

**State of California  
California Natural Resources Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES**

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**AGREEMENT FOR  
THE ADVANCE OR CONTRIBUTION OF MONEY TO  
THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES  
BY  
THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT**

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**FOR PRELIMINARY PLANNING AND DESIGN COSTS RELATED TO A  
POTENTIAL DELTA CONVEYANCE PROJECT**

**THIS AGREEMENT** is made, pursuant to the provisions of all applicable laws of the State of California, between the State of California, acting by and through its Department of Water Resources (“Department” or “DWR”), and the Santa Clara Valley Water District (“Contractor”), each herein referred to individually as a “Party” and collectively as the “Parties”.

**Recitals**

**WHEREAS**, DWR and the Contractor listed on the signature page hereto have entered into and subsequently amended a long-term water supply contract, herein referred to as a “Water Supply Contract,” providing that DWR will supply certain quantities of water to the Contractor, providing that Contractor shall make certain payments to DWR, and setting forth the terms and conditions of such supply and such payments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (“BDCP”) process was initiated in 2005-2006 and the Delta Habitat Conservation and Conveyance Program (“DHCCP”) was initiated in 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (“BDCP”) and (“DHCCP”) resulted in development of a project known as the California WaterFix (“WaterFix”); and

**WHEREAS**, on July 21, 2017, DWR approved the California WaterFix project; and

**WHEREAS**, certain Contractors have entered into that certain Joint Powers Agreement dated May 14, 2018 forming the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority (“DCA”); and

**WHEREAS**, DWR and DCA have entered into that certain Joint Powers Agreement (“JEPA”), dated May 22, 2018, as amended and restated, and as the same has or may be further amended, wherein the DCA will provide preliminary design, planning and other preconstruction activities to

assist the environmental planning process for a potential Delta conveyance project under the supervision of DWR (the “Work” as defined in the JEPA); and

**WHEREAS**, Contractor previously entered into a funding agreement with DWR dated August 24, 2018 to provide a share of preconstruction planning activity costs for California WaterFix (“2018 Gap Funding Agreement”); and

**WHEREAS**, Contractor agreed to advance or contribute to DWR \$1,092,975 pursuant to the 2018 Gap Funding Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, DWR expended \$197,354 of the \$1,092,975 Gap Funding Agreement amount towards the California WaterFix project; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 2, 2019, DWR rescinded its approval of the California WaterFix project and subsequently notified Contractor by letter on May 24, 2019 that DWR would not expend funds contributed under the 2018 Gap Funding Agreement to pay invoices for DCA costs incurred after May 2, 2019, absent further Contractor authorization (see Exhibit A); and

**WHEREAS**, DWR will return to the Contractor the remaining \$895,621 of unspent funds from the 2018 Gap Funding Agreement as reflected in a credit to Contractor’s 2021 Statement of Charges; and

**WHEREAS**, DWR now seeks \$340.7 million from SWP Contractors to fund the estimated costs of the preliminary planning and design costs for a potential DCP from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, Contractor desires to contribute \$\_\_\_\_\_ for Calendar Years 2021 and 2022, and to retain the sole option to contribute an additional \$\_\_\_\_\_ for Calendar Years 2023 and 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, Contractor’s contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for Calendar Years 2021 and 2022 and optional contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for Calendar Years 2023 and 2024 is consistent with its tentative \_\_\_\_\_ participation percentage in the proposed DCP; and

**WHEREAS**, a copy of the resolution of the Board of Directors of Contractor authorizing its Chief Executive Officer to execute this Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit B; and

**WHEREAS**, a State Agency may advance or contribute funds to DWR for SWP purposes pursuant to Water Code section 11135 and (ii) DWR may accept such advanced or contributed funds and thereafter use such funds in accordance with the terms of this Agreement pursuant to Water Code section 11141.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is mutually agreed by the Parties as follows:

