construction monitoring compliance reporting. ECORP brings to their clients an experienced team of CEQA and NEPA specialists, environmental permitting specialists, environmental analysts, land use planners, terrestrial and aquatic biologists, wetland specialists, air quality/greenhouse gas and noise analysts, archaeologists, cultural resource specialists, architectural historians, and geographic information system (GIS) analysts.

ECORP's environmental documentation and compliance experience includes the full range of CEQA and NEPA documents and experience with the regulatory requirements of Sections 401, 402, and 404 of the Clean Water Act; Sections 7 and 10 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA); California Endangered Species Act (CESA); Sections 106 and 110 of the NHPA; Section 1600-1616 of the California Fish and Game Code; Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act; California Coastal Act; and Coastal Zone Management Act. ECORP has well established working relationships with regulatory agency staff including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), Regional Water Quality Control Boards (RWQCB), and California Office of Historic Preservation. These agencies recognize ECORP's permit application documents to be of the highest quality based on our consistent technical excellence and thorough understanding of regulatory processes.

ECORP has significant Yolo County experience through projects such as Haykingdom Processing & Storage Improvements Project IS/MND and Yolo Cold Storage Facility Project IS/MND as a subconsultant to RCH, Teichert-Shifler Mining and Reclamation Project, and the CEMEX Supplemental EIR, as well as developing protocols for the County for cultural and tribal cultural resources to implement the Yolo County Cannabis Land Use Ordinance.

The following ECORP key staff members would be assigned to projects for Yolo County when Biological or Cultural Resources studies or peer reviews are needed.

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ECORP's Key Personnel

Molly Enloe, Biological Resources/Regulatory Permitting Task Manager, Principal Biologist, has over 30 years of experience as a biological resource professional, specializing in endangered species and wetland compliance, biological assessment, CEQA/NEPA documentation, and environmental permitting. Molly has prepared biological resource evaluations and impact assessments for a wide variety of projects, from General Plans/Specific Plans to commercial and residential developments, transportation and infrastructure projects, and recreational facilities. Molly has performed biological surveys, implemented mitigation and monitoring programs, and performed environmental data collection and analysis for projects throughout California and parts of Nevada. Molly's species experience includes western burrowing owl, California spotted owl, Swainson's hawk, San Joaquin kit fox, blunt-nosed leopard lizard, desert tortoise, California tiger salamander, valley elderberry longhorn beetle, and vernal pool crustaceans. Molly is experienced in meeting the requirements of multiple agencies, including state and federal resource agencies such as the USACE, RWQCBs, and Caltrans. Molly is also familiar with all phases of environmental remediation, having led the cleanup of several contaminated ecological sites for the U.S. Air Force. Molly is experienced working in rural and agricultural counties such as Yuba, El Dorado, Sacramento, Amador, Merced, and Madera.

Brian Marks, Ph.D., RPA– Cultural Resources Task Manager/Senior Archaeologist, is a professional archaeologist with extensive experience conducting and leading archaeological surveys, overseeing excavations, authoring reports and publications, and managing cultural resources monitoring programs throughout California. Brian has been performing archaeological and lithic analysis since 1997 and has been leading archaeological investigations both terrestrially and underwater since 2001. Brian continues to develop and adapt the methodology within a cultural resource management context to address research questions and eligibility. Brian has experience training and mentoring staff in field methods, technical report writing, specialized lab methods, and by working with other disciplines, such as biologists, geologists, environmental scientists, engineers, and GIS, Brian has developed a well-rounded holistic approach to cultural resources and site formation processes. Brian has experience with geoarchaeological studies, osteological analysis, trenching, coring, and soils analysis. Brian has experience working for private, local, county, state, and federal clients on a variety of projects in accordance with local, state, and national preservation guidelines, including the CEQA and NHPA Section 106. Brian is experienced working in Yolo County through the Knights Landing Ridge Cut Erosion Repair Program and is experienced working in rural and agricultural counties such as Yuba, Solano, Placer, and Butte.

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Abrams Associates

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING, INC.

Abrams Associates Traffic Engineering, Inc. (Abrams) is a Walnut Creek, California based consulting firm specializing in traffic engineering and transportation planning. The firm was founded in 1985 and has been providing traffic engineering services for over 40 years on a wide variety of projects. Abrams has undertaken hundreds of traffic and transportation engagements — many of them large, complex and controversial. The firm stresses the need to make the traffic engineering and transportation planning process a practical one, by using their skills to guide projects through environmental and other regulatory reviews to timely implementation.

Abrams has provided traffic and transportation consulting services to a wide range of private clients, and public clients at all levels of government. The firm is generally engaged by developers, property owners, and project planners. Public clients include agencies at the local, city, county, regional state, and federal levels. The firm emphasizes the high quality of its products, close interaction with clients, and the need for creative, practical solutions to transportation and traffic problems.

The following Abrams Associates staff members would be assigned to projects for Yolo County when transportation, traffic, and vehicle miles traveled (VMT) studies and peer reviews would be needed.

Abrams Associates Key Personnel

Stephen Abrams, President, of Abrams Associates is the primary engineer for most of the firm's traffic planning and impact studies. Stephen provides on-call traffic engineering services to various cities such as Orinda and Walnut Creek and he previously served for five years as the contract City traffic engineer for the City of El Cerrito. Stephen has extensive experience preparing traffic studies for environmental review and has provided traffic engineering services on hundreds of projects throughout California. Stephen would manage the review of transportation issues and serve as the primary contact. Stephen is a Registered Professional Traffic Engineer in California and has over 30 years of traffic engineering experience. Stephen prepared the traffic studies for Yolo County for the Esparto A1-Pre Fab LLC Project IS/MND and Yolo Cold Storage Facility Project IS/MND as a subconsultant to RCH. Stephen has also completed the following traffic studies in the Yolo County:

- *Cache Creek Casino Destination Resort Project (Phase III) Traffic Impact Study* - Casino expansion, new hotel tower with 467 hotel rooms, conference center, and new parking structure.
- *Howald Property Traffic Impact Study, Knights Landing* - 638-unit single family home subdivision.
- *Woodland Service Station Project Traffic Impact Study* - Proposed service station and a fast food with a drive through next to the Yolo Cold Storage site.
- *Story Subdivision Traffic Impact Study, Esparto* - 73-unit single family home subdivision.

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Sutro Science, LLC (Sutro) is a consulting firm specializing in the analysis of geologic resources, and hazards, seismic hazards, hazardous materials, groundwater, surface water hydrology, water quality, and fisheries science to support environmental planning and compliance documentation for public and private entities. Sutro is based in Sausalito, California. The firm was founded by hydrologist Justin Taplin, MS and geologist/hydrogeologist Pete Hudson, CEG. Prior to establishing the firm in 2015, Pete and Justin supported the technical services team at Environmental Science Associates. Together, Justin and Pete have over 40 years of combined experience serving as technical managers, senior reviewers, and lead authors for both program- and project-level EIRs, Environmental Impact Statements (EIS), and IS/MNDs, as well as other related documents pursuant to the CEQA and NEPA.

Sutro has been involved in numerous environmental planning documents for California counties including Yolo, Sonoma, Santa Clara, Marin, Contra Costa, and San Francisco. Sutro has assisted RCH with the Yolo County Central Landfill (YCCL) Permit Revisions Project EIR (approved and adopted in November 2021) and the Yolo Cold Storage Facility Project IS/MND (approved and adopted in December 2021). Pete’s technical involvement with the Yolo County Central Landfill (YCCL) Landfill dates back to the 2005 Subsequent EIR. Sutro is currently assisting with SFO’s Recommended Airport Development Plan (RADP), teaming with RCH on the Napa Renewable Resources Project 2.0 EIR, and helping complete the Final EIR for the Sargent Ranch Quarry in Santa Clara County. Sutro continues to help Mendocino County cannabis growers navigate the cultivation permitting requirements of the Mendocino Cannabis Department (MCD) and State Department of Cannabis Control (DCC) while providing established and prospective cannabis growers expertise in water rights, soil stabilization, and code compliance. Sutro remains abreast of changes in cannabis cultivation permitting policy throughout California, including, most recently, the review of the DCC’s *Licensing of Commercial Cannabis in Mendocino County Project* EIR.

The following Sutro staff members would be assigned to projects for Yolo County when hazards, hydrology and water quality, and geology and soils studies would be needed.

Sutro’s Key Personnel

Peter Hudson, Principal, Senior Geologist, has more than 30 years of broad-based experience in engineering geology, hydrogeology, environmental, geotechnical and surface water. He is a professional geologist and certified engineering geologist in the state of California, a Qualified SWPPP Practitioner (QSP), and a registered geologist/engineering geologist in the state of Washington. His general responsibilities include providing geological, geotechnical, geophysical and hydrogeological technical support in water quality assessments, water resource and

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geological studies for planning, permit assistance, environmental impact assessments with emphasis on hydrological and geologic issues, soils investigations and erosion/geomorphic investigations, planning/policy assessments, and mitigation planning and monitoring. Pete has authored numerous geoscience and hydrology-related technical sections under CEQA and NEPA and provides technical input and senior review for completion of work products including EIRs and EISs. Pete contributes his technical expertise to resource management plans, reclamation/restoration plans, erosion control plans, draft permits (e.g., NPDES), land development environmental feasibility analyses, and site selection/constraints studies. Pete prepares Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreements notifications (CDFW), Site Management Plans (SWRCB), and Fully Contained Spring Assessments (SWRCB). Pete authored the Hazards and Geology/Soils Sections of Yolo County Central Landfill (YCCL) Permit Revisions Project EIR (approved and adopted in November 2021) as a subconsultant to RCH and has significant cannabis cultivation permitting experience in Mendocino County navigating county and state regulations.

Justin Taplin, Principal, Senior Environmental Scientist, is a skilled and effective scientist, technical manager, and strategic thinker. He brings more than 20 years of experience applying broad expertise in hydrology, water quality, and water resource regulation to the environmental review and compliance process. Justin acts as technical manager, senior reviewer, and lead author for large-scale, often contentious, complex program- and project-level EIRs, EISs, and other documents pursuant to the CEQA and NEPA. As technical manager, Justin routinely coordinates with engineering and technical sub-consultants with expertise in a variety of fields such as stormwater retention and conveyance, stormwater treatment and Low Impact Development (LID) design, hydromodification, and water quality to produce comprehensive and defensible environmental assessments and implementable mitigation strategies. Prior to co-founding Sutro Science LLC, Justin worked at Environmental Science Associates from 2007 to 2015 as a technical manager contributing to a wide range of aggregate/mining, industrial, development, water supply, energy production, and infrastructure projects. Justin authored the Hydrology and Water Quality Section of Yolo County Central Landfill (YCCL) Permit Revisions Project EIR (approved and adopted in November 2021) and the Yolo Cold Storage Facility Project IS/MND (approved and adopted in December 2021) as a subconsultant to RCH.

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ATTACHMENTS:

RCH GROUP STAFF RESUMES

ECORP STAFF RESUMES

ABRAMS STAFF RESUMES

SUTRO STAFF RESUMES



Paul Miller

Managing Principal/Project Manager/Senior Air Quality and Noise Scientist

Paul is an environmental professional with more than 35 years of experience in providing services and products to government agencies and private sector corporations. His technical areas of expertise include CEQA project management and technical analyses in the areas of air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, noise, integrated waste management, energy, and hazardous materials. With a broad range of environmental skills, he has applied his background since 1986 to CEQA and NEPA and has been integral in the preparation of over 500 CEQA/NEPA environmental documents, including project manager for more than 20 major EIRs. He has been the project manager or a key team leader for five state agencies (California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), California Energy Commission (CEC), CalRecycle, the former California Integrated Waste Management Board, and the State Water Resources Board, Central Valley Region) on projects of statewide importance.

Under previous on-call CEQA contracts with Yolo County, Paul managed and prepared the Yolo County Central Landfill (YCCL) Permit Revisions Project EIR and the subsequent EIR Addendum. Paul was also the overall Project Director and provided senior review and QA/QC for three Yolo County IS/MNDs: Haykingdom Processing & Storage Improvements Project, Yolo Cold Storage Facility Project, and Esparto A1-Pre Fab LLC Project.

