

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**

Nicholas Liu, at phone number 805-217-6315 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: Nicholas Liu, Santa Barbara County Public Works, Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division, 130 East Victoria Street, Suite 100, Santa Barbara, CA 93101, 805-217-6315

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, 2026, and end performance upon completion, but no later than June 30, 2027, 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.

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:

Bob Nelson
Chair, Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

By: _____
Bob Nelson
Chair, Board of Supervisors


RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:

Chris Sneddon, Director
Santa Barbara County Public Works

CONTRACTOR:

Geosyntec Consultants

By:  _____
Chris Sneddon
Department Head

By:  _____
Brandon Steets, P.E.
Senior Principal

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Rachel Van Mullem
County Counsel

APPROVED AS TO ACCOUNTING FORM:

Betsy M. Schaffer, CPA
Auditor-Controller

By:  _____
Johannan Hartley
Deputy County Counsel

By:  _____
James Munro
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Marisa Kahn
Risk Management

By:  _____
Marisa Kahn
Risk Management

EXHIBIT A
STATEMENT OF WORK

CONTRACTOR shall provide professional services as set forth in the CONTRACTOR's proposals dated May 14, 2026 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 14, 2026

Travis Spier, 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 2026-2027

Dear Travis Spier, P.E.:

Geosyntec Consultants Inc. (Geosyntec) is pleased to provide this proposal to RRWMD for continued technical consulting support related to compliance with the following Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) discharge permits:

1. the regional Limited Threat General NPDES Permit (General Permit), which covers the discharge of treated Compost Management Unit (CMU) wastewater from the Active Treatment System (ATS);
2. the statewide Industrial General Permit (IGP), which covers industrial stormwater discharges from multiple RRWMD facilities;
3. the regional General Waste Discharge Requirements for Landfills (WDR), which covers the activities of the landfill and includes provisions related to the sampling of basin sediment and stormwater that is implemented here;
4. the Foxen Canyon Closed Landfill (FCCL) WDR which includes stormwater monitoring; and
5. the statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Composting Operations (Compost Order), which covers the activities of the CMU.

Facilities that are included in this scope are the ReSource Center, Tajiguas Landfill (Tajiguas), South Coast Recycling and Transfer Station (SCRSTS), Santa Ynez Valley Recycling and Transfer Station (SYVRTS), and Foxen Canyon Closed Landfill (FCCL). This proposal covers the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 period.

This scope of work also includes support for the continued treatment of wastewater from the CMU -- with the goals of restoring throughput and reducing sludge management cost/burden. The proposed support services include technical evaluation and optimization of the ATS to assist with compliance of treated discharge under the existing General Permit.

Project management – i.e., costs associated with the management of project scope, schedule, budget, invoicing, meetings, emails, and other correspondence and communication – are incorporated into each task below rather than as a separate task.



Task 1. ATS General Permit Compliance Support

Geosyntec will provide compliance, monitoring, and reporting support in accordance with the General Permit. This task covers the following scope:

- Review of quarterly and annual reports per the General Permit;
- E-mail and phone communication with RRWMD; and
- Additional as-needed support, in-person meetings, and/or other requests will be accommodated as the budget allows. Example as-needed support may include:
 - Monitoring and reporting recommendations,
 - 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: **\$20,500.**

Assumptions:

- Sampling and observations will be done by County staff.
- Quarterly and annual reports will be prepared and submitted to CIWQS by County staff.
- Toxicity laboratory fees are not included in this budget. It is assumed that RRWMD will contract directly with accredited laboratories for these services, and will coordinate courier pick-up or drop-off of samples.
- Analytical laboratory fees for sample analysis are not included. It is assumed that RRWMD will contract directly with accredited analytical laboratories for these services, and will coordinate courier pick-up or shipment of samples.

Task 2. ReSource Center Compliance Support

Geosyntec will provide the following services to support compliance with the IGP and Compost Order:

- **IGP Level 2 ERA Action Plan:** Based on NAL exceedances of iron, aluminum, and nitrate + nitrite as nitrogen (N) during the 2025/2026 rainy season, a Level 2 Exceedance Response Action (ERA) Action Plan is needed. The report will summarize an inventory of materials, site operations, and BMPs, recent water quality data; also recommended BMP improvements and a non-industrial demonstration for iron and aluminum will be evaluated.
- **ReSource Center IGP 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.
- **Compost Technical Report Update:** Geosyntec will make as-needed updates to the CMU Technical Report (including the wastewater management plan), to reflect changes to operational



areas/activities, BMPs, and/or operational procedures including contingency plans. In particular, the changes to the wastewater storage tanks and pumping operations need to be reflected in the water balance and modeling.

