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November 6, 2019

AGENDA FOR A MEETING OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT

**Committee Members: Gloria Dizmang-Chair, Kathy Mac Laren
to be held at the District's office at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2019

4:30 p.m.

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- 1) Roll call.
- 2) Adoption of agenda.
- 3) Public comments for non-agenda items.
- 4) Action Items: (The public shall have an opportunity to comment on any action item as each item is considered by the Committee prior to action being taken.)

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- 4.1) Consideration and possible action on approval of minutes of meeting held September 19, 2019.
- 4.2) Consideration and possible action on revision to the Organizational Structure Chart to add one Operations Technician I/II position. (Budgeted – 2020 – Facilities Manager Bligh)
- 4.3) Consideration and possible action on revisions to the Organizational Structure Chart regarding the Engineering Department. (No Budget Impact – Engineering/Grant Manager Rogers)
- 4.4) Consideration and possible action on updates and revisions to the Employee Handbook. (No Budget Impact – Human Resources Director Emery)
- 4.5) Consideration and possible action on updating Community Workforce Agreement. (Organizational Excellence Committee Goal)
- 5) Information items.
 - 5.1) Other.
- 6) Board members' requests for future agenda items.
- 7) Date of next Committee meeting.
- 8) Adjournment.



DENNIS D. LaMOREAUX,
General Manager

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P A L M D A L E W A T E R D I S T R I C T
B O A R D M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: November 5, 2019 **November 14, 2019**
TO: PERSONNEL COMMITTEE **Committee Meeting**
FROM: Chris Bligh, Facilities Manager
VIA: Mr. Adam Ly, Assistant General Manager
Mr. Dennis D. LaMoreaux, General Manager
RE: ***AGENDA ITEM NO. 4.2 – CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REVISION TO THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE CHART TO ADD ONE OPERATIONS TECHNICIAN I/II POSITION. (BUDGETED (2020) – FACILITIES MANAGER BLIGH)***

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Committee approve the revision to the Organizational Structure Chart to add one Operations Technician I/II position.

Alternative Options:

The alternative is to not approve the position.

Impact of Taking No Action:

No additional position would be added.

Background:

The Facilities Department has been responsible for operations and maintenance of wells, boosters and reservoirs. The Department has been the source of recent promotions to fill retirement in the District. In addition, the District is planning an aggressive Capital Improvement Program that includes numerous well and booster rehabs, building repairs and facility upgrades. Staff conducted a needs assessment of the group, and their responsibilities warrant an extra staff member. Attached is the explanation of tasks and responsibility of the group.

Strategic Plan Initiative/Mission Statement:

This work is part of Strategic Plan Initiative No. 2 – Organizational Excellence. This item directly relates to the District’s Mission Statement.

Budget:

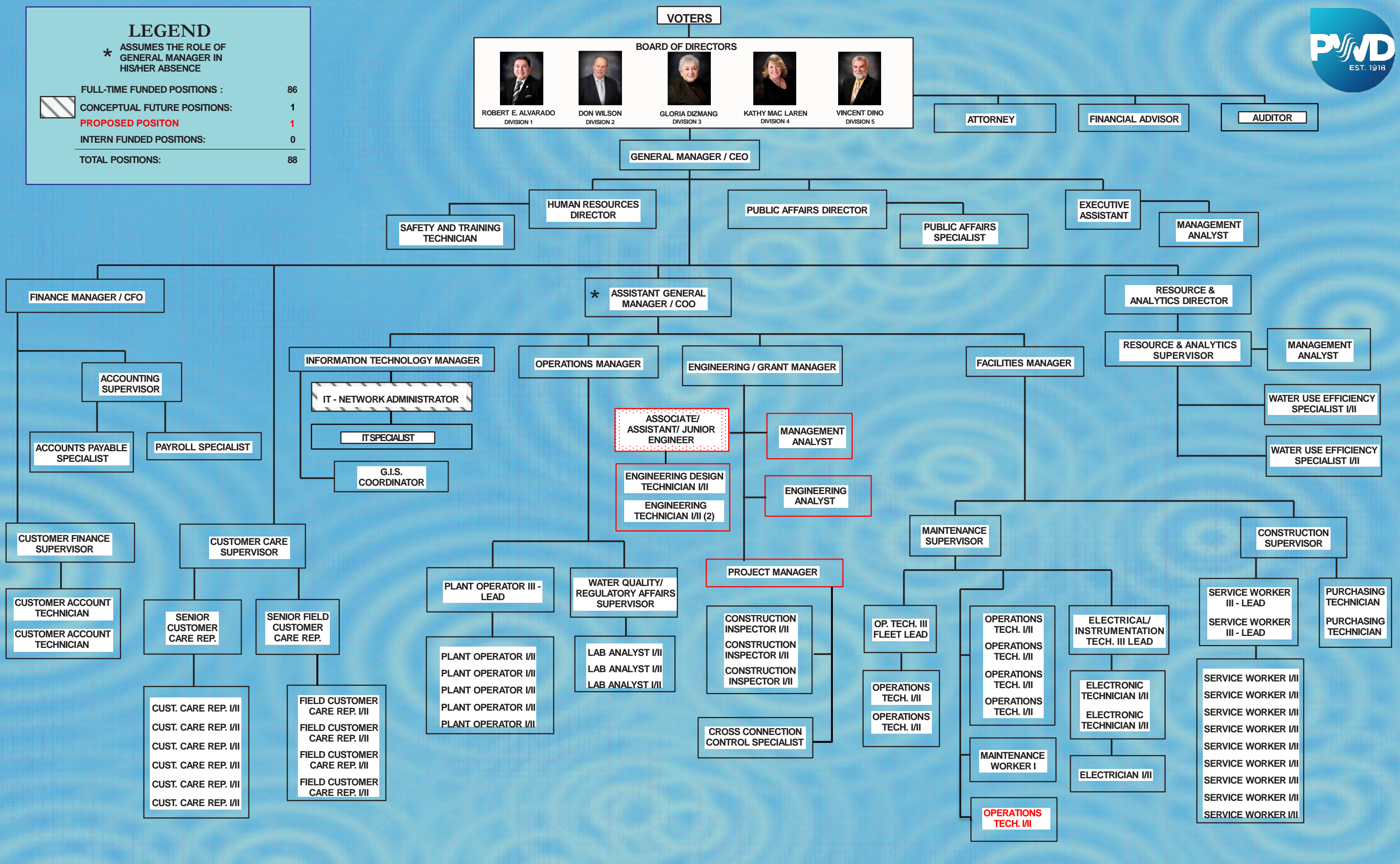
The addition of this position will be included in the 2020 Budget. Through the succession planning process, this position will have net-zero impact to the budget.

Supporting Documents:

- Revised Organizational Structure Chart
- Job description for Operations Technician I/II position
- Operations Technician Annual Hours spreadsheet



LEGEND	
* ASSUMES THE ROLE OF GENERAL MANAGER IN HIS/HER ABSENCE	
FULL-TIME FUNDED POSITIONS :	86
CONCEPTUAL FUTURE POSITIONS:	1
PROPOSED POSITION	1
INTERN FUNDED POSITIONS:	0
TOTAL POSITIONS:	88



PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

PROPOSED NOV. 14, 2019

PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT

OPERATIONS TECHNICIAN 1 OPERATIONS TECHNICIAN 2 OPERATIONS TECHNICIAN 3 (LEAD MECHANICAL AND FLEET)

FLSA Status: Non-Exempt

DEFINITION

Individuals within the Operations Technician series can expect to perform semi-skilled and skilled duties related to the construction, repair, maintenance and operations of District water facilities, equipment and fleet.

The performance of this team is essential to providing quick and efficient response to ensure reliability in water delivery and therefore must be available for call back. District employees are expected to work overtime, weekends, evenings and holidays as required to accommodate the District needs, in addition to responding as a Disaster Services Emergency Worker.

Mechanical Team:

The Mechanical Team has primary responsibility for the installation, maintenance, and repair of wells, boosters, tanks, generators/engines, buildings and grounds, control valves, HVAC, PRV's, and Hypo-generation. Level III staff will be responsible for on call pump runs on weekends and holidays. Primary responsibility for maintenance, repair, operation, construction and inspection tasks in connection with operating and maintaining facilities and equipment associated with the District's Treatment Plant, Little Rock Dam, and Lake Palmdale.

Fleet Team:

The Fleet Team has primary responsibility for the maintenance and repair of the fleet, heavy equipment, small equipment, mobile generators, and fabrication.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

Operations Technician 1 - This is the entry level class in the Operations Technician series. Positions in this class typically have little or no directly related work experience and work under immediate supervision while learning job tasks. The Operations Technician 1 class is distinguished from the 2 level by the performance of less than the full range of duties assigned to the 2 level. Incumbents work under immediate supervision while learning job tasks, progressing to general supervision as procedures and processes of assigned area of responsibility are learned.

