

## **AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES OF INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

**THIS AGREEMENT** (hereafter Agreement) is made by and between the County of Santa Barbara, a political subdivision of the State of California (hereafter COUNTY) and Geosyntec Consultants with an address at 118 East Carrillo Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101 (hereafter CONTRACTOR) wherein CONTRACTOR agrees to provide and COUNTY agrees to accept the services specified herein.

**WHEREAS**, CONTRACTOR represents that it is specially trained, skilled, experienced, and competent to perform the special services required by COUNTY and COUNTY desires to retain the services of CONTRACTOR pursuant to the terms, covenants, and conditions herein set forth;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

### **1. DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE**

Christina Wilder, at phone number 805-696-1173 is the representative of COUNTY and will administer this Agreement for and on behalf of COUNTY. Brandon Steets, P.E. at phone number 805-979-9122 is the authorized representative for CONTRACTOR. Changes in designated representatives shall be made only after advance written notice to the other party.

### **2. NOTICES**

Any notice or consent required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be given to the respective parties in writing, by personal delivery or facsimile, or with postage prepaid by first class mail, registered or certified mail, or express courier service, as follows:

To COUNTY: Christina Wilder, Santa Barbara County Public Works, Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division, 130 East Victoria Street, Suite 100, Santa Barbara, CA 93101, 805-696-1173

To CONTRACTOR: Brandon Steets, P.E., Geosyntec Consultants, 118 East Carrillo Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101, 805-979-9122

or at such other address or to such other person that the parties may from time to time designate in accordance with this Notices section. If sent by first class mail, notices and consents under this section shall be deemed to be received five (5) days following their deposit in the U.S. mail. This Notices section shall not be construed as meaning that either party agrees to service of process except as required by applicable law.

### **3. SCOPE OF SERVICES**

CONTRACTOR agrees to provide services to COUNTY in accordance with EXHIBIT A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

### **4. TERM**

CONTRACTOR shall commence performance on July 1, 2025, and end performance upon completion, but no later than June 30, 2026, unless otherwise directed by COUNTY or unless earlier terminated.

### **5. COMPENSATION OF CONTRACTOR**

In full consideration for CONTRACTOR's services, CONTRACTOR shall be paid for performance under this Agreement in accordance with the terms of EXHIBIT B attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Billing shall be made by invoice, which shall include the contract number assigned by COUNTY and which is delivered to the

address given in Section 2 NOTICES above following completion of the increments identified on EXHIBIT B. Unless otherwise specified on EXHIBIT B, payment shall be net thirty (30) days from presentation of invoice.

**6. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

It is mutually understood and agreed that CONTRACTOR (including any and all of its officers, agents, and employees), shall perform all of its services under this Agreement as an independent contractor as to COUNTY and not as an officer, agent, servant, employee, joint venturer, partner, or associate of COUNTY. Furthermore, COUNTY shall have no right to control, supervise, or direct the manner or method by which CONTRACTOR shall perform its work and function. However, COUNTY shall retain the right to administer this Agreement so as to verify that CONTRACTOR is performing its obligations in accordance with the terms and conditions hereof. CONTRACTOR understands and acknowledges that it shall not be entitled to any of the benefits of a COUNTY employee, including but not limited to vacation, sick leave, administrative leave, health insurance, disability insurance, retirement, unemployment insurance, workers' compensation and protection of tenure. CONTRACTOR shall be solely liable and responsible for providing to, or on behalf of, its employees all legally-required employee benefits. In addition, CONTRACTOR shall be solely responsible and save COUNTY harmless from all matters relating to payment of CONTRACTOR's employees, including compliance with Social Security withholding and all other regulations governing such matters. It is acknowledged that during the term of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR may be providing services to others unrelated to the COUNTY or to this Agreement.

**7. STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE**

CONTRACTOR represents that it has the skills, expertise, and licenses/permits necessary to perform the services required under this Agreement. Accordingly, CONTRACTOR shall perform all such services in the manner and according to the standards observed by a competent practitioner of the same profession in which CONTRACTOR is engaged. All products of whatsoever nature, which CONTRACTOR delivers to COUNTY pursuant to this Agreement, shall be prepared in a first class and workmanlike manner and shall conform to the standards of quality normally observed by a person practicing in CONTRACTOR's profession. CONTRACTOR shall correct or revise any errors or omissions, at COUNTY'S request without additional compensation. Permits and/or licenses shall be obtained and maintained by CONTRACTOR without additional compensation.

**8. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION**

CONTRACTOR certifies to COUNTY that it and its employees and principals are not debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for, participation in federal, state, or county government contracts. CONTRACTOR certifies that it shall not contract with a subcontractor that is so debarred or suspended.

**9. TAXES**

CONTRACTOR shall pay all taxes, levies, duties, and assessments of every nature due in connection with any work under this Agreement and shall make any and all payroll deductions required by law. COUNTY shall not be responsible for paying any taxes on CONTRACTOR's behalf, and should COUNTY be required to do so by state, federal, or local taxing agencies, CONTRACTOR agrees to promptly reimburse COUNTY for the full value of such paid taxes plus interest and penalty, if any. These taxes shall include, but not be limited to, the following: FICA (Social Security), unemployment insurance contributions, income tax, disability insurance, and workers' compensation insurance.