CEQA/NEPA Project Experience:

- **CEQA Team Leadership and Collaboration:** Paul has been leading EIR teams on major projects for more than 30 years. These have included internal teams at ESA, Aspen Environmental Group and RCH Group for the last 12 years. Paul has also led over 100 other firms that have been subconsultants on EIRs he has managed. On the other side of the coin, RCH also provides technical support, as a subconsultant preparing air quality, greenhouse gas, noise, and energy analyses for EIRs led by other firms throughout California. Paul uses the experience from all these efforts to build project teams that provide superior CEQA consulting services.
- **Project Manager and Senior Air Quality Reviewer of Energy Projects for California Public Utilities Commission:** Pacific Gas and Electric Co. (PG&E) Divestiture EIR for Hydroelectric System Divestiture EIR; PG&E Divestiture EIRs to sell Morrow Bay, Moss Landing, Oakland, Potrero, Pittsburg, and Contra Costa Power Plants; San Diego Gas and Electric Company's (SDG&E's) Power Plant Divestiture Mitigated Negative Declaration; Mitigated Negative Dec (MND) to divest Southern California Edison Company's power plants.
- **Cannabis Projects:** Richmond Parkway Commerce Center IS/MND, Blythe Green Complex IS/MND, Blythe Palo Verde Center IS/MND, and Cannabis Odor Control Plans for Cannabis Business Application in the Cities of Walnut Creek, Union City, Chula Vista, Pasadena, Santa Rosa, Marina, Alameda, Hanford, Oxnard, Pomona, Watsonville, Stanton, Concord and Fairfield.
- **Senior Noise Analyst and Reviewer:** Mr. Miller has been collecting high-quality noise measurements since 1988. He specializes in collecting baseline environmental noise data and analyzing the potential noise impacts of proposed projects in CEQA and NEPA documents. RCH uses a noise data collection and processing system that he has been continually modifying and enhancing the processes for data accuracy and cost efficiency. The combined hardware/software system uses higher-capacity batteries, portable computers to download

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data, and customized software to automatically plot daily noise data showing relevant standards and noise monitoring locations.

- **Senior Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Reviewer:** Honda Port of Entry EIR (Port of Richmond), Union Pacific Railroad Modernization EIR (Lathrop, CA), Eagle Mountain Pumped Storage Hydroelectric EIR and EIS (Mohave Desert), Oasis Shopping Center Master EIR (Redding, CA), San Rafael Rock Quarry EIRs, La Vista Quarry EIR (Alameda County), Novato Sanitary District Master Plan EIR, SAFCA Mayhew Levee Replacement Project Peer Review.
- **Anaerobic Digestion:** CalRecycle (formerly the California Integrated Waste Management Board), Statewide Program EIR for Anaerobic Digestion Facilities; Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) - Dairy Manure Digester and Manure Co-digester Program EIR; Blue Line Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), Transfer Station Anaerobic Digester with Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Production MND, and Hatachi Zosen Inova Anaerobic Digester (San Luis Obispo County, public meeting EIR air quality presentations).
- **Material Recovery Facility:** South San Francisco Scavenger Company Materials Recovery Facility EIR; West Contra Costa County Integrated Resource Recovery Facility EIR; Sanitary Fill Solid Waste Transfer Station and Household Hazardous Waste Facility EIR; Yuba-Sutter Disposal Inc. Transfer Station and Compost MND; Stockton Scavenger Transfer Station Focused EIR; City of Fremont Transfer Station/MRF/Composting Facility EIR.

Education

1977 Master of Science (Zoology and Entomology)

Colorado State University – Fort Collins, Colorado

1974 BA Zoology, Miami University – Oxford, Ohio

Professional Certifications and Affiliations

- California Air Resources Board -Accredited GHG Verifier of Emissions Data Reports for Mandatory Reporting
- Member, Association of Environmental Professionals (AEP)
- Board Member since 2010, Air and Waste Management Association, Mother Lode Chapter of Golden West Section

Consulting Experience

- Environmental Science Associates
- North State Resources
- Aspen Environmental Group
- EarthMetrics, Inc.
- Environmental Measurements, Inc.
- Ecology Consultants, Inc.
- Miller Environmental Consultants



Dan Jones

Project Manager/Air Quality and Noise Technical Specialist

Dan Jones is an environmental professional with over 11 years of experience in providing CEQA and NEPA environmental services to government agencies and private sector corporations. Dan's technical areas of expertise include project management and document preparation and technical analyses in the areas of air quality, greenhouse gases/climate change, energy, and noise. Dan has been integral in the preparation of over 300 CEQA documents and technical studies.

Dan's technical noise experience includes short-term and long-term noise monitoring and noise modeling with the Federal Highway Administration's Roadway Construction Noise Model and Highway Traffic Noise Prediction Model. Dan is proficient in a variety of air emissions models including California Air Pollution Control Officers Association's CalEEMod, California Air Resource Board's EMFAC and OFFROAD, and Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District's Road Construction Emissions Model.

Under previous on-call contracts with Yolo County, Dan was deputy project manager and prepared the Yolo County Central Landfill (YCCL) Permit Revisions Project EIR and the subsequent EIR Addendum. Dan also managed and prepared three Yolo County IS/MNDs: Haykingdom Processing & Storage Improvements Project, Yolo Cold Storage Facility Project, and Esparto A1-Pre Fab LLC Project.

CEQA/NEPA Project Experience:

- Residential/Commercial/Educational:** Esparto A1-Pre Fab LLC Project IS/MND, Colfax Maidu Village Commercial Center IS/MND, Sacramento Fruitridge Shopping Center Redevelopment IS/MND, Sacramento River Oaks (The Cove) EIR Addendum, Colfax Auburn Street Hotel IS/MND, Colfax Sierra Oaks Estates Residential Development IS/MND, Shasta 10 Noise/AQ/CAP Consistency Analysis, Morgan Knolls Subdivision IS/MND, Rocklin Meadows Subdivision AQ/GHG Analysis, Wildcat Subdivision AQ/GHG Analysis, Winding Creek Subdivision Noise Analysis, Rancho Vista Subdivision AQ Analysis, Riolo Vineyards Specific Plan IS/MND, Nevin Avenue Apartments IS/MND, Calistoga Subdivision Noise/AQ/CAP Consistency Analysis, Centennial Towers North Tower AQ/GHG/HRA Analysis, 488 Linden Avenue AQ/HRA Analysis, Whitehawk I & Whitehawk II AQ/GHG Analysis, Viri Estates Skilled Nursing Facility IS/MND, Pruneyard Shopping Center AQ/GHG/HRA Analysis, 52 Franklin Avenue IS/MND, 150 Airport Blvd IS/MND, Oakland T12 Office Tower, Sonora Food Service Building IS/MND, Osgood Heights IS/MND, South San Francisco 550 Gateway Blvd Hotel IS/MND, Sunnyvale Atria on El Camino Real AQ/GHG/HRA Analysis, Quarry Place Mixed Use Development AQ/GHG/Noise Analysis, First and Campbell AQ Analysis, Roseville Junction Crossing Noise Analysis, William Jenkins Health Center Noise Analysis, John Henry High School AQ/Noise Peer Review, Sierra Oaks Estates and Village Oaks IS/MND, The Parkway Apartments IS/MND, Cal Expo Rock & Brews CEQA Categorical Exemption, Solana Beach Skyline Elementary School Reconstruction Peer Review, Folsom Bidwell Pointe CEQA Infill Exemption, Marin County Alta Way IS/MND, Granite Bay Joe Rodgers Subdivision AQ/GHG/Noise Analysis, Monarch Vista Apartments IS/MND, Double S Ranch Subdivision AQ/GHG Analysis, Vista Self Storage IS/ND, San Marin High School Turf Field Categorical Exemption, Novato High School Turf Field Categorical Exemption, San Marin High School Expansion IS/MND, Novato High School Expansion IS/MND, Colfax Sierra Oaks Estates and Village Oaks CEQA Addendum, Bayview Health Risk Assessment, The Oaks Assisted Living CEQA Addendum, Dutton Meadows CEQA Addendum, Santa Maria 1423 South Bradley Road.

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- **Industrial:** Haykingdom Processing & Storage Improvements Project IS/MND, Yolo Cold Storage Facility Project IS/MND, Colfax Corporation Yard and RV/Boat Storage IS/MND, Centennial Towers North Tower AQ/GHG/HRA Analysis, Lakeside Fire Protection District IS/MND, Green Island Road Wine Warehouse AQ/GHG/HRA Analysis, Richmond Terminal 3 Timber Export Facility IS/MND, UCSF Research Building and Parking Garage Expansion EIR, Sonora Food Service Building IS/MND, Justin Vineyards & Winery Permit Application, Rocklin Tractor Supply Company AQ/GHG Analysis, Pittsburg Air Separation Plant MND, Pittsburg Iron Salts Plant MND.
- **Waste Management:** Yolo County Central Landfill (YCCL) Permit Revisions Project EIR and the subsequent EIR Addendum, Glenn County Solid Waste Conversion Facility EIR, Blue Line Biogenic CNG Facility CEQA Addendum, Recology Vallejo Permit Revisions IS/MND, Valley Springs Recycling Center IS/MND, Irwindale Materials Recovery Facility/Transfer Station EIR, Sierra Waste Transfer Station Permitting, Forward Landfill SEIR, North Richmond Chip & Grind GHG Analysis, San Luis Obispo Anaerobic Digester IS/MND, Fair Deal Recycling Facility IS/MND & Transfer Processing Report, Ukiah Landfill Closure EIR, San Luis Obispo Anaerobic Digester Odor Impact Minimization Plan, Irwindale Materials Recovery Facility/Transfer Station EIR Addendum, San Luis Obispo Anaerobic Digester Authority to Construct Permit, Stage Gulch Organics Composting Facility EIR, Napa Renewable Resources EIR.
- **Energy:** Blythe EV Truck Charging Station, Castor Solar Noise Study, California Energy Commission Darden Clean Energy EIR, California Energy Commission Perkins Renewable Energy EIR, California Public Utilities Commission Fulton-Fitch Mountain Reconductoring, California Public Utilities Commission Central Valley Power Connect 230 kV, California Public Utilities Commission Riverside Transmission Reliability, San Diego Gas & Electric TL 695, TL 6971 Reconductoring, Santa Paula Battery Energy Storage System IS/MND, PG&E Wheeler Ridge Junction.
- **Water Conveyance:** Buena Outfall Force Main Phase III IS/MND, Oasis Irrigation System Expansion EIR, The People’s Moss Landing Water Desalination EIR, Central Amador Water Pioneer Water Rehabilitation IS/MND, Cuesta Heights Water Storage and Distribution Improvements IS/MND, Christian Valley Park Community Service District Water Storage Tank IS/MND.
- **Restoration/Recreational:** Nevada County Mercer Sawmill, Rockville Trails IS/MND, High Plains Shooting Sports Center Noise Analysis, Alameda Creek Levee Improvement IS/MND, Putah Creek Restorations Program EIR, Lower Putah Creek Restoration IS/MND, Lake Chabot Campus Modernization IS/MND, Phillips 66 Company Line 200 Release Remediation IS/MND, Bay Point Restoration and Public Access IS/MND, University of California Santa Barbara Sea Wall IS/MND, Black Diamond Mines Preserve EIR, San Clemente Sand Dredge.
- **Quarrying:** Olive Pit Mine and Reclamation Project EIR, R&J Aggregate Mines EIR, Irwindale Kincaid Pit Remediation and Reclamation Project.

Education

BS, Environmental Policy Analysis and Planning, University of California, Davis, CA

Professional Affiliations

- Member, Association of Environmental Professionals
- Board Member, Air and Waste Management Association, Mother Lode Chapter of Golden West Section



Michael Ratte

Senior Air Quality Scientist

Michael Ratte is a Senior Air Quality Scientist at RCH Group. Mike has been a practicing meteorologist and air quality specialist within the consulting business for over 35 years. Mike's technical expertise includes CEQA/NEPA environmental planning, air emissions inventories, ambient air monitoring, atmospheric dispersion modeling, General Conformity determinations, CO/PM roadway intersection hot-spot analysis, air quality permitting, health risk assessments, and climate change analyses.

Mike has worked extensively for local, state, and federal agencies, as well as a wide array of commercial businesses and industries. His recent projects involved transportation facilities (airports, roadways, and marine ports), land development (residential/commercial/institutional), landfills, quarry operations, and renewable resources. He has conducted air quality analysis for over 30 airport CEQA/NEPA documents.

Mike is well versed in a wide array of air emission models including, EMFAC, OFFROAD, NONROAD, MOVES, CALFEEMod, and AP-42; dispersion models such as AERMOD, CAL2QHC, EDMS/AEDT, and HARP; with strong data management and ACCESS programming skills.

Under previous on-call contracts with Yolo County, Mike prepared the air quality health risk assessment for the Yolo County Central Landfill (YCCL) Permit Revisions Project EIR.