- **Additional As-Needed Support:** Additional as-needed support, in-person meetings, and/or other requests may be accommodated as the budget allows.

Task 2 Budget: **\$61,600.**

Deliverables:

- One draft and one final deliverable Level 2 ERA Action Plan (limited to 8 pages each).
- One draft and one final revised Compost Technical Report.
- One draft and one final revised SWPPP.

Assumptions:

- One site visit with up to two staff is included to inform SWPPP updates and/or ERA reports.
- Onsite operators or the County will conduct monthly visual observations (MVOs) in accordance with the IGP.
- Onsite operators or the County will conduct the monthly and annual inspections in accordance with the Compost Order Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MRP) for Tajiguas.
- Onsite operators or the County will conduct stormwater compliance sampling in accordance with the IGP.
- Onsite operators or the County will prepare and submit monthly and annual reports in accordance with the Compost Order MRP for Tajiguas.
- The County will submit documents to SMARTS in accordance with the IGP (e.g. ad hoc reports)
- Laboratory fees for sample analysis are not included. It is assumed that RRWMD will contract directly with an analytical laboratory for these services.

Task 3. Tajiguas Landfill Compliance Support

This task covers the following IGP and WDR requirements for the landfill:

- **IGP Level 2 ERA Technical Report Update:** Based on NAL exceedances during the 2025/2026 rainy season, a Level 2 ERA Technical Report Update for TSS and iron is 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 IGP SWPPP Updates:** Geosyntec will make as-needed updates to the Tajiguas SWPPP, for example, to reflect changes to drainage area boundaries, 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.



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- **Additional As-Needed Support:** Additional as-needed support, in-person meetings, and/or other requests may be accommodated as the budget allows.

Task 3 Budget: **\$39,800.**

Deliverables:

- One draft and one final Level 2 ERA Technical Report Update.
- One draft and one final revised SWPPP.

Assumptions:

- Onsite operators or the County will conduct stormwater sampling and monthly visual observations (MVOs) in accordance with the IGP.
- Onsite operators or the County will conduct stormwater and sediment sampling in accordance with the Tajiguas Landfill WDR MRP.
- One site visit with up to two staff is included to inform SWPPP updates and/or ERA reports.
- The County will submit documents to SMARTS in accordance with the IGP (e.g. ad hoc reports).
- 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 4. SCRTS IGP Compliance Support

This task covers the following IGP requirements at SCRTS:

- **Level 2 ERA Technical Report:** Based on NAL exceedances over prior rainy seasons, a Level 2 ERA Action Plan and Technical Report are required for copper.
- **Level 2 ERA Technical Report Update:** Based on NAL exceedances during prior rainy seasons, a Level 2 ERA Technical Report Update is required for iron, aluminum, zinc, and COD. Both ERA reports will summarize recent site operational and BMP changes, if applicable; recent water quality data; and recommended BMP improvements, if necessary. And both reports will reference the existing diversion-to-sewer system, which is sized consistent with the IGP design storm and therefore suffices to comply with IGP NAL ERA requirements if functioning as designed.
- **SWPPP update:** Geosyntec will conduct a site visit and update the SWPPP to reflect the recent renovations and other changes at the site.
- **Additional As-Needed Support and Correspondence:** Additional as-needed support, in-person meetings, and/or other requests may be accommodated as the budget allows.

Task 4 Budget: **\$41,500.**

Deliverables:

- One draft and one final Level 2 ERA Action Plan for copper.
- One draft and one final Level 2 ERA Technical Report Update for other pollutants.
- One draft and one final revised SWPPP.



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Assumptions:

- Onsite operators or the County will conduct monthly visual observations (MVOs) in accordance with the IGP.
- One site visit by a Geosyntec QISP and a second staff member to support SWPPP updates to reflect renovations at the site.
- Onsite operators or the County will conduct stormwater compliance sampling in accordance with the IGP and SWPPP.
- The County will submit documents to SMARTS in accordance with the IGP (e.g. ad hoc reports)
- Laboratory fees for sample analysis are not included. It is assumed that RRWMD will contract directly with an analytical laboratory for these services.