Operations Technician 2 - This is the journey level class in the Operation Technician series and is distinguished from the 1 level by the assignment of the full range of duties. Employees at this level receive only occasional instruction or assistance as new, unusual or unique situations arise and are fully aware of the operating procedures and policies within the work unit. Positions in this class are flexibly staffed and are normally filled by advancement from the 1 level.

Operations Technician 3 – This is the advanced journey level class in the Operation Technician series and is distinguished from the 2 level by the assignment of task coordination responsibilities in addition to the duties of levels 1 and 2. Employees at this level receive only occasional instruction or assistance as new, unusual or unique situations arise and are responsible for timelines, efficient workflow and the implementation of operating procedures and policies within the work unit. Must assess and prioritize all work within their respective units.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED

Operations Technician 1

Mechanical Team:

Receives immediate task supervision from the Operations Technician 3; may receive technical and functional supervision from an Operations Technician 2, as appropriate. Receives general supervision from the Maintenance Supervisor

Equipment Mechanics Team:

Receives immediate task supervision from the Operations Technician 3; may receive technical and functional supervision from an Operations Technician 2, as appropriate. Receives general supervision from the Maintenance Supervisor.

Operations Technician 2

Mechanical Team:

Receives immediate task supervision from the Operation Technician 3. Receives general supervision from the Maintenance Supervisor.

Fleet Team:

Receives immediate task supervision from the Operations Technician 3. Receives general supervision from the Maintenance Supervisor.

Operations Technician 3

Mechanical Team:

Receives immediate supervision from the Systems Supervisor.

Fleet Team:

Receives immediate supervision from the Systems Supervisor.

EXAMPLES OF ESSENTIAL DUTIES - Duties may include, but are not limited to, the following:

The Operations Technicians are responsible for ensuring Title 17, 22, and AWWA standards are upheld.

Perform preventive maintenance and priority repair on a variety of treatment/distribution mechanical equipment.

Inspect and monitor well sites, reservoirs, and tanks; check pumps/pump structures and motor operations, and make adjustments/repairs as needed; check well levels and measure tank and reservoir levels, including collection of water production and related data.

Inspect, service, and maintain oil and air filters, magnetic starters, fuses, circuit breakers, probes, circuits, time delays, coils, switches, bearings, mechanical packing's, seals, oil lines, drippers, and gages.

Perform a variety of preventive maintenance on pump engines, gas engines, generators and equipment; perform maintenance and repair related to a variety of water distribution/treatment facilities and systems, and pump buildings.

Transport and install temporary generators as needed due to electrical power outages; shut down wells as necessary according to District procedures.

Keep and maintain computerized and written work-related records.

Inspect, repair, maintain, and test various pumps, motors, and engines used in water treatment processes and distribution systems; remove such equipment as needed from site; re-install and follow procedures for disinfection/safety to the District's water supply. Assists in servicing, maintaining, troubleshooting, and repairing varied and complex plant equipment and structures.

Plan and/or perform rigging and crane operations for moving and/or placing heavy machinery or equipment. Operate a variety of construction equipment, compressors, hand and power tools in a safe and effective manner.

Coordinate with distribution and treatment plant staff regarding maintenance/repair to wells, booster stations, or treatment plant operations to ensure limited interruption/continued service to customers.

Perform repairs and maintenance to buildings and grounds such as well sites, fences, doors and roofs, as necessary; report breaches of security to supervisory and management staff.

Perform welding and fabrication work.

Perform building maintenance and grounds work as directed.

Maintain accurate and regular records of work performed with detailed task reports, as-builds and documentation.

Build and maintain positive working relationships with co-workers, other District employees and the public using principles of good customer service.

Perform related duties as assigned.

Intermittently, walk, stand, kneel climb, and bend in the field; sit while studying or preparing reports and driving in vehicle or operating equipment; perform simple and power grasping, pushing, pulling and fine manipulation; intermittently write or use a keyboard to communicate; and lift or carry weight up to 50 pounds.

Work outdoors in a variety of weather conditions.

Mechanical Team Specialized Job Duties:

Primary responsibility for the repair and maintenance of wells, boosters, tanks, generators/engines, buildings/grounds, HVAC and control valves.

Maintain and repair pumps and related control systems related to liquid level controls, and a variety of automatic, check, globe, gate, and pressure relief valves; check and maintain seismic valves.