**10. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

CONTRACTOR covenants that CONTRACTOR presently has no employment or interest and shall not acquire any employment or interest, direct or indirect, including any interest in any business, property, or source of income, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of services required to be performed under this Agreement. CONTRACTOR further covenants that in the performance of this Agreement, no person having any such

interest shall be employed by CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR must promptly disclose to COUNTY, in writing, any potential conflict of interest. COUNTY retains the right to waive a conflict of interest disclosed by CONTRACTOR if COUNTY determines it to be immaterial, and such waiver is only effective if provided by COUNTY to CONTRACTOR in writing.

#### **11. OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

COUNTY shall be the owner of the following items incidental to this Agreement upon production, whether or not completed: all data collected, all documents of any type whatsoever, all photos, designs, sound or audiovisual recordings, software code, inventions, technologies, and other materials, and any material necessary for the practical use of such items, from the time of collection and/or production whether or not performance under this Agreement is completed or terminated prior to completion. CONTRACTOR shall not release any of such items to other parties except after prior written approval of COUNTY.

Unless otherwise specified in Exhibit A, CONTRACTOR hereby assigns to COUNTY all copyright, patent, and other intellectual property and proprietary rights to all data, documents, reports, photos, designs, sound or audiovisual recordings, software code, inventions, technologies, and other materials prepared or provided by CONTRACTOR pursuant to this Agreement (collectively referred to as "Copyrightable Works and Inventions"). COUNTY shall have the unrestricted authority to copy, adapt, perform, display, publish, disclose, distribute, create derivative works from, and otherwise use in whole or in part, any Copyrightable Works and Inventions. CONTRACTOR agrees to take such actions and execute and deliver such documents as may be needed to validate, protect and confirm the rights and assignments provided hereunder. CONTRACTOR warrants that any Copyrightable Works and Inventions and other items provided under this Agreement will not infringe upon any intellectual property or proprietary rights of any third party. CONTRACTOR at its own expense shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless COUNTY against any claim that any Copyrightable Works or Inventions or other items provided by CONTRACTOR hereunder infringe upon intellectual or other proprietary rights of a third party, and CONTRACTOR shall pay any damages, costs, settlement amounts, and fees (including attorneys' fees) that may be incurred by COUNTY in connection with any such claims. This Ownership of Documents and Intellectual Property provision shall survive expiration or termination of this Agreement.

#### **12. NO PUBLICITY OR ENDORSEMENT**

CONTRACTOR shall not use COUNTY's name or logo or any variation of such name or logo in any publicity, advertising or promotional materials. CONTRACTOR shall not use COUNTY's name or logo in any manner that would give the appearance that the COUNTY is endorsing CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall not in any way contract on behalf of or in the name of COUNTY. CONTRACTOR shall not release any informational pamphlets, notices, press releases, research reports, or similar public notices concerning the COUNTY or its projects, without obtaining the prior written approval of COUNTY.

#### **13. COUNTY PROPERTY AND INFORMATION**

All of COUNTY's property, documents, and information provided for CONTRACTOR's use in connection with the services shall remain COUNTY's property, and CONTRACTOR shall return any such items whenever requested by COUNTY and whenever required according to the Termination section of this Agreement. CONTRACTOR may use such items only in connection with providing the services. CONTRACTOR shall not disseminate any COUNTY property, documents, or information without COUNTY's prior written consent.

#### **14. RECORDS, AUDIT, AND REVIEW**

CONTRACTOR shall keep such business records pursuant to this Agreement as would be kept by a reasonably prudent practitioner of CONTRACTOR's profession and shall maintain such records for at least four (4) years following the termination of this Agreement. All accounting records shall be kept in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. COUNTY shall have the right to audit and review all such documents and records at

any time during CONTRACTOR's regular business hours or upon reasonable notice. In addition, if this Agreement exceeds ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), CONTRACTOR shall be subject to the examination and audit of the California State Auditor, at the request of the COUNTY or as part of any audit of the COUNTY, for a period of three (3) years after final payment under the Agreement (Cal. Govt. Code Section 8546.7). CONTRACTOR shall participate in any audits and reviews, whether by COUNTY or the State, at no charge to COUNTY.

If federal, state or COUNTY audit exceptions are made relating to this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall reimburse all costs incurred by federal, state, and/or COUNTY governments associated with defending against the audit exceptions or performing any audits or follow-up audits, including but not limited to: audit fees, court costs, attorneys' fees based upon a reasonable hourly amount for attorneys in the community, travel costs, penalty assessments and all other costs of whatever nature. Immediately upon notification from COUNTY, CONTRACTOR shall reimburse the amount of the audit exceptions and any other related costs directly to COUNTY as specified by COUNTY in the notification.

#### 15. **INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE**

CONTRACTOR agrees to the indemnification and insurance provisions as set forth in EXHIBIT C attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

#### 16. **NONDISCRIMINATION**

COUNTY hereby notifies CONTRACTOR that COUNTY's Unlawful Discrimination Ordinance (Article XIII of Chapter 2 of the Santa Barbara County Code) applies to this Agreement and is incorporated herein by this reference with the same force and effect as if the ordinance were specifically set out herein and CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with said ordinance.

#### 17. **NONEXCLUSIVE AGREEMENT**

CONTRACTOR understands that this is not an exclusive Agreement and that COUNTY shall have the right to negotiate with and enter into contracts with others providing the same or similar services as those provided by CONTRACTOR as the COUNTY desires.