CEQA/NEPA Project Experience

- Residential/Commercial/Educational:** Esparto A1-Pre Fab LLC Project IS/MND, American Canyon Middle School EIR, Bayview Residential EIR, Belmont 2 Davis Drive IS/MND, Belmont 815 Old County Road Townhouses, Belmont Hill Street Townhouses, Blythe Green Complex (Cannabis Cultivation) IS/MND, Blythe Palo Verde (Cannabis Distribution) IS/MND, Bloomington Business Park Specific Plan EIR Peer Review, Brisbane Baylands EIR, Broadway Plaza EIR, Burlingame High School Gym Replacement IS/MND, Campbell Residences at Railway IS/MND, Campbell Pruneyard Shopping Center, Campbell South Winchester Apartments, Campbell 523 Union Avenue Condominiums, Centennial Towers IS/MND, Centennial Hotel IS/MND, Crystal Springs Upland School IS/MND, Colfax Sierra Oaks Estates and Village Oaks Apartments IS/MND, Dutton Meadows Residential EIR Addendum, East Bay Regional Park District Public Safety Modernization IS/MND, First and Campbell Retail IS/MND, Folsom Bidwell Pointe CEQA Exemption, Folsom Parkway Parcel A Apartment Complex IS/MND, Fox Studios Master Plan EIR, Fremont Osgood Heights IS/MND, Gimbals Candies Expansion IS/MND, Lafayette Town Center IS/MND, Lakeside Fire Station IS/MND, Life Sciences Campus IS/MND, Lincoln Northeast Quad Specific Plan, Marin Alta Way Extension IS/MND, Masonic Homes Union City EIR, Mill Valley Middle School Replacement EIR, Morgan Knolls IS/MND, Napa Junction Elementary School EIR, Nevin Avenue Apartments IS/MND, Nevada County Higgins Marketplace, Novato High School Expansion IS/MND, Park SFO IS/MND, Oak Knoll Mixed Use Community Plan EIR, Oakland T12 Office Tower, Port of Richmond Honda Port of Entry EIR, Port of Richmond Terminal 3 Log Export Facility IS/MND, Richmond 2301 Columbia Avenue IS/MND, Richmond 830 Marina Way South (Bay Walk) IS/MND, Richmond Quarry Residential IS/MND, Richmond John Henry High School Peer Review, Richmond Parkway Commence Center IS/MND, Richmond South Shoreline Specific Plan HRA, Rocklin Sunset & Pacific IS/MND, San Marin High School Expansion IS/MND, Sea Ranch Fiber Optic Cable Project IS/MND, South San Francisco 127 West Harris Avenue Hotel IS/MND, South San Francisco 150 Airport Blvd IS/MND, Santa Clara 1525 Alviso Street IS/MND,

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South San Francisco 2117 Carlmont Drive IS/MND, South San Francisco 255 Cypress Avenue IS/MND, South San Francisco 418 Linden Ave IS/MND, South San Francisco 428 Baden Avenue IS/MND, South San Francisco 488 Linden Avenue IS/MND, South San Francisco 550 Gateway Blvd Hotel IS/MND, South San Francisco 699 Ralston Avenue IS/MND, Sunnyvale Atria on El Camino Real IS/MND, Sunnyvale 1202 Kifer Road IS/MND, The Oaks Assisted Living EIR Addendum, Treasure Island EIR, UCSF Long Term Development Plan EIR, UCSF Research Building and Parking Garage Expansion EIR, Ukiah Walmart EIR, Union City Mid-Pen Housing IS/MND, Union City Seven Hills Florence Street Subdivision IS/MND, City of Weed 7-Eleven Gas Station MND, Westborough Shopping Center Redevelopment IS/MND, William Jenkins Medical Center CEQA Exemption

- **Industrial:** Haykingdom Processing & Storage Improvements Project IS/MND, Yolo Cold Storage Facility Project IS/MND, American Canyon Green Road Wine Warehouse IS/MND, American Canyon 217 Commerce Warehouse IS/MND, Burney Hat Creek Sawmill MND, Cal Am Meadowbrook Tank and Booster Station IS/MND, Central Amador Water Pioneer Water Rehabilitation IS/MND, Linden Commuter Bus Facility IS/MND, Nevada County Mercer Sawmill MND, Pittsburg Air Separation Plant MND, Pittsburg Irion Salts MND
- **Restoration/Recreational/Quarrying:** Alameda Creek North Levee Improvements IS/MND, Bay Point Restoration and Public Access IS/MND, Crystal Creek Aggregates EIR, Lower Berryessa Creek EIR, Lower Yolo Restoration EIR, Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve Land Use Plan Amendment EIR, Hogsback Quarry EIR, Inglewood Transit Connector EIR, Irwindale Kincaid Pit IS/MND, Marin Municipal Water District Biodiversity Fire and Fuels Integrated Plan EIR, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Wildland Fire Resiliency Program EIR, Oasis Area Irrigation System Expansion EIR, Olive Pit Mine EIR, Permanente Quarry Reclamation Plan Amendment EIR, Phillips 66 Oil Spill Remediation IS/MND, Pilarcitos Quarry Expansion EIR, Plumas County Meadow Way Mine MND, Putah Creek Restoration Project IS/MND, Reclamation District 2091 Levee Repair EA, Rockville Trails Preserve IS/MND, Swain Meadow Restoration MND, R&J Aggregate Mine EIR, Roblar Road Quarry EIR, San Rafael Rock Quarry EIR, San Rafael Rock Quarry Extension Application Supplemental EIR, Skyline Aggregates EIR, Vernalis Quarry EIR, Valley Water Penitencia Water Treatment Plant EIR, Valley Water Vasona Pumping Plant Upgrades MND, Valley Water Guadalupe River Bank Stabilization MND, Valley Water Canal Maintenance Program EIR, Ward Lake Pit EIR, Ward Lake Pit Expansion EIR, Williams Pit Reclamation EIR
- **Renewable Energy/Transmission:** Ameresco Renewable Natural Gas Facility MND, Bureau of Land Management Gemini Solar EIS, Bureau of Land Management Copper Rays Solar EIS, Bureau of Land Management Purple Sage Solar EIS, Bureau of Land Management Larrea Solar EIS, Bureau of Land Management Libra Solar EIS, Bureau of Land Management Rough Hat Clark Solar EIS, Bureau of Land Management Pantheon Solar EIS, Burney Bioenergy MND, California Energy Commission Darden Clean Energy EIR, California Energy Commission Perkins Renewable Energy EIR, California Public Utilities Commission Kern River MND, California Public Utilities Commission Riverside Transmission Reliability EIR, Clearway Redonda Bajada Solar EIR/EA, Eagle Mountain Pumped Storage Hydroelectric EIR/EIS, EBMUD Sobrante Plant EIR, Napa Biomass Gasification EIR, Nevada County Mercer Sawmill MND, Salton Sea Geothermal Lithium EIR, Santa Paula Battery Energy Storage System MND, SCE Eldorado-Pisgah-Lugo 220-kV TLRR MND

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- **Material Recovery Facility/Transfer Station/Landfill:** Yolo County Central Landfill (YCCL) Permit Revisions Project EIR, Fair Deal Waste Recycling and Transfer Station IS/MND, Forward Landfill Expansion EIR, Glenn County Landfill EIR, Irwindale Athens Services Materials Recovery Facility/Transfer Station EIR, Keller Canyon Landfill EIR, Milpitas Odor Assessment, San Luis Obispo Anaerobic Digester IS/MND, San Luis Obispo Anaerobic Digester Authority to Construct Permit, Sonoma Compost EIR, Simi Valley American Soil Amendment Products, Ukiah Landfill Closure EIR
- **Transportation:** Baltimore International Airport Improvement Program EA, Baltimore International Airport Proposed Hotel EA, Burbank Airport Terminal Relocation EIR, Chicago O’Hare International Modernization Program EIS, Chicago O’Hare International 2015 Re-Evaluation EIS, Chicago O’Hare International Interim Fly Quiet Re-Evaluation EIS, Chicago O’Hare International Terminal Area Plan EA, Coronado Naval Air Station North Island Land Use Plan, East Hampton Airport Control Tower EA, Fresno Yosemite International Airport Runway Safety Area EA, Gooding (Idaho) Municipal Airport EA, Houston Hobby Airport International Service EA, Inglewood Transit Connector EIR, Kaiser Air Oakland Airport North Field EIR, LaGuardia International Airport Runway Safety Area EA, Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport Terminal Relocation EA, Manchester-Boston Regional Airport Emission Inventory, March Inland Port General Aviation Development EA/EIR, Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport 2020 Improvements EA, Nut Tree Airport Master Plan EIR, Oakland International Airport Runway Safety Area EA, Ontario International Airport South Airport Cargo Center Project EIR/EA, Palm Springs International Airport Master Plan Update EA, Philadelphia International Airport Capacity Enhancement Program General Conformity Determination, Philadelphia International Airport Capacity Enhancement Program EIS, Portland International Airport Runway Extension EA, Providence Airport Runway Extension EIS, Riverside Airport Master Plan EA, Sacramento International Airport Terminal Expansion EIR, San Diego International Airport Master Plan EIR, San Francisco International Airport Runway Safety Area EA, Santa Maria Airport Master Plan Update EA, Southern Nevada Supplemental Airport EIS
- **Airport Planning/Research:** Baltimore International Airport Air Quality Management Plan, Boston Logan International Airport Environmental Data Report, George Bush Intercontinental Airport State Implementation Plan Emissions Inventory, Los Angeles World Airports Air Quality Sources Apportionment Study, Los Angeles World Airports Extremely Low Emissions GSE Feasibility Study , Monterey Regional Airport Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory, Philadelphia International Airport Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory, San Diego International Airport VALE Application, Transportation Research Board Airport Cooperative Research Program ACRP 02-21: Evaluation of Airport Emissions within State Implementation Plans, San Diego International Airport Air Quality Management Plan, Santa Barbara Airport Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory, South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization Greenhouse Gas Emissions inventory, ACRP 02-23: Alternative Fuels as A Means to Reduce PM_{2.5} Emissions at Airports, ACRP 02-43: Development of NO_x Chemistry Module for EDMS/AEDT to Predict NO₂ Concentrations, Federal Aviation Administration Air Quality Handbook

Education

1989 BS Meteorology, Lyndon State College – Lyndonville, Vermont

Professional Affiliations

- Member, Association of Environmental Professionals

- Member, Air and Waste Management Association

Consulting Experience

- TRC
- Radian/URS
- Environmental Science Associates
- KB Environmental Sciences



Luis Rosas

Noise Specialist, Technical Associate

Luis Rosas is an environmental professional with over five years of experience in providing environmental services and products to government agencies and private sector corporations. Luis works as an environmental associate at RCH and has knowledge of ecology, biology, renewable energy and noise. His work involves technical analysis of noise, preparation and review of CEQA/NEPA environmental documents, and noise monitoring. His technical experience with noise includes conducting short-term and long-term noise monitoring using Metrosonics dB 308 noise meters and short-term and long-term noise and vibration monitoring using Larson-Davis SoundTrack LxT-1 sound level and vibration meters. He has experience using the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Roadway Construction Noise Model to estimate construction noise levels, the FHWA Traffic Noise Model to estimate traffic noise levels, and vibration modeling using Caltrans methodology for structural damage/human annoyance criteria.

Luis prepared the noise analysis and conducted noise monitoring for the Yolo County Central Landfill (YCCL) Permit Revisions Project EIR, Yolo Cold Storage Facility Project IS/MND, and Esparto A1-Pre Fab LLC Project IS/MND.