1. When used in this Agreement, terms defined in the Water Supply Contract (as defined herein) shall be defined by reference to the Water Supply Contractor. In addition, the following definitions shall apply:
  - a. **“Calendar Year”** means the period January 1 through December 31.
  - b. **“Contributed Funds”** means money contributed or advanced to DWR by Contractor pursuant to this Agreement. The total initial amount Contractor agrees to provide is \$\_\_\_\_\_ and is comprised of the following annual amounts of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for Calendar Year 2021, \$\_\_\_\_\_ for Calendar Year 2022, and if and when subsequently authorized by Contractor in accordance with section 5 hereof an additional \$\_\_\_\_\_ for Calendar Year 2023 and \$\_\_\_\_\_ for Calendar Year 2024, in each case to be paid to DWR in the manner described in Section 5 of this Agreement.
  - c. **“2018 Contributed Funds”** means money contributed by Contractor pursuant to the 2018 Gap Funding Agreement.
  - d. **“Contribution Payment(s)”** means the payments of Contributed Funds that Contractor agrees to provide to DWR pursuant this Agreement.
  - e. **“Contractor”** means a State Agency that is a party to a Water Supply Contract with DWR.
  - f. **“Department”** or **“DWR”** means the California Department of Water Resources.
  - g. **“Effective Date”** has the meaning ascribed to it in section 11 hereof.
  - h. **“JEPA”** means the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement between DWR and the DCA dated May 22, 2018, as amended and restated and as may be further amended from time to time.
  - i. **“Pay-Go Charge”** means the charge included on Contractor’s Statements of Charges for the purpose of collecting Contributed Funds that Contractor agrees to advance or contribute to DWR pursuant to this Agreement.
  - j. **“Party”** or **“Parties”** means DWR, the undersigned Contractor, or all signatories to this Agreement.
  - k. **“State Agency”** has the meaning ascribed to it by Water Code section 11102.
  - l. **“SWP”** or **“State Water Project”** means the State Water Project operated by DWR. The SWP generally includes the State Water Facilities, as defined in California Water Code section 12934(d), and certain facilities authorized by the Central Valley Project Act at section 11100 *et. seq.*

- m. **“Water Supply Contract”** means the long-term water supply contract, as amended and as may be amended in the future, between Contractor and DWR.
- n. **“Work”** has the meaning ascribed to it in the Recitals to this Agreement.
2. Effect of Agreement. DWR and Contractor agree that this Agreement supersedes the 2018 Gap Funding Agreement, which is hereby terminated as of the Effective Date. DWR and Contractor agree that nothing in this Agreement supersedes previous funding agreements or the obligations under those funding agreements unless specifically addressed in this Agreement.
3. Purposes of Agreement. This Agreement documents Contractor’s agreement to provide Contributed Funds to DWR for the purposes set forth in Section 4, the manner of providing those funds as set forth in Section 5, and the means by which future contributions may be made.
4. Use of Funds. DWR shall use the 2018 Contributed Funds, Contributed Funds and any future Contributed Funds collected from Contractor pursuant to section 5 hereof, for the payment of DCA invoices submitted to DWR on or after October 1, 2020 for the Work done or costs incurred by DCA, or for Delta conveyance project planning work done by DWR through the Delta Conveyance Office (“DCO”) and any other purpose consistent with the JEPA, as the same has been, and may be, amended from time to time. DWR will not use funds provided under this Agreement for the activities described in the Mitigated Negative Declaration entitled “Soil Investigations for Data Collection in the Delta” adopted by DWR on July 9, 2020.
5. Charge Procedure. Contractor shall pay its Pay-Go Charge on the date(s) and in the amount(s) set forth on the revised Statement of Charges for 2021, and subsequent Statements of Charges issued to Contractor by DWR. The annual amounts will be paid in twelve monthly installments. Contractor may agree, without amending this Agreement, to advance additional funds after the Effective Date, including the optional additional contribution of funds for calendar years 2023 and 2024 described in section 1(b) hereof, which shall be considered Contributed Funds, by delivery to DWR of a letter in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit C, which letter shall specify the amount to be advanced or contributed, whether the payments will be in the form of one or more lump sums or in 12 equal installments, and together with such other information the Parties deem necessary or desirable to effectuate the advance or contribution. A copy of the resolution, or other Board authorization, of Contractor’s Board of Directors approving the subject contribution shall be enclosed with the letter. Upon receipt of a contribution letter DWR shall indicate its agreement by returning a counter signed copy of the letter to Contractor. The agreed upon advance or contribution shall thereafter be included in Contractor’s Statement of Charges or a revised Statement of Charges, as appropriate. The charge shall be designated by reference to the year in which the charge is to begin, followed, if there be

more than one such subsequent advance or contribution in a year by a dash and an integer followed by the words Pay-Go Charge.