#### 18. **NON-ASSIGNMENT**

CONTRACTOR shall not assign, transfer or subcontract this Agreement or any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of COUNTY and any attempt to so assign, subcontract or transfer without such consent shall be void and without legal effect and shall constitute grounds for termination.

#### 19. **TERMINATION**

A. **By COUNTY.** COUNTY may, by written notice to CONTRACTOR, terminate this Agreement in whole or in part at any time, whether for COUNTY's convenience, for nonappropriation of funds, or because of the failure of CONTRACTOR to fulfill the obligations herein.

1. **For Convenience.** COUNTY may terminate this Agreement in whole or in part upon thirty (30) days written notice. During the thirty (30) day period, CONTRACTOR shall, as directed by COUNTY, wind down and cease its services as quickly and efficiently as reasonably possible, without performing unnecessary services or activities and by minimizing negative effects on COUNTY from such winding down and cessation of services.
2. **For Nonappropriation of Funds.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, in the event that no funds or insufficient funds are appropriated or budgeted by federal, state or COUNTY governments, or funds are not otherwise available for payments in the fiscal year(s) covered by the

term of this Agreement, then COUNTY will notify CONTRACTOR of such occurrence and COUNTY may terminate or suspend this Agreement in whole or in part, with or without a prior notice period. Subsequent to termination of this Agreement under this provision, COUNTY shall have no obligation to make payments with regard to the remainder of the term.

3. **For Cause.** Should CONTRACTOR default in the performance of this Agreement or materially breach any of its provisions, COUNTY may, at COUNTY's sole option, terminate or suspend this Agreement in whole or in part by written notice. Upon receipt of notice, CONTRACTOR shall immediately discontinue all services affected (unless the notice directs otherwise) and notify COUNTY as to the status of its performance. The date of termination shall be the date the notice is received by CONTRACTOR, unless the notice directs otherwise.
- B. **By CONTRACTOR.** Should COUNTY fail to pay CONTRACTOR all or any part of the payment set forth in EXHIBIT B, CONTRACTOR may, at CONTRACTOR's option terminate this Agreement if such failure is not remedied by COUNTY within thirty (30) days of written notice to COUNTY of such late payment.
- C. Upon termination, CONTRACTOR shall deliver to COUNTY all data, estimates, graphs, summaries, reports, and all other property, records, documents or papers as may have been accumulated or produced by CONTRACTOR in performing this Agreement, whether completed or in process, except such items as COUNTY may, by written permission, permit CONTRACTOR to retain. Notwithstanding any other payment provision of this Agreement, COUNTY shall pay CONTRACTOR for satisfactory services performed to the date of termination to include a prorated amount of compensation due hereunder less payments, if any, previously made. In no event shall CONTRACTOR be paid an amount in excess of the full price under this Agreement nor for profit on unperformed portions of service. CONTRACTOR shall furnish to COUNTY such financial information as in the judgment of COUNTY is necessary to determine the reasonable value of the services rendered by CONTRACTOR. In the event of a dispute as to the reasonable value of the services rendered by CONTRACTOR, the decision of COUNTY shall be final. The foregoing is cumulative and shall not affect any right or remedy which COUNTY may have in law or equity.

## 20. **SECTION HEADINGS**

The headings of the several sections, and any Table of Contents appended hereto, shall be solely for convenience of reference and shall not affect the meaning, construction or effect hereof.

## 21. **SEVERABILITY**

If any one or more of the provisions contained herein shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, then such provision or provisions shall be deemed severable from the remaining provisions hereof, and such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision hereof, and this Agreement shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.

## 22. **REMEDIES NOT EXCLUSIVE**

No remedy herein conferred upon or reserved to COUNTY is intended to be exclusive of any other remedy or remedies, and each and every such remedy, to the extent permitted by law, shall be cumulative and in addition to any other remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or otherwise.

## 23. **TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE**

Time is of the essence in this Agreement and each covenant and term is a condition herein.

**24. NO WAIVER OF DEFAULT**

No delay or omission of COUNTY to exercise any right or power arising upon the occurrence of any event of default shall impair any such right or power or shall be construed to be a waiver of any such default or an acquiescence therein; and every power and remedy given by this Agreement to COUNTY shall be exercised from time to time and as often as may be deemed expedient in the sole discretion of COUNTY.

**25. ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND AMENDMENT**

In conjunction with the matters considered herein, this Agreement contains the entire understanding and agreement of the parties and there have been no promises, representations, agreements, warranties or undertakings by any of the parties, either oral or written, of any character or nature hereafter binding except as set forth herein. This Agreement may be altered, amended or modified only by an instrument in writing, executed by the parties to this Agreement and by no other means. Each party waives their future right to claim, contest or assert that this Agreement was modified, canceled, superseded, or changed by any oral agreements, course of conduct, waiver or estoppel.

**26. SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS**

All representations, covenants and warranties set forth in this Agreement, by or on behalf of, or for the benefit of any or all of the parties hereto, shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of such party, its successors and assigns.

**27. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW**

CONTRACTOR shall, at its sole cost and expense, comply with all County, State and Federal ordinances and statutes now in force or which may hereafter be in force with regard to this Agreement. The judgment of any court of competent jurisdiction, or the admission of CONTRACTOR in any action or proceeding against CONTRACTOR, whether COUNTY is a party thereto or not, that CONTRACTOR has violated any such ordinance or statute, shall be conclusive of that fact as between CONTRACTOR and COUNTY.