CEQA/NEPA Project Experience:

- **Commercial/Industrial:** Marin County Civic Center Farmers Market IS/MND, Marin County San Geronimo Valley Fire Station IS/MND, Oakstone Northern California Expansion IS/MND, Monte Vista Memorial Gardens EIR, City of Jurupa Valley KY Spices Plant IS/MND, Blythe WattEV CEQA Exemption, City of Vista 1430 Decision Street IS/MND, City of San Jose 1810 7th Street Self-Storage IS/MND, Yolo County Cold Storage IS/MND, City of Hesperia Guard Dog Storage IS/MND, City of Victorville Amethyst Road CEQA Categorical Exemption, City of Victorville Mojave Drive Self-Storage IS/MND, South San Francisco 121 East Grand Avenue IS/MND, South San Francisco 120 East Grand Avenue Biotech IS/MND, Agromin/Yolo Land & Cattle Agricultural Material Chipping and Grinding Operation IS/MND, City of Vista Verizon Expansion IS/MND, Yolo County Haykingdom Processing and Storage Improvements IS/MND, City of Corning Heritage RV Park Storage IS/MND, Inglewood Transit Connector EIR, American Canyon SDG Commerce 217 Wine Storage IS/MND, Lomas Santa Fe Drive Improvements IS/MND.
- **Residential/Educational:** City of Sacramento 18 Silver Eagle Road Subdivision IS/MND, Estia at Rocklin Residential Development IS/MND, American Canyon Residences at Napa Junction SEIR, City of Fairfield 460 Union Avenue Residential CEQA Class 32 Exemption, Burlingame 1814/1820 Ogden Drive IS/MND, Sacramento County Woo Property Noise Analysis, City of Vista 1205 Melrose Way IS/MND, Union City Rental Housing IS/MND, Novato Homeward Bound HUD Environmental Assessment (EA), Richmond 2301 Columbia Cherry Blossom IS/MND, City of Campbell 523 Union Avenue IS/MND, Lincoln Joiner Ranch East Noise Mitigation Study and Carmichael Promenade Noise Mitigation Study, La Canada Flintridge General Plan Update Housing and Safety Element, City of Aliso Viejo Housing Element Update, Burlingame High School Gym Development IS/MND, San Mateo Aragon High School baseball and Flex Field IS/MND, Sausalito MLK Academy IS/MND, Mill Valley Middle School Replacement EIR

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- **Energy/Transmission:** California Energy Commission Black Rock Geothermal, California Energy Commission Elmore North Geothermal, California Energy Commission Mayacma Geothermal, California Energy Commission Morton Bay Geothermal, California Public Utilities Commission Kern River MND, California Public Utilities Commission Control Silver Peak EIR, Southern California Edison Eldorado-Pisgah-Lugo MND, San Joaquin County Ameresco Forward Landfill Gas Facility Upgrades MND, Moss Landing Water Desalination EIR.
- **Restoration/Recreational:** Marin County Greenwood Beach Gravel Beach Design IS/MND, Marin County Distaff Thistle Eradication IS/MND, San Clemente Shoreline Protection, City of Pittsburg Premier Fields IS/MND, North Bay Wetlands Mitigation IS/MND and Marin County Gallinas Levee Supplemental Environmental Review, San Rafael Rock Quarry Amended Reclamation Plan EIR, Olive Pit Mine EIR, Williams Pit Reclamation Plan EIR
- **Water Resources:** East Bay Municipal Utility District El Sobrante Water Treatment Plant Improvements EIR, Valley Water Guadalupe River Bank Stabilization IS/MND, Valley Water Penitencia Water Treatments Plant Improvements IS/MND, Valley Water Canal Maintenance Program EIR, Carmel CRFREE Pipeline Installation IS/MND
- **Material Recovery Facility/Transfer Station/Landfill:** Yolo County Central Landfill Permit Revisions EIR, Sonoma Stage Gulch Organics Composting Facility EIR, Irwindale Athens Service Materials Recovery Facility/Transfer Stations EIR, Ukiah Landfill Closure EIR, Sonoma Compost Stagecoach Gulch EIR

Education

BS, Environmental Studies, California State University – Sacramento, CA

Professional Affiliations

Member, Association of Environmental Professionals



Dan Sicular, Ph.D.

Senior Project Manager

Dan Sicular has 35 years of experience as an environmental consultant. Dan is an experienced CEQA practitioner, having written and managed numerous Environmental Impact Reports and Initial Studies for projects ranging from State permitting programs, to solid waste landfills and mining operations, to urban development projects. In 2017 and 2018, Dan served as the Consulting Environmental Planning Manager for the Marin County Community Development Agency. He is versed in all aspects of CEQA project management, including project scoping, analysis, report writing and editing, document preparation, response to comments, and CEQA process.

CEQA and NEPA Project Experience and Qualifications

San Geronimo Fire Station Environmental Constraints Analysis and Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (*Project Manager*). Dan prepared an environmental constraints analysis, and later a CEQA Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration, for Marin County, examining potential environmental impacts associated with developing a portion of the former San Geronimo Valley Golf Course as a new fire station and headquarters for the Marin County Fire Department. Dan and his team focused on major environmental topics, including fisheries and other biological resources, hydrology, geology, hazardous materials, aesthetics, land use and planning, and cultural resources. The constraints analysis was completed in September 2021, and the Initial Study/MND in April 2024.

Johnson Trust Coastal Development Permit Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (*Project Manager*). Under contract to the Marin County Community Development Agency, Dan led a multi-disciplinary team to complete a CEQA Initial Study of a proposed residential development on a parcel located in the Calles neighborhood of Stinson Beach. The undeveloped parcel extends onto the beach itself and contains an area of remnant sand dune. The Initial Study was the first completed under Marin County's updated Local Coastal Program. It therefore had to consider new LCP policies protecting development of Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Areas (ESHAs) and coastal access, and prohibiting floodplain development and shoreline armoring. The MND was adopted and the project approved by the Board of Supervisors in November 2023. A subsequent appeal was denied by the California Coastal Commission.

San Rafael Rock Quarry Supplemental Environmental Review (*Project Manager*). Dan assisted Marin County with preparation of a CEQA Supplemental Environmental Review and EIR Addendum for the proposed extension of the timeline for completion of mining of the San Rafael Rock Quarry. The Addendum was adopted, and the extension granted, by the Board of Supervisors in November 2021. The extension allows for continued mining through at least 2044. Dan previously managed the completion of an EIR for the Quarry (see below). The Supplemental Environmental Review covered the full range of environmental topics.

Dipsea Ranch Land Division Initial Study (*Project Manager*). Under contract to the Marin County Community Development Agency, Dan prepared a CEQA Initial Study for the Dipsea Ranch Land Division Project. The Project consisted of subdivision of an existing 8-acre parcel located on Panoramic Highway on

the southern slope of Mount Tamalpais, to create three lots. A Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Project was adopted by the Planning Commission in April 2020, and, after appeal, upheld by the Board of Supervisors in October 2020.

Marin County Department of Public Works/Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Environmental Planning and Coordination Services (*Project Manager*). From 2018-2021, Dan assisted the District with coordination and internal review of environmental review documents for the Ross Valley Watershed Program. These included the San Anselmo Flood Risk Reduction Final EIR, the Corte Madera Creek Flood Risk Management Project Draft EIS/EIR, and the Corte Madera Creek Flood Risk Management Project Phase 1 EIR.

Gallinas Levee Upgrade Initial Study and Santa Venetia Levee Supplemental Environmental Review/Subsequent Mitigated Negative Declaration, Marin County Department of Public Works/Flood Control and Water Conservation District (*Project Manager*). Dan prepared a CEQA Initial Study for the planned raising of the “timber reinforced berm” atop the Gallinas Levee, which protects the Santa Venetia neighborhood from tidal and riverine flooding of Las Gallinas Creek. The Initial Study was completed in June 2019 and a Mitigated Negative Declaration was adopted for the project in October 2019. Sicular Environmental Consulting also prepared a Supplemental Environmental Review and Subsequent Mitigated Negative Declaration for a revised version of the project, which would substitute a composite sheet pile wall for the timber reinforced berm. The Subsequent MND was completed in August 2024.

Alta Way Extension Initial Study, Marin County (*Project Manager*). Dan prepared a CEQA Initial Study for a proposed grading permit to extend an existing residential street in the Tamalpais Valley to access ten legal lots of record. Working closely with Community Development Agency and Department of Public Works staff, Dan navigated complex technical and planning issues as well as public controversy over the project. The Initial Study concludes that the project would have the potential for significant effects on the environment, and that an EIR should be prepared. The Initial Study was completed in April 2018.

Marin County Federal Housing Grants Program NEPA Assistance, Marin County Community Development Agency (*Project Manager*). Since 2018, Dan has assisted the Marin County Community Development Agency with completion of dozens of NEPA reviews for the Federal Housing Grants Program. Grants, which originate with funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, are given for new construction and rehabilitation low-income housing. Each grant requires compliance with NEPA through preparation of an environmental review document.

California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Shasta and Scott Watersheds Permitting Programs EIRs. (*Project Manager*). Dan managed the preparation of two separate EIRs for permitting programs aimed at reducing the impacts of farming and ranching activities on coho salmon in two major Klamath River tributaries within California: The Scott River and the Shasta River. The aim of the programs was to reduce individual and cumulative effects of water diversions, grazing, and crop production on water quantity, watery quality, fish passage, and spawning and rearing habitat, through the issuance of heavily conditioned incidental take permits and streambed alteration agreements to farmers and ranchers in the two valleys. Both EIRs were certified in October 2009.

San Rafael Rock Quarry EIR, Marin County (*Project Manager*). Working with the Marin County Department of Public Works and Community Development Agency, Dan and his team at ESA prepared an EIR for the San Rafael Rock Quarry’s Amended Reclamation Plan and Surface Mining and Quarrying Permit. The quarry, located at Point San Pedro near the City of San Rafael, extracts and processes rock for use as aggregate, road base, riprap, and other building products. Operation of the quarry had become a matter of considerable controversy, due to impacts on the residential neighborhood that adjoins the quarry property. Of particular concern to the site’s neighbors were blasting, truck traffic, and a degraded

viewshed. The EIR examined potential biological and hydrologic impacts of the planned post-reclamation use of the site, which included cutting a channel between the 400-foot-deep main quarry bowl and San Pablo Bay in order to create a lagoon and ship channel. A mixed commercial, residential, and marina development was planned for the site. The Final EIR was certified and the project approved by the Marin County Board of Supervisors in 2009.

Redwood Landfill Expansion EIR, Marin County (*Project Manager*) (*while at ESA*). Dan managed the preparation of an EIR for the proposed expansion of the Redwood Landfill, located near Novato in Marin County. This was one of the first EIRs in the state to quantify greenhouse gas emissions, recognize a significant impact on climate change, and impose mitigation measures for reduction of GHG emissions. Dan worked closely with County Environmental Health Services and Community Development Agency staff to develop an alternative to the project that refocuses the facility on materials and energy recovery, rather than landfill disposal, and that limits the size of the expansion and daily waste intake to levels commensurate with the County's needs. The County certified the EIR and approved the project alternative in 2008. In 2013, Dan worked with the County on preparation of a Supplemental Environmental Review leading to an Addendum to the EIR, examining potential impacts of a proposed materials recovery facility and expansion of the existing composting operation.

Other EIRs

While at ESA, Dan managed through to certification the following EIRs (lead agency and date of certification provided; asterisk (*) indicates that the EIR withstood legal challenge):

Cold Creek Compost Facility EIR, Mendocino County (1998)*

Blue Line Transfer Station/Materials Recovery Facility EIR, South San Francisco (1999)

Ostrom Road Landfill Expansion, Yuba County (1999)*

Yolo County Central Landfill EIR, Yolo County (2005)

Redwood Landfill EIR, Marin County (2008)*

Shasta and Scott River Watershed-wide Permitting Programs EIRs, CA Department of Fish and Wildlife (2009)

San Rafael Rock Quarry Expansion and Reclamation Plan EIR, Marin County (2009)

San Francisco Bay and Delta Sand Mining EIR, California State Lands Commission (2012)*

Pilarcitos Quarry Expansion and Reclamation Plan EIR, San Mateo County (2012)

Sonoma County Compost Facility EIR, Sonoma County Waste Management Authority (2013)

Landbank Central and Wolfe Campus EIR, City of Sunnyvale (2014)

Roblar Road Quarry Supplemental EIR (Sicular Environmental Consulting as a subcontractor to ESA), Sonoma County (2019)

Education

M.A., Ph.D., Geography. University of California, Berkeley (1984, 1989)

B.A., Southeast Asian Studies. University of California, Berkeley (1982)

Positions Held

Senior Project Manager, RCH Group (2024-present)

Principal, Sicular Environmental Consulting and Natural Lands Management (2016-Present)

Consulting Environmental Planning Manager, Marin County Community Development Agency (2017- 2018)

Forest Manager, Pacific Forest Trust, San Francisco, CA (2015-2016)

Senior Project Manager, Environmental Science Associates, San Francisco, CA (1994-2015)

Instructor, University of California, Berkeley Extension Environmental Management Program (1991-1994)

Instructor, San Francisco State University Environmental Resources Program (1990-1993)



Jeff Harvey, Ph.D.

Senior Project Manager

Dr. Jeffrey G. Harvey has worked in environmental compliance and project development support services to clients throughout California for energy/transmission, water resources, mining and reclamation, and industrial land development projects. Primary services include project management and planning, environmental impact assessment, regulatory permitting, policy development, and public involvement. He is a professional dedicated to providing outstanding client service, and technical and management expertise for complex and controversial projects.

Jeff has worked as an environmental consultant in California for more than 30 years. He has expertise in requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and related laws and regulations pertaining to water supply, water quality, land use planning, air quality, biological resources, cultural and historic resources, and natural resources conservation and management. He has organized and managed more than 300 projects, leading multi-disciplinary teams of scientists, engineers, lawyers, economists, and planners. Projects have included environmental assessments and permitting for energy and water development, mining, public infrastructure projects, and industrial development. As Senior Project Manager, he is responsible for client liaison, team coordination and task assignments, and for keeping projects on schedule and within budget. He also performs primary quality assurance / quality control functions for the team.