6. Limitation. With respect to the Work and the DCA, nothing in this Agreement imposes any duty or obligation either expressly or by implication on DWR other than the duty to use 2018 Contributed Funds and other Contributed Funds to pay the undisputed portion of DCA invoices submitted to DWR during the term of this Agreement in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and the JEPA if, as and when Contributed Funds have been received by DWR under this Agreement and other similar agreements or arrangements with other Contractors for purposes substantially the same as those described herein and is available for the payment thereof.
7. Reporting. DWR, through its DCO and in coordination with its State Water Project Analysis Office (SWPAO), shall annually prepare a report summarizing the advances or contributions received, and expenditures made pursuant to, this Agreement. The first such report shall be completed not later than March 31, 2021 and thereafter not later than March 31 of each subsequent year. Contractor may request in writing a summary of the advances, contributions, and expenditures at any time during the term of this Agreement and DWR shall provide such within thirty (30) days of such written request.
8. Status of Project. Contractor recognizes that the funds contributed pursuant to this Agreement are for the planning activities in support of DWR's environmental review and permitting process, including but not limited to the Work, for a potential Delta conveyance project. The advance or contribution of Contributed Funds is not contingent on, or in exchange for, DWR's agreement to exercise its discretion in future to approve a Delta conveyance project.
9. Unspent Funds. Upon termination of this Agreement, it is the intent of the Parties that any unspent Contributed Funds remaining after payment of all costs for which the funds were contributed will be returned to Contractor as a credit on Contractor's Statement of Charges in proportion to its percentage share of advances or contributions made by all Contractors that entered into Agreements similar to this Agreement.
10. Reimbursement of Contributed Funds. If a Delta conveyance project is approved by DWR and is implemented it is the intent of the Parties hereto that the Contributed Funds spent in accordance with this Agreement and the 2018 Gap Funding Agreement be reimbursed or credited to Contractor according to the relative amount each such Contractor paid pursuant to this Agreement and the 2018 Gap Funding Agreement, upon the issuance and sale of revenue bonds by either the Department or a Joint Powers Authority established, whichever occurs earlier, for the purpose of, among other things, funding a future Delta conveyance facility. The Department shall be under no obligation to issue and sell bonds for the purpose(s) described in the foregoing sentence or to undertake any reimbursement or credit as so described, unless a determination is first made by DWR in its sole discretion that such issuance and sale of revenue bonds, such reimbursement, or such credit as applicable is consistent with applicable law, applicable judicial rulings, and applicable contractual obligations of DWR, and the Parties have negotiated and executed such further agreements

as may be necessary to accomplish such credit or reimbursement on terms acceptable to DWR.

11. Effective Date and Term. This Agreement shall become effective on the date the last Party hereto signs the Agreement as set forth on the signature page(s) hereto (“Effective Date”) and shall continue in effect until terminated in writing by the Parties. The Parties obligations under Section 10 shall survive termination of this Agreement.
12. Invoices, Notices or Other Communications. All invoices, notices, or other communications required under this Agreement will be in writing, and will be deemed to have been duly given upon the date of service, if: (i) served personally on the Party to whom notice is to be given; (ii) sent by electronic mail, and the Party to whom notice is to be given confirms receipt; or (iii) on the third day after mailing, if mailed to the Party to whom invoice, notice or other communication is directed, by first-class mail, postage prepaid, and properly addressed to the designated representative(s) of the Party set forth below.

DWR: Pedro Villalobos  
Chief, State Water Project Analysis Office  
Department of Water Resources  
1416 Ninth Street, Room 1620  
Post Office Box 94236  
Sacramento, California 94236-0001

*Copy to*  
Anthony Meyers  
Executive Director, Delta Conveyance Office  
Department of Water Resources  
901 P Street, Room 413  
Sacramento, California 94236-0001

*Copy to*  
Christopher Martin  
Office of the Chief Counsel  
Department of Water Resources  
1416 Ninth Street, Room 1620  
Post Office Box 94236  
Sacramento, California 94236-0001

Contractor:

Rick L. Callender, Esq.  
Chief Executive Officer  
Santa Clara Valley Water District  
5750 Almaden Expressway

San Jose, CA 95118

*Copy to:*  
District Counsel  
Office of the District Counsel  
5750 Almaden Expressway  
San Jose, CA 95118

13. No Delegation of Authority. Nothing in this Agreement constitutes a delegation by any Party of its existing authority to make any decision it is mandated to make. Nothing in this Agreement shall limit DWR's final decision-making authority at the time of consideration of future Delta conveyance facility related approvals. All provisions of this Agreement are intended to be, and shall to the extent reasonable be interpreted to be, consistent with all applicable provisions of State and federal law. The undersigned recognize that the Parties are public agencies and have specific statutory responsibilities, and that actions of these public agencies must be consistent with applicable procedural and substantive requirements of State and federal law. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to, nor will have the effect of, constraining or limiting any public agency in carrying out its statutory responsibilities or requiring an agency to take any action inconsistent with applicable law. Nothing in this Agreement constitutes an admission by any Party as to the proper interpretation of any provision of law, nor will it have the effect of, waiving or limiting any public entity's rights and remedies under applicable law except as expressly provided elsewhere in this Agreement. Execution of this Agreement does not constitute pre-approval of any project or preferred project alternative, or waive or otherwise abridge responsible trustee duties required, or discretion authorized or granted by, State and federal law.
14. Waiver. As of the Effective Date, Contractor hereby forever and unconditionally waives and releases and discharges and covenants not to sue or otherwise institute or cause to be instituted or in any way participate in any proceedings, processes or actions against DWR with respect to any and all claims, demands, costs, liabilities, objections, rights, damages, expenses, and actions and causes of action of every nature, whether in law or equity, known or unknown, or suspected or unsuspected, which Contractor ever had or now has against DWR in connection with or arising from the use of funds contributed under the 2018 Gap Funding Agreement.
15. Amendment. Except as otherwise set forth above, this Agreement may only be amended or modified by a subsequent written agreement approved and executed by both Parties.
16. Applicable Law. This Agreement will be construed under and will be deemed to be governed by the laws of the United States and the State of California.
17. Integration. This Agreement constitutes the sole, final, complete, exclusive and integrated expression and statement of the terms of this Agreement among the Parties concerning the subject matter, and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreement, either oral or written, that may be related to the subject matter of this Agreement.

18. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same agreement. Each signing Party shall have received a copy of the signature page signed by every other Party.

Exhibits attached and incorporated herein:

Exhibit A Letter from DWR dated May 21, 2019

Exhibit B Board Resolution

Exhibit C Form of Letter Regarding Future Contributions



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto, by their authorized representatives, have executed this Agreement on the date(s) set forth below.

Approved as to Legal Form  
and Sufficiency

**State of California**  
**Department of Water Resources**

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Spencer Kenner, Chief Counsel

\_\_\_\_\_  
Karla A. Nemeth,  
Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Approved as to Legal Form  
and Sufficiency

**Santa Clara Valley Water District**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Anthony T. Fulcher,  
Sr. Assistant District Counsel

Rick L. Callender, Esq.,  
Chief Executive Officer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## **Exhibit A**

Letter from DWR to Contractor

## **Exhibit C**

### Form of Contribution Letter

[date]  
[address]

Re: Contribution or Advance of Money for Delta Conveyance Planning Activities

Dear Mr. Villalobos:

This letter is sent pursuant to section 5 of the Agreement for the Advance of Contribution of Money to the Department of Water Resources for Preliminary Planning and Design Costs Related to a Potential Delta Conveyance Project dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2020 between Department of Water Resources and the [agency] ("Funding Agreement").

On [date] the Board of Directors of [agency] approved the contribution or advance of \$[amount] to the Department for use in accordance with the terms of the Funding Agreement. A copy of the Board's resolution is enclosed with this letter. The contribution or advance will be collected from [agency] in [a lump sum][equal monthly installments] by inclusion of a charge [on its Statement of Charges for [year]][on a revised Statement of Charges for [year] that Department will issue to [agency]]. The charge shall be referred to as the [year] Pay-go Charge. As provided by section 5 of the Agreement the contribution or advance described herein will be subject to the terms and conditions of the Agreement.

Please confirm your agreement to the foregoing by countersigning in the space provided below and returning an original copy of this letter agreement to [agency] at [address].

[signature blocks for agency and Department]

Enclosure(s)

cc:

**Exhibit B**

Resolution of the Board of Directors of Contractor

**TO BE INSERTED ONCE EXECUTED**

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES**

1416 NINTH STREET, P.O. BOX 942836  
SACRAMENTO, CA 94236-0001  
(916) 653-5791



May 24, 2019

Ms. Norma J. Camacho  
Chief Executive Officer  
Santa Clara Valley Water District  
5750 Almaden Expressway  
San Jose, California 95118

Subject: Use of Contributed Funds following Director Nemeth's  
May 2, 2019 Announcement

Dear Ms. Camacho:

This letter is to notify the Santa Clara Valley Water District (the Contractor) of changes regarding the use of funds contributed to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) pursuant to the Agreement for the Advance or Contribution of Money to the Department of Water Resources, executed on November 6, 2018, between DWR and Agency (Agreement). Pursuant to the Agreement, the Santa Clara Valley Water District agreed to contribute funds for the payment of WaterFix related preconstruction costs incurred by the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority (Authority).

On May 2, 2019, DWR issued a notice to Contractors informing all State Water Project Contractors of Director of Water Resources Nemeth's rescission of DWR's approval of WaterFix (see attached Notice). As a result of the actions described in the Notice, funds contributed pursuant to the Agreement will not be used by DWR to pay costs incurred by Authority after May 2, 2019, absent further authorization by the Contractor.

The Contractor should continue making remaining payments, if any, required by the Agreement and contained in the most recent Statement of Charges sent issued to the Contractor. Appropriate adjustments to the Contractor's Statement of Charges will be made by DWR in accordance with normal SWP billing practices.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or any of the matters referenced herein, please contact Hong Lin, my Advisor, at (916) 651-0762 or by e-mail at [Hong.Lin@water.ca.gov](mailto:Hong.Lin@water.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Gary Lippner'.

Gary Lippner, Deputy Director  
Delta Conveyance

Enclosure: May 2, 2019 Notice to State Water Project Contractors

cc: Cindy Kao, Imported Water Unit Manager, Santa Clara Valley Water District  
Christopher Martin, Office of Chief Counsel, DWR  
Pedro Villalobos, State Water Project Analysis Office, DWR

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