**28. CALIFORNIA LAW AND JURISDICTION**

This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California. Any litigation regarding this Agreement or its contents shall be filed in the County of Santa Barbara, if in state court, or in the federal district court nearest to Santa Barbara County, if in federal court.

**29. EXECUTION OF COUNTERPARTS**

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts and each of such counterparts shall for all purposes be deemed to be an original; and all such counterparts, or as many of them as the parties shall preserve undestroyed, shall together constitute one and the same instrument.

**30. AUTHORITY**

All signatories and parties to this Agreement warrant and represent that they have the power and authority to enter into this Agreement in the names, titles and capacities herein stated and on behalf of any entities, persons, or firms represented or purported to be represented by such entity(ies), person(s), or firm(s) and that all formal requirements necessary or required by any state and/or federal law in order to enter into this Agreement have been fully complied with. Furthermore, by entering into this Agreement, CONTRACTOR hereby warrants that it shall not have breached the terms or conditions of any other contract or agreement to which CONTRACTOR is obligated, which breach would have a material effect hereon.

31. **SURVIVAL**

All provisions of this Agreement which by their nature are intended to survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement shall survive such termination or expiration.

32. **PRECEDENCE**

In the event of conflict between the provisions contained in the numbered sections of this Agreement and the provisions contained in the Exhibits, the provisions of the Exhibits shall prevail over those in the numbered sections.

33. **IMMATERIAL CHANGES**

CONTRACTOR and COUNTY agrees that immaterial changes to this Agreement such as time frame and mutually agreeable work program changes which will not result in a change to the total contract amount or to the scope of the Statement of Work may be authorized by the Public Works Director, or designee in writing and will not constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor between the **County of Santa Barbara** and Geosyntec Consultants.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties have executed this Agreement to be effective on the date executed by COUNTY.

**ATTEST:**

Mona Miyasato  
County Executive Officer  
Clerk of the Board

**COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA:**

Laura Capps, Chair  
Board of Supervisors

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

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair, Board of Supervisors

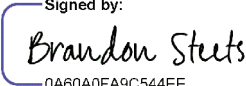
**RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:**

Chris Sneddon, Director  
Santa Barbara County Public Works

**CONTRACTOR:**

Geosyntec Consultants

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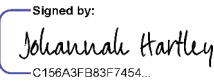
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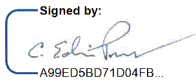
**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

Rachel Van Mullen  
County Counsel

**APPROVED AS TO ACCOUNTING FORM:**

Betsy M. Schaffer, CPA  
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**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Risk Management

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Risk Management

## EXHIBIT A

### STATEMENT OF WORK

CONTRACTOR shall provide professional services as set forth in the CONTRACTOR's proposal dated May 13, 2025 included as Attachment A-1, herein incorporated by reference.

Brandon Steets, P.E. shall be the individual(s) personally responsible for providing all services hereunder. CONTRACTOR may not substitute other persons without the prior written approval of COUNTY's designated representative.

**Suspension for Convenience.** COUNTY's designated representative may, without cause, order CONTRACTOR in writing to suspend, delay, or interrupt the services under this Agreement in whole or in part for up to 30 days. COUNTY shall incur no liability for suspension under this provision and suspension shall not constitute a breach of this Agreement.

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May 13, 2025

Christina Wilder, P.E.  
Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division  
Santa Barbara County  
130 E. Victoria Street, Suite 100  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

**Reference: Santa Barbara County Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division (RRWMD) Stormwater Compliance Services for FY 2025-2026**

Dear Christina Wilder, P.E.:

Geosyntec Consultants Inc. (Geosyntec) is pleased to continue to provide stormwater technical consulting support to RRWMD related to compliance with the Central Coast Limited Threat General NPDES Permit (Limited Threat Discharge Permit), Industrial General Permit (IGP), the General Waste Discharge Requirements for Landfills (WDR), and General Waste Discharge Requirements for Composting Operations (Compost Order) as outlined in the tasks below. Facilities that are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 scope are the ReSource Center, Tajiguas Landfill (Tajiguas), South Coast Recycling and Transfer Station (SCRTS), Santa Ynez Valley Recycling and Transfer Station (SYVRTS), and Foxen Canyon Closed Landfill (FCCL).

**Task 1. Limited Threat Discharge Permit Support**

Geosyntec will provide monitoring and reporting support in accordance with the Limited Threat Discharge Permit. This task covers the following scope:

- Effluent and receiving water sampling and observations per the Limited Threat Discharge Permit;
- Quarterly and annual reporting to CIWQS per the Limited Threat Discharge Permit;
- Toxicity lab analysis for up to two samples for both chronic and acute toxicity (single species test); and
- E-mail and phone communication with RRWMD to discuss sampling, reporting, compliance, or other topics at this site. Additional as-needed support, in-person meetings, and/or other requests will be accommodated as the budget allows. Example as-needed support may include:
  - Corrective action planning and reporting (if effluent limit exceedances occur),
  - Attendance of RWQCB inspection(s),
  - RWQCB liaison and correspondence, and/or
  - Review and comment on updates to the General Permit (expected to potentially include new PFAS limits).