Special emphasis has been placed on client representation, active coordination with agency staff and government decision-makers, and effective presentations and public testimony. In managing planning and document preparation, Dr. Harvey has streamlined the reporting and regulatory process through development of detailed project objectives and focused identification of issues; effective consultation and liaison with regulatory agency staff and the applicant's representatives; and preparation of concise, organized, and readable reports. He has developed cost-effective mitigation strategies to resolve regulatory issues without impairing project goals and has prepared long term monitoring criteria to measure successful project implementation.

CEQA/NEPA Project Experience

- **Eagle Mountain Energy Storage Facility Project (1,300 MW), Eagle Crest Energy Company and NextEra Energy (2005 to present):** Dr. Harvey served as Project Director for coordination of environmental and engineering teams and strategy development for water supply, water quality permitting, and transmission interconnection. Major tasks included preparation of the license application and Environmental Impact Report for a hydroelectric project in California to satisfy the requirements of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), and the State Water Resources Control Board. Responsibilities include preparing FERC application materials, evaluation of water supply and water quality issues, agency meetings, EIS equivalent document and EIR for the SWRCB. Completion of formal Section 7 consultation, and NHPA section 106 consultation with Historic Properties Management Plan. He is currently assisting NextEra Energy on an as-needed basis with project implementation and final transmission interconnection point routing and permitting.

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- **San Vicente Energy Storage Facility Project (2014-2019, and 2023 to present):** Dr. Harvey was the Senior Project Manager for preparation of the Pre-Application Document (PAD) as the initial stage in preparation of a license application and Environmental Impact Report for a pumped storage hydroelectric project in California to satisfy the requirements of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). The project includes development of an upper reservoir to be supplied from the existing San Vicente Reservoir, tunnel system with underground powerhouse, and evaluation of transmission line alternatives for an 8-mile, 230 kV line that would cross public and private lands. Responsibilities include preparing FERC application materials, evaluation of water supply and water quality issues, public scoping and agency consultation. He is presently under contract with the project engineering team lead by Black & Veatch to assist with CEQA reporting for the SWRCB Water Quality Certification and NEPA reporting for the FERC Hydropower License.
- **Blythe and Palen Solar Power Projects, Solar Millennium, LLC (2010 to 2012):** Senior Scientist for coordination of groundwater resources investigations, analyses of the proposed water source in relation to the Bureau of Reclamation's proposed Colorado River Accounting Surface, and development of water offset plans to fulfill mitigation requirements. The Blythe Project is a 1,000 MW solar thermal plant located west of Blythe on the Palo Verde Mesa in eastern Riverside County. The Palen Project is a 500 MW solar thermal plant located in the Chuckwalla Valley, also in eastern Riverside County. Provided oversight and critical review of hydrogeologic modeling conducted by the applicant's consultant from the firm of AECOM. Tasks have also included consultation and negotiations with CEC staff, the Bureau of Reclamation, Bureau of Land Management, Palo Verde Irrigation District, Colorado River Board of California, and testimony for CEC hearings. A current task involves implementation of the Water Offset Plan.
- **Genesis Solar Energy Project, NextEra Energy Resources, Inc. (2010 to 2012):** Senior Scientist for coordination of groundwater resources investigations, analyses of the proposed water source in relation to the Bureau of Reclamation's proposed Colorado River Accounting Surface, and development of water offset plans to fulfill mitigation requirements. The Genesis project is a 250 MW solar thermal project located in the eastern Chuckwalla Valley. Provided oversight and critical review of hydrogeologic modeling conducted by the applicant's consultant from the firm of Worley Parsons. Tasks have also included consultation and negotiations with CEC staff, the Bureau of Reclamation, Bureau of Land Management, Palo Verde Irrigation District, Colorado River Board of California, and testimony for CEC hearings, and implementation of the Water Offset Plan.
- **Blythe Energy Project and Blythe Energy Project II (1998 to 2004):** Project Manager for *Application for Certification and Related Permitting*, Comprehensive analyses and report preparation for permitting two 520 MW merchant power plants in southern California. In addition to coordination of technical teams, Dr. Harvey managed and assisted in water resources investigations and development of water conservation offset programs, air permitting (including emission reduction credits), gas pipeline routing, wastewater management plans, and land annexation to the City of Blythe.

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- **Program Environmental Impact Report for Regional Water Facilities Master Plan, San Diego County Water Authority, (2001-2003, 2012-2013, and 2023 to present):** Senior Project Manager for the Program Environmental Impact Report for the Water Authority's *Regional Water Facilities Master Plan* (Master Plan). The purpose of the Master Plan is to evaluate the ability of the Water Authority to continue to meet its goals for current plans for water supply and facility improvements, and to recommend new facilities or improvements to existing facilities needed to meet water demands through 2045. The Plan included 35 facilities ranging from pipelines, water tanks, and pumps, to water treatment plants, storage reservoirs, and seawater desalination plants. Additional special assessments included water conservation, wastewater recycling, groundwater management, and the relationship between water supply planning and land development planning. The PEIR was completed for the original plan in 2003, with a Supplemental PEIR in 2013. A new Supplemental EIR is now being prepared and is expected to be completed in late 2024.
- **Mid-Canal Storage Project, Coachella Valley Water District (2021 to 2023):** CVWD and SDCWA worked with the Bureau of Reclamation for approval to develop the Mid-Canal Storage Project involving modifications to a 4.9-mile segment of the canal to reduce Coachella Canal maintenance problems with the concrete lining, and to create a small storage reservoir allowing greater operational flexibility and improved water use efficiency. The change allowed joining the concrete lined canal with the original earthen canal to create a single wider channel as a linear reservoir between siphons 11 and 14, with a capacity of up to 728 acre-feet. The project also included extension of an IID electrical circuit to power a flow control gate at Siphon 14. Dr. Harvey was Senior Project Manager for preparation of an Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared to satisfy CVWD's and SDCWA's CEQA requirements and an Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact to satisfy Reclamation's NEPA requirements.
- **Oasis Area Irrigation Expansion Project (2013 to and 2020):** Dr. Harvey was the Project Manager for completion of an EIR for the Oasis Area Water Supply Project in the Coachella Valley Water District. The District proposed to provide imported surface water to replace groundwater use for approximately 7,101 acres of farm lands in the Oasis Area, along the northwest margin of the Salton Sea. The project is part of implementation of the 2003 Quantification Settlement Agreement (QSA) and will utilize QSA water to reduce aquifer overdraft. (EIR completed in 2014 with an Addendum No. 1 to address final routing of the IID electrical circuit in 2020.)
- **Regional Water Conveyance System Study – San Diego County Water Authority (2019 to 2021):** Dr. Harvey worked with Black & Veatch to prepare the *Regional Water Conveyance System Study* (RCSS) for the San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA). The proposed project involves development of an alternative conveyance system to transport up to 279,500 acre-feet of Colorado River water to San Diego annually via the All American Canal, a new extension of the West Side Main canal, and a new pipeline and tunnel system extending from the Anza Borrega desert west of the Salton Sea to the Water Authority's existing Twin Oaks Water Treat Plant in the City of San Marcos.
- **Coachella Canal Lining Project – CVWD & SDCWA (2005 to 2009):** Dr. Harvey served as Environmental Program Manager for this 33-mile water supply and conservation project funded by the CVWD and

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SDCWA. The purpose of this project is for the CVWD to conserve water through replacement of an unlined canal with a lined canal and then transfer the conserved water to the SDCWA as part of Lower Colorado River Basin Quantification Settlement Agreement (QSA). Dr. Harvey was responsible for general project oversight and ensuring that construction activities were completed in compliance with the Environmental Commitment Program.

- **All-American Canal Lining Project – IID/SDCWA (2005 to 2009):** Dr. Harvey was responsible for monitoring the progress of this project under his role as the SDCWA Transfer Program Consultant. The purpose of this project was to conserve water and then transfer the conserved water to the SDCWA as part of the Lower Colorado River Basin QSA. Dr. Harvey advised the SDCWA on mitigation requirements and costs for construction. Primary issues involved elimination of large mammal safety ridges and conduct of a deer presence investigation, permitting for construction roads, and issues pertaining to threatened and endangered species that could be affected by canal realignment and siting of staging areas recommended as part of final design planning.
- **Salton Sea Ecosystem Restoration Program, (2003-2008 and 2015-2018):** As the Transfer Program Consultant to SDCWA, Dr. Harvey worked originally on the Salton Sea Ecosystem Restoration Program EIR, as a technical team member for the air quality impact analyses, and for the cost assessment for Salton Sea mitigation measures that became a part of the QSA. In the past several years, he has worked on assessment of ongoing air quality conditions in Imperial County and the Salton Sea area, and effectiveness of implementation of air quality mitigation measures.
- **Transfer Program Consultant: Quantification Settlement Agreement, Water Transfer Agreement between San Diego County Water Authority and Imperial Irrigation District, and Related Water Conservation and Environmental Mitigation Projects (1997 to 2003):** Dr. Harvey has served as the Transfer Program Consultant to SDCWA providing strategy guidance, technical analyses, and policy support for compliance with NEPA, CEQA, and State and federal endangered species acts; and implementation of the Lower Colorado River (LCR) Basin Quantification Settlement Agreement (QSA). Projects have included the SDCWA/IID Water Transfer, support for development of the QSA and related CEQA documentation, Coachella Canal and All-American Canal lining projects, and technical oversight of elements of the Salton Sea Ecosystem Restoration Program. Tasks have included definition of analytical scope, assistance with scoping and public involvement, agency coordination and consultation, technical review and critique of impact analyses, definition of mitigation requirements and assignment of responsibilities for mitigation, and production of legally defensible draft and final documents. For the water transfer, Dr. Harvey assisted SDCWA in negotiations with the USFWS on Section 7 consultation for the Lower Colorado River, and with CDFG on related California Endangered Species Act consultation.

Education

Ph.D. in Geography

University of California, Los Angeles. Hydrology and Water Resources, Environmental Law and Policy, Natural Resources Management, and Impact Assessment.

Dissertation: *Water Labyrinth: Policy Reforms for Reallocation of California's Water Resources: The San Joaquin Valley as a case Study of Institutional barriers to Water Use Reform*

M.A. in Geography

California State University, Chico. Environmental Planning, Water Resources Development, and Impact Analysis.

Thesis: *Small Hydroelectric Development: Process, Issues and Methodology for Cumulative Impact Assessment*

B.A. in Geography

California State University, Chico. Physical Geography; minor concentrations in Anthropology and Geology.

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Molly Enloe

Principal Biologist/Project Manager

Ms. Enloe has over 30 years of experience as a biological resource professional, specializing in endangered species and wetland compliance, biological assessment, CEQA/NEPA documentation, and environmental permitting. Ms. Enloe has prepared biological resource evaluations and impact assessments for a wide variety of projects, from General Plans/Specific Plans to commercial and residential developments, transportation and infrastructure projects, and recreational facilities. She has performed biological surveys, implemented mitigation and monitoring programs, and performed environmental data collection and analysis for projects throughout California and parts of Nevada. Her species experience includes western burrowing owl, California spotted owl, Swainson's hawk, San Joaquin kit fox, blunt-nosed leopard lizard, desert tortoise, California tiger salamander, valley elderberry longhorn beetle, and vernal pool crustaceans. Ms. Enloe is experienced in meeting the requirements of multiple agencies, including state and federal resource agencies as well as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regional Water Quality Control Boards, Caltrans, and Tahoe Regional Planning Agency. She is also familiar with all phases of environmental remediation, having led the cleanup of several contaminated ecological sites for the U.S. Air Force.

Education

B.S., Environmental and Systematic Biology, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo

Masters level coursework in ecology and environmental science, California State University, Sacramento

Registrations, Certifications, Permits and Affiliations

- Member, Sacramento-Shasta Chapter of The Wildlife Society
- Member, WTS International (Women in Transportation)

Professional Experience

Upper Canal Reliability Project, El Dorado County – Georgetown Public Utility District (2023-ongoing). Biological Resources Task Manager for a proposed irrigation canal upgrade project designed to improve water supply and reliability. ECORP conducted a literature review, performed biological field surveys, and prepared the Biological Resources Assessment in support of the project's CEQA documentation. ECORP also prepared the 1602 permit application and 404 permit exemption request, and provided technical inputs to the Biological Assessment for the Bureau of Reclamation's Section 7 consultation. The BA evaluated potential project effects on California spotted owl, California red-legged frog, foothill yellow-legged frog, northwestern pond turtle, and developed recommendations to avoid and minimize adverse effects.

School Closure/Consolidation Program, Amador County – Amador County Unified School District as a Subconsultant to PlaceWorks (2023-ongoing). Biological Resources task manager for a project to



consolidate educational services at three school campuses in Amador County, CA. ECORP performed biological site inspections, conducted special-status plant surveys, and prepared the Biological Resources Assessment to support the CEQA documentation for the project.