Conduct periodic inspection and perform maintenance work at reservoirs, including checking inlet control valves; conduct inspection and perform repair and maintenance on pressure relief stations and altitude valves.

Adjust and maintain chlorine feed rates at reservoirs and wells, as needed; maintain sodium hypochlorite generators; collect samples for water quality analysis; flush and disinfect wells, pumps, and tanks.

Performs preventative and corrective maintenance of plant equipment and facilities.

Inspects, maintains, repairs, and operates aqueduct valves, dams, outlet structure, and other lake facilities.

Installs, maintains, and repairs fences, gates, sprinkler systems, sprays, cuts, mulches, and burns brush and weeds; removes debris, maintains poisons and pest controls.

Perform a variety of lake management tasks; including but not limited to; application of herbicides and algaecides.

Equipment Mechanic Team Specialized Job Duties:

Primary responsibility for the repair and maintenance of vehicles, heavy equipment, small equipment, mobile generators and fabrication.

Perform preventive maintenance and priority repair on a variety of automotive and construction equipment.

Inspect and diagnose problems with automobiles, light and heavy trucks, construction vehicles and other mechanical equipment; determine needed repairs, estimate time, materials, and equipment needed to perform the work.

Repair, clean, adjust, and install fuel, ignition, electrical, electronic, steering, suspension, cooling, braking, hydraulic, air conditioning, signaling and other systems.

Maintain, adjust, and repair transmission; road test vehicles/construction equipment for performance and safety; install, adjust, and balance tires; install, adjust and maintain smog devices, headlamps, and brakes to meet State-mandated inspection requirements.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Operations Technician 1

Knowledge of:

Practices, methods, techniques, and tools/equipment used in the installation, service, maintenance, repair and adjustment of mechanical equipment, gas and diesel powered equipment, including automobiles, light/heavy trucks, mechanical pumps, motors, engines, and construction equipment.

Machine shop procedures and practices.

Basic practices relating to buildings and grounds maintenance techniques and methods.

Basic computer usage to enter and retrieve data and maintain records.

Safe work practices.

Ability to:

Perform semi-skilled work in the installation, maintenance, and repair of pumps, engines, motors, automotive, heavy/light construction vehicles, equipment, and related water facilities.

On a continuous basis, know and understand operations, and observe safety rules; intermittently analyze problem equipment; identify and locate equipment; interpret work orders; remember equipment location; and explain jobs to others.

Intermittently, sit while studying or preparing reports or driving vehicles or equipment; bend, squat, climb, kneel and twist when performing installation, maintenance or repair activities; perform simple and power grasping, pushing, pulling, and fine manipulation; and lift or carry weight up to 50 pounds.

Learn to diagnose and troubleshoot operating problems on pumps, electric motors, engines, valves, automatic controls systems, vehicles, and related equipment.

Learn operational characteristics of hydraulic systems and treatment plant equipment; learn to use various chemicals and disinfecting agents in the field.

Learn and understand the treatment plant process and characteristics to aid in maintenance and repairs.

Learn to use welding equipment to perform repairs and fabricate parts.

Learn to operate a variety of mechanized equipment such as forklifts, backhoes, loaders, cranes, and heavy equipment and trailers.

Disassemble and reassemble pumps, motors, and valves.

Use hand and power tools and equipment.

Read and interpret pump charts, reservoir charts, gauges, shop drawings and plans; prepare rough sketches as needed.

Perform arithmetical calculations to determine chlorine dosages, reservoir volumes, well production, and related data.

Keep and maintain records related to work activities, including well sounding, production, flows and volume; available capacity of storage tanks and reservoirs, and chemical usage.

Learn to use computer applications such as word processing and spreadsheet programs to complete required reports related to work activities.

Work outdoors in a variety of weather conditions.

Perform building and grounds maintenance work.

Work assigned shift schedules; be available for after-hours or call back emergencies.

Communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing.

Establish and maintain effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of work.

Experience and Training

Any combination of experience and training that would provide the required knowledge and abilities is qualifying. A typical way to obtain the required knowledge and abilities would be:

Experience:

One year of responsible experience repairing and maintaining pumps, motors, and engines.

One year of semi-skilled work in mechanical repair, installation, or maintenance of automotive equipment and various pumps, motors, and engines.

Training:

Equivalent to the completion of the twelfth grade.

License and Certificate

Possession of, or ability to obtain within one year, a valid California Driver's License Class A.