Task 1 Budget: \$96,300

Deliverables:



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- Monitoring field forms.
- One draft and one final deliverable Annual Report per the Limited Threat Discharge Permit (limited to 8 pages each), providing two weeks for RRWMD review.
- Draft and final quarterly monitoring reports per the Limited Threat Discharge Permit (as needed).

#### Assumptions:

- Sampling and observations assume up to 5 monthly and 1 annual monitoring events and that the quarterly observations can be done concurrently with a monthly or annual event.
- Each event will be sampled by two Geosyntec staff, and one additional mobilization (i.e., a “false start” or a forecasted rain event that does not materialize into a discharge-producing, sampleable event) is assumed.
- Laboratory fees for sample analysis are not included. It is assumed that RRWMD will contract directly with accredited analytical laboratories for these services, and Geosyntec will coordinate courier pick-up or shipment of samples.

#### **Task 2. Technical Support at ReSource Center**

This task includes the following services and reporting requirements to support compliance with the IGP and Compost Order:

- **Level 1 ERA Technical Report:** Based on NAL exceedances during the 2024/2025 rainy season, a Level 1 Exceedance Response Action (ERA) Evaluation and Technical Report is needed. The report will summarize an inventory of materials, site operations, and BMPs, recent water quality data; and recommended BMP improvements if necessary.
- **ReSource Center SWPPP Updates:** Geosyntec may make as-needed updates to the ReSource Center SWPPP, for example, to reflect recent changes to operational areas/activities, BMPs, and/or operational procedures. This task will be limited to providing minor revisions to the SWPPP text, tables, and maps. Additional requested changes could potentially be accommodated as budget allows.
- **SMARTS Reporting:** Geosyntec will submit online ad-hoc monitoring reports, ERA reports, and annual reports to SMARTS.
- **Compost Technical Report Update:** Geosyntec may make as-needed updates to the CMU Technical Report (including the wastewater management plan), to reflect recent changes to operational areas/activities, BMPs, and/or operational procedures. In particular, the changes to the wastewater storage tank and pumping operations will need to be reflected in the water balance and modeling.
- **2025 Compost Annual Report:** This scope includes the preparation of the Annual Monitoring and Maintenance Report and the preparation and upload of the associated GeoTracker files. The report will be prepared with the monitoring data and observations collected by the operators and will include the reporting requirements outlined in the Compost Order.
- **As-Needed Support and Correspondence:** E-mail and phone communication with RRWMD to discuss sampling, reporting, compliance, or other topics at this site. Additional as-needed support, in-person meetings, and/or other requests will be accommodated as the budget allows.



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Task 2 Budget: \$58,600.

Deliverables:

- One draft and one final deliverable Level 1 ERA Report (limited to 8 pages each), providing two weeks for RRWMD review.
- One draft and one final revised Compost Technical Report.
- One draft and final Compost Annual Report.
- One draft and one final revised SWPPP (if needed).

Assumptions:

- Onsite operators or the County will conduct monthly visual observations (MVOs) in accordance with the IGP.
- Onsite operators or the County will conduct the quarterly and annual inspections in accordance with the Compost Order.
- Onsite operators or the County will conduct stormwater monitoring in accordance with the IGP.
- Laboratory fees for sample analysis are not included. It is assumed that RRWMD will contract directly with an analytical laboratory for these services.
- If additional technical analyses are required to support the ERA Technical Report recommendations/conclusions other than what is described in this scope of work, they will be provided as budget allows, or additional budget authorization may be necessary depending on the complexity of the analyses.

**Task 3. Technical Support at Tajiguas Sanitary Landfill**

This task covers the following IGP, WDR, and other ongoing requirements at the landfill:

- **Level 2 ERA Technical Report Update (if needed):** Depending on NAL exceedances during the 2025/2026 rainy season, a Level 2 ERA Technical Report Update may be needed in July 2026. The report will summarize recent site operational and BMP changes, if applicable; recent water quality data; and recommended BMP improvements if necessary.
- **Tajiguas SWPPP Updates:** Geosyntec will make as-needed updates to the Tajiguas SWPPP, for example, to reflect recent changes to operational areas/activities, BMPs, and/or operational procedures (i.e., maintenance). This task will be limited to providing minor revisions to the SWPPP text, tables, and maps. Additional requested changes could potentially be accommodated as budget allows.
- **Semi-annual WDR Reporting:** The Geosyntec stormwater team will provide summaries and context for the stormwater samples as needed for the Tajiguas WDR semi-annual reports.
- **IGP Compliance Monitoring:** Geosyntec will coordinate and conduct stormwater sampling at up to three compliance monitoring locations (discharge dependent) for up to four storm events, conditions permitting.
- **WDR Compliance Monitoring:** Geosyntec will coordinate and conduct stormwater sampling in accordance with the applicable RWQCB WDR at the Tajiguas Sanitary Landfill for up to three locations for one storm event and one sediment sample, conditions permitting.



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- **SMARTS Reporting:** Geosyntec will submit online ad-hoc monitoring reports, one Level 2 ERA Report (if needed), and the annual report to SMARTS.
- **As-Needed Support and Correspondence:** E-mail and phone communication with RRWMD to discuss sampling, reporting, compliance, or other topics at this site. Additional as-needed support, in-person meetings, and/or other requests will be accommodated as the budget allows.

Task 3 Budget: \$78,400.