Task 5. SYVRTS IGP Compliance Support

This task covers the following IGP requirements at SYVRTS:

- **Level 2 ERA Technical Report Update:** Based on NAL exceedances during the 2025/2026 rainy season, a Level 2 ERA Technical Report Update is needed for iron and COD 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.
- **SWPPP update:** Geosyntec will conduct a site visit and update the SWPPP to reflect the recent renovations and other changes at the site.
- **Additional As-Needed Support and Correspondence:** Additional as-needed support, in-person meetings, and/or other requests will be accommodated as the budget allows.

Task 5 Budget: **\$33,800.**

Deliverables:

- One draft and one final Level 2 ERA Technical Report Update
- One draft and one final revised SWPPP.

Assumptions:

- Onsite operators or the County will conduct monthly visual observations (MVOs) in accordance with the IGP.
- Onsite operators or the County will conduct stormwater compliance sampling in accordance with the IGP and SWPPP.
- One site visit by a QISP and a second staff member to support SWPPP updates to reflect renovations at the site.
- The County will submit documents to SMARTS in accordance with the IGP (e.g. ad hoc reports).
- 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 6. Technical Support at FCCL

This 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 may be accommodated as the budget allows.

Task 6 Budget: **\$1,300.**

Assumptions:

- Onsite operators or the County will conduct stormwater compliance sampling in accordance with the FCCL WDR MRP.
- 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 7. ATS Optimization Support

This task relates to the continued treatment of wastewater, technical evaluation and optimization of the ATS and includes the following three subtasks:

Task 7.1. Project Management, Meetings, Correspondence, and Coordination

This task includes project management, including management of scope, schedule, budget, invoicing, and providing periodic status updates. It also includes remote meeting attendance and internal and external communication and coordination.

Task 1 Budget: \$18,600

Assumptions:

- Attendance by up to one (1) Geosyntec staff at biweekly one-hour conference calls (total of 26) with RRWMD staff, other contractors, and/or treatment system vendors.

Task 7.2. ATS Optimization

Geosyntec will support the optimization and ongoing operation of the ATS with a primary focus on sludge management and system performance enhancements. This is as-needed and as budget allows, and may include:

- Evaluation of temporary and long-term sludge management options, such as geotubes and belt press systems;
- Assistance with performance evaluation of selected sludge management systems and recommendations for optimization;
- Development of an ATS operations protocol to support the transition from batch mode to continuous flow-through mode, incorporating modifications to both treatment and sludge management systems;



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- Startup, commissioning, and optimization support for the chemical dosing system at Tank 2, including:
 - One site visit (up to 16 hours) by a principal-level process engineer to evaluate the newly installed chemical dosing system and sludge management system, with a focus on process control, floc formation, settling efficiency of solids, and pollutant removal rates;
 - Establishment of operational setpoints for controllers during continuous operation; and
 - Recommendations for monitoring critical parameters for flow-through treatment.

Task 2 Budget: \$51,000

Assumptions:

- Laboratory fees for sample analysis are not included. It is assumed that RRWMD will contract directly with accredited analytical laboratories for these services.

Task 7.3. Other As-Needed ATS Support

Geosyntec will provide additional as-needed support, in-person meetings, and/or other requests, as budget allows. Example ATS-related as-needed support may include:

- Additional system adjustments related to variable influent wastewater quality
- ATS mechanical modifications to improve performance
- Sludge removal and dewatering recommendations,
- Filter media changeout triggers and procedures,
- Field performance monitoring review and recommendations,
- Corrective action planning and reporting (if effluent limit exceedances occur),
- CMU pad housekeeping BMP support,
- Attendance of RWQCB inspection(s),
- RWQCB liaison and correspondence,
- Review and comment on updates to the General Permit (expected to potentially include new PFAS limits),
- Review of ATS design for meeting potentially new PFAS limits, and/or
- Support for treatability testing for PFAS.

Task 3 Budget: \$13,000

Assumptions:

- 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 as needed.



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Terms and Conditions

The total estimated costs for the 2026-2027 Stormwater Regulatory Compliance Consulting Services scope of work described above are: \$281,100. Table 1 below summarizes the proposed tasks, budgets, and estimated staff hours.