UC Villages Annexation Project, Merced County – City of Merced as a Subconsultant to DeNovo Planning Group (2023-ongoing). Project Manager for providing biological resources services for a 37-acre mixed-use commercial and apartment/student housing development located near the UC Merced campus. ECORP conducted a literature review, performed biological field surveys, and prepared the Biological Resources Assessment for the project.

Lodge at Yosemite South, Community of Oakhurst – Madera County as a Subconsultant to Benchmark Resources (2023-ongoing). Project Manager responsible for providing biological resources services for this 39-acre resort-style camping and RV facility near the entrance to Yosemite Park. ECORP conducted a peer review of the Biological Resources Assessment, provided input for additional studies needed to support the environmental documentation, and is preparing the biological resources section of the Environmental Impact Report.

MID Creek Maintenance Projects, Merced County – Merced Irrigation District (2024-ongoing). Project manager for providing biological resources support services for proposed creek maintenance activities at three Merced Irrigation District gauging stations. ECORP conducted biological sites surveys, special-status plants surveys, and an aquatic resources delineation; prepared Biological Resources Assessments; and conducted environmental permitting for the three sites.

Porter Creek Pipeline Crossing Project, Yuba County – Browns Valley Irrigation District (2023-ongoing). Responsible for conducting the environmental permitting under Sections 404 and 401 of the Clean Water Act and Section 1602 of the California Fish and Game Code for the installation of a proposed irrigation pipeline through Porter Creek in Yuba County. The project involved replacement of several miles of open ditch with underground piping to reduce water loss and increase system efficiency.

Grantline 220 Development Project, Sacramento County – Lennar Homes and AKT Development (2021-Ongoing). Project Manager responsible for overseeing biological resources implementation tasks for this 220-acre mixed-use development Project comprising a portion of the 1,200-acre SunCreek Specific Plan area in eastern Sacramento County. ECORP conducted preconstruction surveys, biological monitoring, and water quality monitoring in compliance with SSHCP avoidance and minimization measures and the terms and conditions of the Project's 404, 401 and 1602 permits. Species of concern included tricolored blackbird, Swainson's hawk, western burrowing owl, and other SSHCP covered species.

French Bar Bridge Replacement Project, Amador County – City of Jackson as a Subconsultant to WGA (2023). Project manager responsible for overseeing implementation of all environmental permitting conditions related to biological resources during construction of a new 40-foot long span bridge of South Fork Jackson Creek on French Bar Road. Project tasks included preconstruction surveys, biological monitoring, and preparation of permit notifications and monitoring reports.



Brian S. Marks, Ph.D.

Senior Archaeologist

Dr. Marks is a professional archaeologist with extensive experience conducting and leading archaeological surveys, overseeing excavations, authoring reports and publications, and managing cultural resources monitoring programs throughout California. He has been performing archaeological and lithic analysis since 1997 and has been leading archaeological investigations both terrestrially and underwater since 2001. Dr. Marks continues to develop and adapt the methodology within a cultural resource management context to address research questions and eligibility. He has experience training and mentoring staff in field methods, technical report writing, specialized lab methods, and by working with other disciplines, such as biologist, geologists, environmental scientists, engineers, and GIS, he has developed a well-rounded holistic approach to cultural resources and site formation processes. He has experience with geoarchaeological studies, osteological analysis, trenching, coring, and soils analysis. He has experience working for private, local, county, state, and federal clients on a variety of projects in accordance with local, state, and national preservation guidelines, including the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106.

Education

Ph.D., Anthropology, Florida State University, Tallahassee.

M.S., Anthropology, Florida State University, Tallahassee.

B.S. Individual Major - Underwater Archaeology, University of California, Davis

Registrations, Certifications, Permits and Affiliations

- Register of Professional Archaeologist #15173 – Joined in 2005, Exp. 12/2024
- Society for American Archaeology – Joined in 2000, Exp. 12/2024
- Society for California Archaeology – Joined in 2011, Exp.12/2024

Professional Experience

Knights Landing Ridge Cut Erosion Repair Program, Yolo County – Knights Landing Ridge Drainage District (2021-Ongoing). Principal Investigator for conducting background research, directed and participated in field work, wrote the inventory and evaluation report, and recommended avoidance measures for known cultural resources in the vicinity of the project to comply with CEQA, NEPA, and Section 106 requirements. The Knights Landing Ridge District developed a phase approach to conduct repairs along the Knights Landing Ridge Cut in Yolo County.

5th Street Bridge Replacement, Yuba City & City of Marysville, Yuba County – City of Yuba City (2017-2019). Principal Investigator responsible for assisting in the preparation of the Supplemental Historic Property Survey Report, Extended Phase I Proposal, Extended Phase I Report, CEQA Addendum, and NEPA Revalidation Documentation. Dr. Marks also coordinated with the Client, Caltrans, Native



American tribal governments, and other regulatory agencies. This project replaced the 5th Street Bridge over the Feather River and improved approach roadways to the bridge. The 5th Street Bridge is a major arterial connector between the Cities of Yuba and Marysville. The project constructed a new four lane bridge over the Feather River, expanded 5th Street from two lanes to four, and improved the 5th Street and J Street intersection. The project also included a Class I multi-use trail over the river, providing pedestrian and bicycle access over the river between Yuba City and Marysville.

Travis Air Force Base Water Transformation Project, Solano County – Travis Air Force Base (2021-Ongoing). Principal Investigator who conducted background research, directed field work, and wrote the inventory report to comply with NEPA and Section 106 requirements. As part of the environmental documentation for the Travis Air Force Base Water Transformation Project, a new pipe was to be installed from a new well in the base-owned Cypress Lakes Golf Course to water storage facilities in the northern portion of the base.

Rancho Del Oro, Placer County – Tsakopoulos Investments, LLC (2013-Ongoing). Senior Archaeologist who joined this long term project in 2021 and, once construction started, implemented mitigation measures, coordinated cultural monitoring of ground-disturbing activity, coordinated with other environmental disciplines, and was integral in a bioswale redesign to avoid impacts to a historic property. As part of a housing development project, Tsakopoulos Investments, LLC is developing an approximately 120-acre vacant piece of land for home builders

Mammoth Pool Reservoir Recreation Facilities Rehabilitation Project, Mammoth Pool Reservoir, Madera County – Southern California Edison (2020). Principal Investigator and archaeologist who conducted background research, directed and participated in the field work, and wrote the initial findings report to the Sierra National Forest (SNF) as part of NEPA regulations. As part of Southern California Edison's agreement with the SNF, they needed to rehabilitate four recreational facilities on Mammoth Pool Reservoir

E. Rio Bonito Road Bridge across Hamilton Slough, Butte County – Butte County (2017-2019). Principal Investigator/Environmental Planner. This project will replace two bridges on East Rio Bonito Road, the Sutter Butte Canal Bridge and the Hamilton Slough Bridge. The existing Hamilton Slough Bridge, constructed in 1930, is a narrow 18' wide two-lane bridge. The three-span bridge is a cast-in-place reinforced concrete "T" beam. The replacement structure will be an approximately 50-foot long, two span, cast-in-place reinforced concrete slab bridge. The new bridge will be moved east of the existing bridge location by approximately 65 feet to better match the roadway alignment. Dr. Marks was responsible for identification of cultural resources and documentation of all cultural resources within the project area. Dr. Marks also handled all environmental documentation included the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and completing the permit applications for the Section 401, Section 404, Section 1602 permits.

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Abrams Associates Traffic Engineering, Inc.

Time with Company: With Abrams Associates for over 30 years

Education: B.S. Civil Engineering

Professional Experience: Stephen Abrams has over 30 years of experience in the fields of traffic engineering and transportation planning. He joined the firm in 1995, expanding their capabilities in the areas of computer applications and environmental review. *School traffic studies* are one of Mr. Abrams' specialties and attached is a list of over 80 public and private schools that he has successfully completed traffic and safety studies for. By successfully representing both private and public sector clients on the most challenging traffic engineering and environmental review issues, Mr. Abrams has repeatedly proven his abilities and integrity. Below are three major projects that are representative of Mr. Abrams' experience:

Project: **Oakley Logistics Center**
Location: Oakley, California
Client: Northpoint Development
Role: Principal Traffic Engineer
Dates: October, 2018 – January, 2020
Contacts: Jed Momot, Chief Strategy Officer, (573) 366-8829
Address: 12977 Outer 40 Road, Suite 203
 St. Louis, MO 63141

Abrams Associates successfully completed the EIR transportation impact analysis for the Oakley Logistics Center project. This project was located adjacent to the State Route 4 interchange with Wilbur Avenue and includes 1,985,000 square feet of industrial building space including a 150,000 square foot Amazon fulfillment center. Abrams Associates worked extensively with City staff to review the potential impacts to State Route 4 ramps, changes to the General Plan roadway network, and warrants for potential traffic signals and left turn lanes required for the project.

Project: **Richmond Traffic Engineering Services and Point Molate**
Location: Richmond, California
Client: City of Richmond
Role: Principal Traffic Engineer
Dates: April, 2019 – September, 2020
Contact: Lina Velasco, Community Development Director, (510) 620-6706
Address: 450 Civic Center Plaza
 Richmond, CA 94804

Over the past 25 years Abrams Associates has completed provided extensive traffic engineering services in a range of different areas for the City of Richmond. In addition to designing traffic signals and preparing construction traffic control plans we recently represented the City on a controversial proposal for Point Molate. Abrams Associates was retained by the City of Richmond to complete the EIR transportation impact analysis and transportation demand management (TDM) plan for the recently approved Point Molate project that includes 600,000 sq. ft. of office, retail, and restaurants plus 1,260 single family homes and apartments, replacing the previously proposed casino project. Other recent transportation impact studies in Richmond include the John



Henry High School and the Making Waves Academy. Abrams Associates has also prepared traffic and parking studies for community facilities in Richmond such as the De Anza Community Center as well as retail, industrial, and housing developments throughout the City. Abrams Associates has typically contracted with the City of Richmond for traffic studies and environmental review on key development projects, working closely with the City Manager, the Planning Director, and the City Attorney's office.

Project: Guenoc Valley Maha Resort Development
Location: Lake County, California
Client: Lotusland Investment Group
Role: Principal Traffic Engineer
Dates: September, 2017 – July, 2020
Contacts: Kirsty Shelton, Entitlement Manager, (707) 692-6636
Address: One Embarcadero Center, Suite 730
 San Francisco, CA 94111

Abrams Associates successfully completed the EIR transportation impact analysis for the recently approved Maha Resort Development located east of the Middletown community in Lake County. This project included five luxury hotels with a total of 850 hotel rooms plus 1,400 estate villas and 500 workforce housing units. In addition to completing the EIR transportation analysis the project also analysis of vehicle miles travelled (VMT) and the forecast effects of the proposed transportation demand management (TDM) program for the project. The work also included a detailed traffic safety study and recommended improvements covering the entire 10-mile length of Butts Canyon Road.

Transportation Planning

Mr. Abrams has extensive transportation and master planning experience. He prefers working on projects from the beginning design stages, so decisions on transportation facilities and improvements can be incorporated up front, instead of becoming mitigations. Selected examples of his many traffic planning studies include: *Bayshore Corridor Transit System Planning Study, SF Comprehensive Bicycle Plan, Gavilan Community College Master Plan, Lower Fillmore Revitalization Project Traffic and Parking Plan, Union City General Plan/Redevelopment Plan Update.*

Professional Experience

- Abrams Associates, 1995 to Present
- Wilbur Smith Associates, 1993 to 1995
- Environmental Science Associates, Inc., 1989 to 1993

Education and Professional Registration

- San Francisco State University, B.S. in Civil Engineering, 1992
- Registered Professional Traffic Engineer in the State of California. License No. TR1852

Affiliations

- American Society of Civil Engineers
- Institute of Transportation Engineers

Stephen Abrams' School Projects***Private School Clients***

Silicon Valley Flex Academy, Morgan Hill
 Summit Public Schools, Sunnyvale
 John Henry High School, Richmond
 Celebration School, Brentwood
 Moreau Catholic High School, Hayward
 De La Salle/Carondelet High Schools,
 Concord
 Benito Juarez Elementary, Richmond
 Ecole Bilingue de Berkeley
 Making Waves Charter School, Richmond
 East Bay Innovation Academy, Oakland
 Contra Costa School of Performing Arts,
 Walnut Creek
 KLA School, Walnut Creek
 Kid Time Pre-School, Walnut Creek
 Berean Christian High School
 L'Academy Preschool, Pleasant Hill
 Prospect Sierra School, El Cerrito
 The Windrush School, El Cerrito
 Challenger Schools, Danville
 Challenger Schools, San Jose
 The Quarry Lane School, Dublin
 De Vry Institute of Technology, Fremont
 The St. Thomas Moore School, SF
 Highlands Christian School, Brisbane
 The Pleasant Hill Christian School
 The Blue Oaks School, Napa
 Growing Tree Pre-School, Lafayette
 Las Trampas School, Lafayette
 The Center Way School, Danville
 The Athenian School, Danville
 Mountain Boulevard Pre-School, Oakland
 International Boulevard School, Oakland
 Danville Montessori
 Children's Creative Learning Center,
 Redwood City
 The Evergreen School, San Jose
 Rockridge Montessori, Oakland
 West Oakland Charter School, Oakland
 Early Learning Institute, Palo Alto
 Springfield Montessori, Walnut Creek
 Chinese Christian School, Alameda
 St. John Preschool, Orinda
 St. Perpetua School, Lafayette
 Lighthouse Community School, Oakland
 Rockridge Little School, Oakland
 New Hope Charter School, Sacramento
 Learn and Play Montessori, Union City