Deliverables:

- Compliance monitoring field forms.
- If needed, one draft and one final Level 2 ERA Technical Report Update (6 – 8 pages), providing two weeks for RRWMD review.
- One draft and one final revised SWPPP.

Assumptions:

- Onsite operators or the County will conduct monthly visual observations (MVOs) in accordance with the IGP.
- No site visits beyond stormwater sampling are assumed but could be provided for an additional cost or may be accommodated as budget allows.
- Each event will be sampled by two Geosyntec staff, and one additional mobilization (i.e., a “false start” or a forecasted rain event that does not materialize into a discharge-producing, sampleable event) is assumed.
- Laboratory fees for sample analysis are not included. It is assumed that RRWMD will contract directly with accredited analytical laboratories for these services, and Geosyntec will coordinate courier pick-up or shipment of samples.
- If additional technical analyses are required to support the ERA Technical Report recommendations/conclusions other than what is described in this scope of work, they will be provided as budget allows, or additional budget authorization may be necessary depending on the complexity of the analyses.

#### **Task 4. Technical Support at South Coast Recycling & Transfer Station (SCRTS)**

This task covers the following IGP requirements at SCRTS:

- **Level 2 ERA Technical Report Update (if needed):** Depending on NAL exceedances during the 2025/2026 rainy season, a Level 2 ERA Technical Report Update may be needed in July 2026. The report will summarize recent site operational and BMP changes, if applicable; recent water quality data; and recommended BMP improvements if necessary.
- **SMARTS Reporting:** Geosyntec will submit online ad-hoc monitoring reports, ERA reports, and annual reports to SMARTS.
- **As-Needed Support and Correspondence:** E-mail and phone communication with RRWMD to discuss sampling, reporting, compliance, or other topics at this site. Additional as-needed support, in-person meetings, and/or other requests will be accommodated as the budget allows.



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Task 4 Budget: \$13,600.

Deliverables:

- MVO field forms and photologs.
- If needed, one draft and one final Level 2 ERA Technical Report Update (6 – 8 pages), providing two weeks for RRWMD review.

Assumptions:

- Onsite operators or the County will conduct monthly visual observations (MVOs) in accordance with the IGP.
- No site visits or in-person meetings are assumed but could be provided for an additional cost or may be accommodated as budget allows.
- Onsite operators or the County will conduct stormwater monitoring in accordance with the IGP.
- Laboratory fees for sample analysis are not included. It is assumed that RRWMD will contract directly with an analytical laboratory for these services.
- No SWPPP updates are needed.
- If additional technical analyses are required to support the ERA Technical Report recommendations/conclusions other than what is described in this scope of work, they will be provided as budget allows, or additional budget authorization may be necessary depending on the complexity of the analyses.

#### **Task 5. Technical Support at Santa Ynez Recycling & Transfer Station (SYVRTS)**

This task covers the following IGP requirements at SYVRTS:

- **Level 2 ERA Technical Report Update (if needed):** Depending on NAL exceedances during the 2025/2026 rainy season, a Level 2 (ERA) Technical Report Update may be needed in July 2026. The report will summarize recent site operational and BMP changes, if applicable; recent water quality data); and recommended BMP improvements if necessary.
- **IGP Compliance Monitoring:** Geosyntec will coordinate and conduct stormwater sampling at the single compliance monitoring locations for up to four storm events, conditions permitting.
- **SMARTS Reporting:** Geosyntec will submit online ad-hoc monitoring reports, ERA reports, and annual reports to SMARTS.
- **As-Needed Support and Correspondence:** E-mail and phone communication with RRWMD to discuss sampling, reporting, compliance, or other topics at this site. Additional as-needed support, in-person meetings, and/or other requests will be accommodated as the budget allows.

Task 5 Budget: \$26,200.

Deliverables:

- Compliance monitoring field forms.
- If needed, one draft and one final Level 2 ERA Technical Report Update (6 – 8 pages), providing two weeks for RRWMD review.



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**Assumptions:**

- Onsite operators or the County will conduct monthly visual observations (MVOs) in accordance with the IGP.
- No site visits beyond stormwater sampling are assumed but could be provided for an additional cost or may be accommodated as budget allows.
- Each event will be sampled by two Geosyntec staff, and one additional mobilization (i.e., a “false start” or a forecasted rain event that does not materialize into a discharge-producing, sampleable event) is assumed.
- Laboratory fees for sample analysis are not included. It is assumed that RRWMD will contract directly with accredited analytical laboratories for these services, and Geosyntec will coordinate courier pick-up or shipment of samples.
- No SWPPP updates are needed.
- If additional technical analyses are required to support the ERA Technical Report recommendations/conclusions other than what is described in this scope of work, they will be provided as budget allows, or additional budget authorization may be necessary depending on the complexity of the analyses.

**Task 6. Foxen Canyon Closed Landfill (FCCL) Stormwater Sampling**

Geosyntec will collect stormwater samples at the single monitoring location as required by the WDR MRP at the Foxen Canyon Closed Landfill for up to two storm events, conditions permitting. In addition, there is a small task for as-needed support and correspondence to cover e-mail and phone communication with RRWMD to discuss sampling, reporting, compliance, or other topics at this site. Additional as-needed support, in-person meetings, and/or other requests will be accommodated as the budget allows.

Task 6 Budget: \$11,000.