Table 1. Summary of Tasks and Budgets

STORMWATER COMPLIANCE TASKS	BUDGET	STAFF HOURS
1: ATS General Permit Compliance Support	\$20,500	67
2: Technical Support at ReSource Center	\$61,600	224
3: Technical Support at Tajiguas Sanitary Landfill	\$39,800	150
4: Technical Support at SCRTS	\$41,500	154
5: Technical Support at SYVRTS	\$33,800	126
6: Technical Support at FCCL	\$1,300	4
7: ATS Optimization Support	\$ 82,600	259
Total	\$281,100	984

This proposal is valid for 90 days. Geosyntec continues to appreciate the opportunity to support the RRWMD on these 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 2026/2027 COSB Fiscal Year Rate Schedule

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Staff Professional	\$185
Senior Staff Professional	\$210
Professional	\$239
Project Professional	\$268
Senior Professional	\$300
Principal	\$325
Senior Principal	\$345
Senior Technician (Non-Prevailing Wage)	\$125
Senior Technician (Prevailing Wage)	\$163
Site Manager (Non-Prevailing Wage)	\$150
Site Manager (Prevailing Wage)	\$163
Construction Manager	\$200
Senior Construction Manager	\$240
Senior Designer	\$225
Designer	\$190
Senior Drafter/Senior CADD Operator	\$175
Drafter/CADD Operator/Artist	\$158
Project Administrator	\$104
Clerical	\$ 84
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
Company Field Vehicle (per workday)	\$135
Per Diem (per calendar day)	\$92
Lodging (per calendar day)	\$225
Photocopies (per page)	\$0.09

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 \$281,100.
- 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 Services

INDEMNIFICATION

To the fullest extent permitted by law, CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and hold harmless COUNTY and any and all of its officers, officials, employees, agents, and volunteers from and against any and all losses, liabilities, damages, costs and expenses, including attorney's fees and costs, caused in whole or in part by the negligent or wrongful act, error or omission of CONTRACTOR, its officers, agents, employees or subcontractors (or any entity or individual that CONTRACTOR shall bear the legal liability thereof) in the performance of services under this agreement. CONTRACTOR's duty to defend shall consist of reimbursement of defense costs incurred by COUNTY including reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred in the defense of such matters to the extent the matters arise from, relate to or are caused by CONTRACTOR's negligent acts, errors or omissions. CONTRACTOR's duty to indemnify and hold harmless COUNTY shall not extend to the COUNTY's sole negligence.

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

As part of the consideration of this Agreement, 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 and Limit 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 and completed operations, property damage, bodily injury, and personal & advertising injury with limits no less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence. If a general aggregate limit applies, either the aggregate limit shall apply separately to this project or location (ISO CG 25 03 05 09 or 25 04) or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit.
2. **Automobile Liability:** ISO Form CA 00 01 covering any auto (Symbol 1), or if CONTRACTOR has no owned autos, hired (Symbol 8) and non-owned autos (Symbol 9), with limits no less than One Million Dollars (\$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 limits no less than One Million Dollars (\$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 limits no less than Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) per occurrence or claim, Two Million Dollars (\$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 applicable insurance policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

1. **Additional Insured** – COUNTY, its officers, officials, employees, 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. 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 if not available, through the addition of both CG 20 10, CG 20 26, CG 20 33, or CG 20 38; and CG 20 37).
2. **Primary Coverage** – For any claims related to this agreement, the CONTRACTOR's insurance coverage shall be primary and non-contributory at least as broad as ISO CG 20 01 12 19 as respects the COUNTY, its officers, officials, employees, volunteers, and agents. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the COUNTY, its officers, officials, employees, volunteers, and agents shall be excess of the CONTRACTOR's insurance and shall not contribute with it. This requirement shall also apply to any Excess or Umbrella liability policies.
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 affect 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.

Self-Insured Retention – Self-insured retentions (SIRs) must be declared to and approved by COUNTY. COUNTY may require CONTRACTOR to purchase coverage with a lower retention or provide proof of ability to pay losses and related investigations, claim administration, and defense expenses within the retention. The policy language shall provide, or be endorsed to provide, that the SIR may be satisfied by either the named insured or COUNTY.

Claims Made Policies – If any coverage required is written on a claims-made coverage form:

- 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.

Umbrella or Excess Policy - The CONTRACTOR may use Umbrella or Excess Policies to provide the liability limits as required in this agreement. The Umbrella or Excess policies shall be provided on a true "following form" or broader coverage basis, with coverage at least as broad as provided on the underlying CGL insurance.

Acceptability of Insurers – Insurance is to be placed with insurers authorized to conduct business in the State of California with a current AM Best's rating of no less than A: VII, unless otherwise acceptable to the COUNTY.

Verification of Coverage – CONTRACTOR shall furnish the COUNTY with original certificates and amendatory endorsements, or copies of the applicable policy language effecting coverage required by this clause. All documents 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 COUNTY reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements required by these specifications, at any time.

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.

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.

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.