Public School Clients

Westwood Elementary School, Concord
 Rodeo Hills Elementary, Rodeo
 Albany Middle School
 Longfellow Middle School, Berkeley
 Drake High School, San Rafael
 Alhambra High School, Martinez
 De Anza High School, Richmond
 Berkeley High School
 San Ramon High School
 Carquinez Middle School, Crockett
 John Swett High School, Crockett
 Rancho Cotate High School, Rohnert Park
 UC Berkeley
 UCSF Medical Center
 Gavilan Community College, Gilroy
 West Contra Costa Unified School District
 Cameron Elementary School
 Castro Elementary School
 Fairmount Elementary School
 Harding Elementary School
 Madera Elementary School
 Valley View Elementary School
 Murphy Elementary School
 Montalvin Manor Elementary School
 Olinda Elementary School
 Bayview Elementary School
 Mira Vista Elementary School
 Nystrom Elementary School
 Kensington Elementary School
 Hercules Elementary School
 Verde Elementary School
 Ford Elementary School
 Sheldon Elementary School
 Hercules Middle School
 Portola Middle School
 El Cerrito High School
 Hercules Elementary School
 Pinole Valley High School

SUTRO STAFF RESUMES





JUSTIN TAPLIN, MS

Principal/Senior Environmental Scientist

Justin is a skilled and effective scientist, technical manager, and strategic thinker. He brings more than 20 years of experience applying broad expertise in hydrology, water quality, and water resource regulation to the environmental review and compliance process. He acts as technical manager, senior reviewer, and lead author for large-scale, often contentious, complex program- and project-level Environmental Impact Reports, Environmental Impact Statements, and other documents pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). As technical manager, he routinely coordinates with engineering and technical sub-consultants with expertise in a variety of fields such as stormwater retention and conveyance, stormwater treatment and Low Impact Development (LID) design, hydromodification, and water quality to produce comprehensive and defensible environmental assessments and implementable mitigation strategies. Prior to co-founding Sutro Science LLC, Justin worked at Environmental Science Associates from 2007 to 2015 as a technical manager contributing to a wide range of aggregate/mining, industrial, development, water supply, energy production, and infrastructure projects.

Education and Certifications

M.S. Environmental Management. University of San Francisco, California.

B.S. (Hons) Biological Sciences. University of Westminster, UK.

Certified Fisheries Professional (#3146), American Fisheries Society

Advanced CEQA Workshop. AEP, 2015.

CEQA Case Law Updates, Issues, Trends. Sohagi Law Group, 2010.

Stormwater Regulations in CA. NWET, September 2009.

Management of Water in CA. UC Berkeley Extension, 2008.

Relevant Project Experience

Yolo County Central Landfill Project EIR, Yolo County, CA. The Yolo County Department of Community Services, Division of Integrated Waste Management (DIWM) is preparing an EIR to assess major changes to the design and operation of the 473-acre Yolo County Central Landfill (YCCL). The Project includes changes to the YCCL to extend the site life through new operational methodologies, such as new stormwater treatment facilities, discharge of stormwater to off-site receiving waters, a large scale floating solar project on a water storage reservoir, and a new Class 2 Surface Impoundment. Justin is responsible for assessing all surface water hydrologic and water quality impacts of the Project, including those associated with a potential future soil borrow site for cover material that has not yet been identified. Key issues include proposed stormwater discharge to Willow Slough Bypass; currently stormwater is discharged with extracted groundwater to a land application area.

Yolo County Cold Storage Facility Project IS/MND, Yolo County, CA. The Yolo County Department of Community Services prepared an IS/MND to assess impacts associated with a proposed 223,814 square foot cold storage facility on a 14.89-acre parcel. The project is located within the floodplain for Cache Creek and within a 100-year flood hazard zone designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and flooding of the site is anticipated to occur on a once-in-20-year to once-in-30-year recurrence interval due to limited flood flow conveyance capacity in Lower Cache Creek. An on-site water supply well and a stormwater detention basin were also proposed as part of the project. Justin conducted all analyses related to hydrology, water quality, groundwater, stormwater treatment and management, and flooding. Key environmental considerations included altered flood dynamics and project consistency with Yolo County requirements for development within a flood hazard zone.



JUSTIN TAPLIN, MS

Principal/Senior Environmental Scientist

Sargent Ranch Quarry EIR, Santa Clara County, CA. Sargent Ranch Partners, LLC proposes to develop a 298-acre sand and gravel surface mining operation within a 403-acre site. Over the proposed 30-year mining operation, portions of the site would be reclaimed upon completion of each phase of the quarry operation with final reclamation at the end of the project's life. Justin provided senior technical expertise and oversight of scoping impacts, assessment approach, technical document peer review, and CEQA analysis related to hydrology and water quality. Key environmental considerations included assessing substantially altered onsite drainage patterns for impacts related to hydromodification and flooding as well as providing peer review of applicant provided drainage and stormwater treatment design.

San Francisco International Airport (SFO) Shoreline Protection Program (SPP) EIR, San Francisco Planning Department, CA. SFO is within a Special Flood Hazard Area and could be inundated during a 100-year flood. Sea-level rise will exacerbate future flood hazards. The SPP would install a new 8-mile-long shoreline protection system around SFO that would comply with current Federal Emergency Management Administration requirements for flood protection and would incorporate protection from future sea-level rise. The design includes 16 distinct reaches based on shoreline orientation, foreshore conditions, and landside conditions. Justin was technical manager and lead author supporting preparation of the EIR. Justin evaluated all near-shore water quality impacts related to construction and long-term impacts to coastal hydraulics from an altered Bay shoreline. Key issues include coastal hydraulic and erosion impacts, dredging and open water fill in the San Francisco Bay, impacts to shoreline wetland areas, and a unique regulatory environment for water quality and hydrology.

Vista Grande Drainage Basin Improvement Project EIR/EIS, Daly City, CA. Justin worked with Daly City and San Francisco Public Utilities to provide CEQA/NEPA documentation, and hydrologic and water quality technical support for a project that proposes to address storm-related residential flooding in the basin while beneficially re-using storm water for management of Lake Merced. Justin designed and implemented water quality investigations (including a water quality sampling program) related to Basin Plan, 303d, and NPDES issues and was lead author and analyst for the hydrology and water quality section of the EIR/EIS. Key issues included stormwater re-use impacts to lake water quality and stratification dynamics, fisheries habitat, coastal erosion impacts from and sea level rise resilience of outfall structures, Operation and management of stormwater treatment wetlands.

Permanente Creek Restoration Plan Supplemental EIR, Santa Clara County, CA. Lehigh Southwest Cement Company proposes to restore the streambed, banks, and floodplain of Permanente Creek along an approximately 3.7-mile extent of the creek by implementing the Permanente Creek Restoration Plan within the Permanente Creek Restoration Area. Justin provided senior technical expertise and oversight of scoping impacts, assessment approach, technical document peer review, and CEQA analysis related to hydrology, water quality, and flooding from realignment of a creek channel and restoration of floodplain areas. Key environmental considerations included altered flood dynamics, bank stability during high flows following restoration and recontouring, erosion and sediment runoff into surface waters during and following construction phases.



PETER HUDSON PG, CEG

Principal/Senior Geologist

Pete Hudson has more than 30 years of broad-based experience in engineering geology, hydrogeology, environmental, geotechnical and surface water. He is a professional geologist and certified engineering geologist in the state of California, a Qualified SWPPP Practitioner (QSP), and a registered geologist/engineering geologist in the state of Washington. His general responsibilities include providing geological, geotechnical, geophysical and hydrogeological technical support in water quality assessments, water resource and geological studies for planning, permit assistance, environmental impact assessments with emphasis on hydrological and geologic issues, soils investigations and erosion/geomorphic investigations, planning/policy assessments, and mitigation planning and monitoring. Pete has authored numerous geoscience and hydrology-related technical sections under CEQA and NEPA and provides technical input and senior review for completion of work products including EIRs and EISs, and EAs. Pete contributes his technical expertise to resource management plans, reclamation/restoration plans, erosion control plans, draft permits (e.g., NPDES), land development environmental feasibility analyses, and site selection/constraints studies. He prepares Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreements notifications (CDFW), Site Management Plans (SWRCB), and Fully Contained Spring Assessments (SWRCB).

Education and Certifications

BA, Geology, San Francisco State University 1987

Professional Geologist, California (Registration No. 6730)

Certified Engineering Geologist California (Registration No. 2368)

Qualified SWPPP Practitioner (QSP) (Certificate No. 21673)

Professional Geologist/Engineering Geologist, Washington (Registration No. 2048)

RELEVANT PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Yolo County Central Landfill Project EIR, Yolo County, CA. The Yolo County Department of Community Services, Division of Integrated Waste Management (DIWM) is preparing an EIR to assess major changes to the design and operation of the 473-acre Yolo County Central Landfill (YCCL). Pete is responsible for assessing all geologic and groundwater-related aspects of the Project, including those associated with a potential future soil borrow site for cover material that has not yet been identified. Key issues include controlling groundwater elevations through groundwater extraction to maintain adequate separation between the water table and the landfill liner. Pete also provided technical input during the preparation of the 2005 Central landfill SEIR.

Cannabis Cultivation Permitting, Mendocino County, CA. Pete has assisted several Mendocino County cannabis growers navigate the Mendocino County Cannabis Department (MCD) and the State of California Department of Cannabis Control (DCC) cannabis cultivation permitting process and has successfully obtained cultivation licenses for these clients. Work has involved obtaining Agricultural Exemptions for cannabis-related structures, preparing Management Plans for lighting, generator, and bull frog management, obtaining Water Board permits, and managing Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreements (LSAAs) through the CDFW. Pete remains abreast of the current permitting issues in Mendocino County for legacy growers and changes in requirements for Use Permits and Administrative Permits for cannabis cultivators in the County and State. Sutro monitored the completion progress of *The Licensing of Commercial Cannabis in Mendocino County Project Environmental Impact Report (EIR)* and reviewed the DEIR. the DCC, certified the EIR on October 17, 2024.



PETER HUDSON PG, CEG

Principal/Senior Geologist

Amendments to Santa Clara County Zoning Ordinance Section 4.10.370 regarding Surface Mining, Santa Clara, Ca. Pete provided technical hydrogeological input to assist the County in its efforts to amend the County zoning ordinance to provide additional enforceable protections for underground aquifers underlying surface mining operations. The Board of Supervisors approved a referral to prohibit mining within 20 linear feet of any water-bearing stratum or groundwater basin boundary. Pete assisted the County Planning Department by reviewing and recommending supplemental zoning amendment language, preparing findings associated with the zoning Ordinance amendments, participating in public scoping, responding to public comments and attending the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors hearings as a technical expert.

Lehigh/Permanente Quarry Reclamation Plan Amendment EIR and Associated Follow-on Work for Santa Clara County. Senior Geologist/Hydrogeologist. Pete has been involved with the Lehigh/Permanente Quarry since September 2010, when, as senior technical staff at ESA, he coordinated the effort to assess the North Quarry for the presence of asbestos and crystalline silica. ESA was under contract with the County of Santa Clara, Department of Planning and Development (County). Pete was then senior geologist and hydrogeologist responsible for technical analysis behind the Lehigh Permanente Quarry Reclamation Plan Amendment (RPA) EIR and was primary senior analyst for issues regarding geoscience and hydrology. Pete and Sutro continued to assist the County as a technical peer reviewer for RPA implementation.

San Rafael Rock Quarry Amended Reclamation Plan and Amended Quarry Permit EIR, Marin County. Geologic and Hydrogeologic Analyst – Reviewer. Pete provided senior technical input and oversight for the preparation of the geology/seismicity and hydrology chapters of the EIR. He coordinated and led the technical aspects of the sampling program developed for fugitive dust emissions and crystalline silica. Main technical issues involved erosion and storm water and post-reclamation conversion to a marina. Pete provided senior review of the DEIR sections and assisted with the response to public and agency comments.