**Assumptions:**

- Each storm will be sampled by two Geosyntec staff, and one additional mobilization (i.e., a “false start” or a forecasted rain event that does not materialize into a discharge-producing, sampleable event) is assumed.
- Laboratory fees for sample analysis are not included. It is assumed that RRWMD will contract directly with accredited analytical laboratories for these services, and Geosyntec will coordinate courier pick-up or shipment of samples.

**Terms and Conditions**

The total estimated costs for the 2025-2026 Stormwater Regulatory Compliance Consulting Services Scope of work described above are: \$284,100. Table 1 below summarizes the proposed tasks, budgets, and estimated staff hours.



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Table 1. Summary of Tasks and Budgets

STORMWATER COMPLIANCE TASKS	BUDGET	STAFF HOURS
1: Limited Threat Discharge Permit Support	\$96,300	360
2: Technical Support at ReSource Center	\$58,600	228
3: Technical Support at Tajiguas Sanitary Landfill	\$78,400	315
4: Technical Support at South Coast Recycling & Transfer Station (SCRTS)	\$13,600	52
5: Technical Support at Santa Ynez Recycling & Transfer Station (SYVRTS)	\$26,200	106
6: Foxen Canyon Closed Landfill (FCCL) Stormwater Sampling	\$11,000	42
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$284,100</b>	<b>1103</b>

This proposal is valid for 90 days. Geosyntec continues to appreciate the opportunity to work closely with the RRWMD on these technical projects. Please contact us if you have questions.

Sincerely,  
 Geosyntec Consultants, Inc.

Brandon Steets, P.E. (CA)  
 Senior Principal

Maia Straight, P.E. (CA)  
 Senior Engineer

**Attachments:**

Geosyntec Consultants 2025/2026 COSB Fiscal Year Rate Schedule

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## GEOSYNTEC CONSULTANTS 2025/2026 COSB Fiscal Year Rate Schedule

(All Values are in \$USD)

Staff Professional	\$175
Senior Staff Professional	\$200
Professional	\$227
Project Professional	\$254
Senior Professional	\$285
Principal	\$310
Senior Principal	\$330

Technician I	\$ 96
Technician II	\$105
Senior Technician I	\$115
Senior Technician II	\$125
Site Manager I	\$135
Site Manager II	\$155
Construction Manager I	\$165
Construction Manager II	\$180

Senior Designer	\$215
Designer	\$180
Senior Drafter/Senior CADD Operator	\$165
Drafter/CADD Operator/Artist	\$150
Project Administrator	\$ 98
Clerical	\$ 80

Direct Expenses	Cost plus 12%
Subcontract Services	Cost plus 12%
Technology/Communications Fee	3% of Professional Fees
Specialized Computer Applications (per hour)	\$ 15
Personal Automobile (per mile)	Current Gov't Rate
Photocopies (per page)	\$ .09

Rates are provided on a confidential basis and are client and project specific.  
Unless otherwise agreed, rates will be adjusted annually based on a minimum of the Producer Price Index  
for Engineering Services.

Rates for field equipment, health and safety equipment, and graphical supplies presented upon request.  
Construction management fee presented upon request.

## **EXHIBIT B**

### **PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS**

#### **Periodic Compensation**

- A. For CONTRACTOR services to be rendered under this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall be paid a total contract amount, including cost reimbursements, not to exceed \$284,100.
- B. Payment for services and /or reimbursement of costs shall be made upon CONTRACTOR's satisfactory performance, based upon the scope and methodology contained in **EXHIBIT A** as determined by COUNTY.
- C. Monthly, CONTRACTOR shall submit to the COUNTY DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE an invoice or certified claim on the County Treasury for the service performed over the period specified. These invoices or certified claims must cite the assigned Board Contract Number. COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE shall evaluate the quality of the service performed and if found to be satisfactory shall initiate payment processing. COUNTY shall pay invoices or claims for satisfactory work within 30 days of receipt of correct and complete invoices or claims from CONTRACTOR.
- D. COUNTY's failure to discover or object to any unsatisfactory work or billings prior to payment will not constitute a waiver of COUNTY's right to require CONTRACTOR to correct such work or billings or seek any other legal remedy.

## EXHIBIT C

### Indemnification and Insurance Requirements (For Professional Contracts)

#### INDEMNIFICATION

CONTRACTOR agrees to indemnify, defend (with counsel reasonably approved by COUNTY) and hold harmless COUNTY and its officers, officials, employees, agents and volunteers from and against any and all claims, actions, losses, damages, judgments and/or liabilities arising out of this Agreement from any cause whatsoever, including the acts, errors or omissions of any person or entity and for any costs or expenses (including but not limited to attorneys' fees) incurred by COUNTY on account of any claim except where such indemnification is prohibited by law. CONTRACTOR'S indemnification obligation applies to COUNTY'S active as well as passive negligence but does not apply to COUNTY'S sole negligence or willful misconduct.

#### NOTIFICATION OF ACCIDENTS AND SURVIVAL OF INDEMNIFICATION PROVISIONS

CONTRACTOR shall notify COUNTY immediately in the event of any accident or injury arising out of or in connection with this Agreement. The indemnification provisions in this Agreement shall survive any expiration or termination of this Agreement.

#### INSURANCE

CONTRACTOR shall procure and maintain for the duration of this Agreement insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder and the results of that work by the CONTRACTOR, its agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors.

##### A. Minimum Scope of Insurance

Coverage shall be at least as broad as:

1. **Commercial General Liability (CGL):** Insurance Services Office (ISO) Form CG 00 01 covering CGL on an "occurrence" basis, including products-completed operations, personal & advertising injury, with limits no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 in the aggregate.
2. **Automobile Liability:** Insurance Services Office Form Number CA 0001 covering, Code 1 (any auto), or if CONTRACTOR has no owned autos, Code 8 (hired) and 9 (non-owned), with limit no less than \$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury and property damage.
3. **Workers' Compensation:** Insurance as required by the State of California, with Statutory Limits, and Employer's Liability Insurance with limit of no less than \$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury or disease. **(Not required if CONTRACTOR provides written verification that it has no employees)**
4. **Professional Liability:** (Errors and Omissions) Insurance appropriate to the CONTRACTOR'S profession, with limit no less than \$2,000,000 per occurrence or claim, \$2,000,000 aggregate.

If the CONTRACTOR maintains broader coverage and/or higher limits than the minimums shown above, the COUNTY requires and shall be entitled to the broader coverage and/or the higher limits maintained by the CONTRACTOR. Any available insurance proceeds in excess of the specified minimum limits of insurance and coverage shall be available to the COUNTY.

**B. Other Insurance Provisions**

The insurance policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

1. **Additional Insured** – COUNTY, its officers, officials, employees, agents and volunteers are to be covered as additional insureds on the CGL policy with respect to liability arising out of work or operations performed by or on behalf of the CONTRACTOR including materials, parts, or equipment furnished in connection with such work or operations. General liability coverage can be provided in the form of an endorsement to the CONTRACTOR'S insurance at least as broad as ISO Form CG 20 10 11 85 or both CG 20 10, CG 20 26, CG 20 33, or CG 20 38; and CG 20 37 forms if later revisions used).
2. **Primary Coverage** – For any claims related to this contract, the CONTRACTOR'S insurance coverage shall be primary insurance primary coverage at least as broad as ISO CG 20 01 04 13 as respects the COUNTY, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the COUNTY, its officers, officials, employees, or volunteers shall be excess of the CONTRACTOR'S insurance and shall not contribute with it.
3. **Notice of Cancellation** – Each insurance policy required above shall provide that coverage shall not be canceled, except with notice to the COUNTY.
4. **Waiver of Subrogation Rights** – CONTRACTOR hereby grants to COUNTY a waiver of any right to subrogation which any insurer of said CONTRACTOR may acquire against the COUNTY by virtue of the payment of any loss under such insurance. CONTRACTOR agrees to obtain any endorsement that may be necessary to effect this waiver of subrogation, but this provision applies regardless of whether or not the COUNTY has received a waiver of subrogation endorsement from the insurer.
5. **Deductibles and Self-Insured Retention** – Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by the COUNTY. The COUNTY may require the CONTRACTOR to purchase coverage with a lower deductible or retention or provide proof of ability to pay losses and related investigations, claim administration, and defense expenses within the retention.
6. **Acceptability of Insurers** – Unless otherwise approved by Risk Management, insurance shall be written by insurers authorized to do business in the State of California and with a minimum A.M. Best's Insurance Guide rating of "A- VII".
7. **Verification of Coverage** – CONTRACTOR shall furnish the COUNTY with proof of insurance, original certificates and amendatory endorsements as required by this Agreement. The proof of insurance, certificates and endorsements are to be received and approved by the COUNTY before work commences. However, failure to obtain the required documents prior to the work beginning shall not waive the CONTRACTOR'S obligation to provide them. The CONTRACTOR shall furnish evidence of renewal of coverage throughout the term of the Agreement. The COUNTY reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required

insurance policies, including endorsements required by these specifications, at any time.

8. **Failure to Procure Coverage** – In the event that any policy of insurance required under this Agreement does not comply with the requirements, is not procured, or is canceled and not replaced, COUNTY has the right but not the obligation or duty to terminate the Agreement. Maintenance of required insurance coverage is a material element of the Agreement and failure to maintain or renew such coverage or to provide evidence of renewal may be treated by COUNTY as a material breach of contract.
9. **Subcontractors** – CONTRACTOR shall require and verify that all subcontractors maintain insurance meeting all the requirements stated herein, and CONTRACTOR shall ensure that COUNTY is an additional insured on insurance required from subcontractors.
10. **Claims Made Policies** – If any of the required policies provide coverage on a claims-made basis:
  - i. The Retroactive Date must be shown and must be before the date of the contract or the beginning of contract work.
  - ii. Insurance must be maintained and evidence of insurance must be provided for at least five (5) years after completion of contract work.
  - iii. If coverage is canceled or non-renewed, and not replaced with another claims-made policy form with a Retroactive Date prior to the contract effective date, the CONTRACTOR must purchase “extended reporting” coverage for a minimum of five (5) years after completion of contract work.
11. **Special Risks or Circumstances** – COUNTY reserves the right to modify these requirements, including limits, based on the nature of the risk, prior experience, insurer, coverage, or other special circumstances.

Any change requiring additional types of insurance coverage or higher coverage limits must be made by amendment to this Agreement. CONTRACTOR agrees to execute any such amendment within thirty (30) days of receipt.

Any failure, actual or alleged, on the part of COUNTY to monitor or enforce compliance with any of the insurance and indemnification requirements will not be deemed as a waiver of any rights on the part of COUNTY.