Winery Erosion Control Plans (Various), Napa County. Pete conducted environmental analysis for environmental documentation of various Erosion Control Plans for hillside wineries, as required to comply with Napa County's hillside vineyard ordinance. Work included analysis of pre- and post- project stormwater discharge, sedimentation analysis, determination of soil loss using USLE, evaluating sediment contribution to tributaries and Napa River, reviewing erosion control Best Management Practices, and conducting landslide assessments.

South County Surface Water Supply Project EIR, San Joaquin County, CA. Senior Hydrogeologist. Pete conducted water resource analysis of surface water and groundwater issues/ impacts relating to the transfer of surface water to participating cities. Surface and groundwater modeling data was analyzed to determine magnitude of impacts to Stanislaus River and San Joaquin River flows, New Melones Reservoir storage, water quality and groundwater response. Analysis required comprehensive understanding of reservoir operations, seasonal spills, water requirements for fish, and recreational impacts to altering flows.

Northeast Rohnert Park Specific Plan EIR, Sonoma County, CA. Geologist and Hydrologist. Pete provided technical data on geology and hydrology for the EIR for the Northeast Area Specific Plan. The specific plan called for the development of a residential community of approximately 1,060 dwelling units in a variety of housing densities and types, 18-acres of parks and bikeways, and nearly 57-acres of other open space on an approximately 272-acre site adjacent to the northeastern edge of the city. The property consisted primarily of former agricultural land and contained several old buildings and two riparian corridors.

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EXHIBIT C – RESPONSIBILITY/DEMONSTRATED COMPETENCE

- a. RCH has not defaulted on a contract in the past five years.
- b. RCH has not been suspended or debarred by any government agency in the past five years.
- c. No claims have been made in the past five years against RCH concerning work on a project that has been filed in court or gone to arbitration.
- d. RCH has never been terminated from any project due to a contract dispute or claim filed against our company.
- e. RCH maintains a constant line of communication with our clients and provides them with monthly project status, schedule, and billing updates, which we have found limits problems from arising. We strive to have virtual check-in meetings with client project managers on a weekly basis to go over all details related to the project and critical pathways to completing tasks.

When problems with clients arise, Paul Miller (Managing Principal) will reach out to understand the concerns of the client and immediately discuss potential solutions for those problems. Potential solutions can then be discussed in an on-going manner in the weekly check-in meetings, or more often at the discretion of the client. Paul has the authority to re-direct staff, add more staff to a project, or make other necessary adjustments regarding any budget or schedule problems.

- f. RCH does not have any past, ongoing, or potential conflicts of interest to disclose, or working relationships that may be perceived by disinterested parties as a conflict. RCH does not have any contractual conflicts or other relationships that would prevent RCH from performing the work required by consultants described in the Notice of Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Consulting Services (Bid#: RFQ-2025-0002) issued on behalf of the Yolo County Department of Community Services.

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EXHIBIT D

**Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for
California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Consulting Services and/or
Land Use and Planning Consulting Services
PREVIOUS CUSTOMER REFERENCE FORM**

Contractor Name: RCH Group, Inc.

Please provide at least three (3) customer references for whom you have performed a job similar in size and scope, preferably other California state or local government entities.

1. Company Name: City of Pittsburg, Community & Economic Development – Planning Division
 Address: 65 Civic Avenue
 Pittsburg, CA 94565
 Contact Person: John Funderburg, Asst. Director of Community & Economic Development
 Telephone: (925) 252-4043
 E-Mail: JFunderburg@pittsburgca.gov
 Services Provided: On-Call CEQA/NEPA Environmental Consulting
 2 Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declarations (IS/MND) & 1 Peer Review
 Service Dates: From: 2023 To: Present Contract Value: ~\$200K

2. Company Name: City of Napa, Utilities Department
 Address: 1700 Second Street, Suite 100
 Napa, CA 94559
 Contact Person: Chris Jones, Senior Civil Engineer
 Telephone: (707) 257-9460
 E-Mail: chrisjones@cityofnapa.org
 Services Provided: CEQA Project Management - Napa Renewable Resources 2.0 EIR (Since 2023) and Hidden Glen Remediation IS/MND (Kicking off February 2025)
 Service Dates: From: 2023 To: Present Contract Value: ~\$350K

3. Company Name: City of Sacramento, Community Development Department
 Address: 300 Richards Boulevard, 3rd Floor
 Sacramento, CA 95811
 Contact Person: Ron Bess, Planner
 Telephone: (916) 808-8272
 E-Mail: Rbess@cityofsacramento.org
 Services Provided: CEQA Project Management - Two IS/MNDs – Silver Eagle 18 Subdivision Project (Approved December 2023 – Z22-013) & Silver Eagle Tentative Map (Z23-012 – awaiting public hearing for approval)

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PREVIOUS CUSTOMER REFERENCE FORM**

Service Dates: From: 2023 To: Present Contract Value: ~\$50K

Form Completed By:	<u>Paul Miller</u>	<u>(916) 212-9600</u>	<u>2/13/2025</u>
	Name	Phone	Date

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EXHIBIT E – FEE SCHEDULE

RCH GROUP AND SUBCONSULTANT FEE SCHEDULES

Professional fees for services provided and work performed will be billed and calculated in US currency at the rates and categories described. Administrative overhead, attendance at meetings, and direct project work will be charged at the staff member’s hourly rate or category rate as shown in the rate schedules below. Mileage will be charged at current IRS standard mileage rates. Subcontractor expenses and other non-labor direct project costs will be reimbursed with a 5% administrative handling charge.



Classification	Staff Member	Hourly Billing Rate
Principal / Project Manager	Paul Miller, M.S.	\$200
Senior Project Manager	Jeff Harvey, Ph.D.	\$200
Senior Project Manager	Dan Sicular, Ph.D.	\$200
Deputy Project Manager	Dan Jones	\$160
Senior Air Quality Scientist	Michael Ratte	\$185
Technical Associate	Luis Rosas	\$125



Classification	Hourly Billing Rate
Biological/Cultural Resources Professional XI (Molly Enloe)	\$255
Biological/Cultural Resources Professional X	\$235
Biological/Cultural Resources Professional IX	\$215
Biological/Cultural Resources Professional VIII (Brian Marks)	\$200
Biological/Cultural Resources Professional VII	\$185
Biological/Cultural Resources Professional VI	\$175
Biological/Cultural Resources Professional V	\$165
Biological/Cultural Resources Professional IV	\$150
Biological/Cultural Resources Professional III	\$140
Biological/Cultural Resources Professional II	\$130
Biological/Cultural Resources Professional I	\$120
Biological/Cultural Resources Technician IV	\$115
Biological/Cultural Resources Technician III	\$110
Biological/Cultural Resources Technician II	\$100
Biological/Cultural Resources Technician I	\$90

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EXHIBIT E – FEE SCHEDULE



Classification	Hourly Billing Rate
Principal (Steve Abrams)	\$280
Senior Traffic Engineer	\$210
Traffic Engineer	\$155
Transportation Planner	\$135
Graphics/Drafting	\$110
Technician/Clerical	\$54



Classification	Hourly Billing Rate
Principal/Senior Scientist (Justin Taplin)	\$185 per hour
Principal/Senior Geologist (Pete Hudson)	\$185 per hour

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EXHIBIT F – OTHER FACTORS

RCH's key staff (Paul Miller, Dan Jones, Mike Ratte, and Luis Rosas) are all currently managing and preparing CEQA documents for clients in the public and private sector as well as supporting other staff members with projects. Paul Miller is currently managing two Environmental Impact Reports (EIRs) that are at different stages and levels of activity and is also providing project management to the California Energy Commission (CEC) for their Opt-In Certification Program. The following present RCH's current on-going projects and the key staff member(s) performing active project management and support roles:

- City of Napa Renewable Resources Project 2.0 EIR
 - Project Manager: Paul Miller
 - Deputy Project Manager: Dan Jones
 - Technical Support: Luis Rosas

- Sonoma County Teixeira Ranch Stage Gulch Organics Compost Facility EIR
 - Project Manager: Paul Miller
 - Deputy Project Manager: Dan Jones
 - Technical Support: Mike Ratte and Luis Rosas

- City of Pittsburg Iron Salts Facility Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration IS/MND
 - Project Manager: Dan Jones
 - Technical Support: Mike Ratte and Luis Rosas

- City of Napa Hidden Glen Landfill Remediation IS/MND
 - Project Manager: Dan Jones
 - Technical Support: Luis Rosas

- California Energy Commission Opt-In Certification Program Ongoing CEQA Support
 - Project Manager: Paul Miller
 - Deputy Project Manager: Dan Jones
 - Technical Support: Mike Ratte and Luis Rosas

- Santa Barbara Hilton Hotel Expansion CEQA Air Quality Technical Report
 - Project Manager: Dan Jones

- Pantheon (NV), Wildcat (NV), and Leo Solar (AZ) Projects NEPA Air Quality Technical Report
 - Project Manager: Mike Ratte

- Capitola Cliff Drive Resiliency Project CEQA Noise Technical Report
 - Project Manager: Luis Rosas

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**CONTRACT OF YOLO
Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for
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Signature by the Bidder attests that the Bidder has read, understands, and agrees to all instructions, terms, conditions, specifications, and addenda set forth in this request. Signature furthermore signifies that all prices and terms submitted for the said product(s) and/or services are accurate and shall be honored for the length of time indicated in the request.

All paper bids must be manually signed in ink in the appropriate space below. If submitting electronically, print name of Authorized Person in the space provided for signature.

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that I have the legal authority to bind the firm hereunder

For clarification of this offer, contact

RCH Group, Inc.
Company Name

Name Paul Miller

6521 Chesbro Circle
Address

Title Managing Principal

Rancho Murieta, CA 95683
City State ip

Phone (916) 212-9600

Paul Miller
Signature of Person Authorized to Sign



Fax (916) 782-2666

Paul Miller
Printed Name

Email PMiller therchgroup.com

Managing Principal
Title

February 13, 2025
Date

EXHIBIT B

Exhibit I NON-COLLUSION AND NON-CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Consulting Services and/or Land Use and Planning Consulting Services

I, Paul Miller, am the
(name)

Managing Principal of RCH Group, Inc.,
(Position Title) (Company)

The term “Offeror,” as used herein, includes the individual or business entity submitting the Offer and for the purpose of this Affidavit includes the directors, officers, partners, managers, members, principals, owners, agents, representatives, employees, other parties in interest of the Offeror, and anyone or any entity acting for or on behalf of the Offeror, including a subcontractor in connection with this Offer.

1. **Anti-Collusion Statement.** The Offeror has not in any way directly or indirectly:
 - a. Colluded, conspired, or agreed with any other person, firm, corporation, offeror or potential offeror to the amount of this Offer or the terms or conditions of this Offer.
 - b. Paid or agreed to pay any other person, firm, corporation, offeror or potential offeror any money or anything of value in return for assistance in procuring or attempting to procure a contract or in return for establishing the prices in the attached Offer or the offer of any other offeror.

2. **Preparation of Solicitation and Contract Documents.** The Offeror has not received any compensation or a promise of compensation for participating in the preparation or development of the underlying Solicitation or Contract documents. In addition, the Offeror has not otherwise participated in the preparation or development of the underlying Solicitation or Contract documents, except to the extent of any comments or questions and responses in the solicitation process, which are available to all offerors, so as to have an unfair advantage over other offerors, provided that the Offeror may have provided relevant product or process information to a consultant in the normal course of its business.

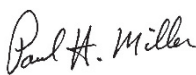
3. **Participation in Decision Making Process.** The Offeror has not participated in the evaluation of offers or other decision making process for this Solicitation, and, if Offeror is awarded a contract hereunder, no individual, agent, representative, consultant, subcontractor, or subconsultant associated with Offeror, who may have been involved in the evaluation or other decision making process for this Solicitation, will have any direct or indirect financial interest in the contract, provided that the Offeror may have provided relevant product or process information to a consultant in the normal course of its business.

4. **Present Knowledge.** Offeror is not presently aware of any potential or actual conflicts of interest regarding this Solicitation, which either enabled Offeror to obtain an advantage over other offerors or would prevent Offeror from advancing the best interests of the County in the course of the performance of the Contract.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct:

February 13, 2025

(Date)



(Signature)

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EXHIBIT J – EXCEPTIONS

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All County Contract requirements by section, subsection or numbered item for which Vendor has stated “Read and do not comply” are considered exceptions and must be documented in this form. Vendor may add additional rows to the table as necessary to include all exceptions taken. If no exceptions were taken, Vendor should write “No Exceptions” under the “Requirement(s) Section Number and Text” for Exception in row number 1.

Exception Number	Requirement(s) Section Number and Text	Describe the Nature of the Exception and Explain how Vendor’s Response Still Meets the RFQ Requirements
1	<u>No Exceptions</u>	
2		
3		
4		
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Signature of Person Authorized to Sign