Possession of, or ability to obtain within one year, a Distribution Operator Grade 1 Certificate as issued by the State Water Resources Control Board.

Possession of a Water Treatment Operator Grade 1 Certificate as issued by the State Water Resources Control Board is desired.

Operations Technician 2

In addition to the qualifications for the Operations Technician 1:

Knowledge of:

Motors, pumps, compressors, electrical panels, automatic controls, valves, and timers used in operating and controlling a water distribution system.

Methods and techniques of troubleshooting and diagnosing mechanical equipment problems.

Operational characteristics of hydraulic systems and treatment plant processes.

Ability to:

Independently perform semi-skilled work in the installation, maintenance, and repair of pumps, engines, motors, automotive, heavy/light construction vehicles, equipment, buildings, grounds, landscaping, and related water facilities.

Operate a variety of mechanized equipment including, but not limited to, backhoes, forklifts, cranes, loaders, skid steers, sprayers, and heavy equipment and trailers.

Weld and fit water tight pipelines and assemblies.

Keep records and make reports; use a personal computer to enter and retrieve data; track work status and communicate electronically.

Communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing.

Exercise resourcefulness in the field and work without immediate supervision.

Fleet Team additional requirements:

Weld and fabricate various types of water related tools and framework for fleet equipment.

Experience and Training

Any combination of experience and training that would provide the required knowledge and abilities is qualifying. A typical way to obtain the required knowledge and abilities would be:

Experience:

Two years of responsible journey experience performing duties similar to an Operations Technician 1 with the Palmdale Water District.

Training:

Equivalent to the completion of the twelfth grade.

Adequate training which ensures the ability to weld and fit water tight pipelines and assemblies.

Completed and passed 40 hour beginning/intermediate Arc Welding Course

License and Certificate

Possession of, or ability to obtain, a valid California Driver's License Class A.

Possession of a Distribution Operator Grade 2 Certificate as issued by the State Water Resources Control Board is required.

Possession of a Water Treatment Operator Grade 2 Certificate as issued by the State Water Resources Control Board is required.

Possession of a Service Truck Crane 10,000 Lb. Capacity Certification is required.

Fleet Team Additional Certification

Possession of certification from the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) is desired.

Operations Technician 3

In addition to the qualifications for the Operations Technician 2:

Knowledge of:

Principles and practices of technical and functional supervision and training, including safety practices and related record-keeping.

Pertinent water utility industry standards and regulations.

Pertinent consumer information rights related to the California Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA)

Methods, techniques, tools and equipment and materials used in construction, installation, maintenance, and repair of components for a water service distribution system.

Computer usage applications such as word processing and spreadsheet programs to complete required reports related to work activities.

Ability to:

Provide technical and functional supervision over assigned staff; effectively train staff.

Perform the most complex duties related to the construction, installation, maintenance, and repair of a water service distribution system.

On a continuous basis, know and understand operations and observe safety rules; intermittently analyze problem situations and/or equipment; identify and interpret technical and numerical information observe and problem solve operational and technical policies and procedures; identify and locate site locations, interpret work orders, remember equipment locations and explain job to others.

Use pipe fitting and welding equipment, including fabrication of parts as necessary

Read and understand distribution system maps and related blue prints, drawings, and sketches.

Exercise resourcefulness in the field and work without immediate supervision.

Experience and Training

Any combination of experience and training that would provide the required knowledge and abilities is qualifying. A typical way to obtain the required knowledge and abilities would be:

Experience:

Two years of responsible journey experience performing duties similar to an Operations Technician 2 with the Palmdale Water District.

Training:

Equivalent to the completion of the twelfth grade.

Adequate training which ensures the ability to weld and fit water tight pipelines and assemblies.

Completed and passed 40 hour beginning/intermediate Arc Welding Course

License and Certificate

Possession a valid California Driver's License Class A.

Possession of or ability to obtain within one year, a Distribution Operator Grade 3 Certificate as issued by the State Water Resources Control Board is required.

Possession of or ability to obtain within one year, a Water Treatment Operator Grade 2 Certificate as issued by the State Water Resources Control Board is required.

Possession of a Service Truck Crane 10,000 Lb. Capacity Certification is required.

Fleet Team Additional Certification

Possession of certification from the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) is desired.

Approved:

I have reviewed this job description with my Supervisor and agree with its contents.

Employee Signature

Date

Supervisor Signature

Date

The specific statements shown in each section of this job description are not intended to be all-inclusive. They represent typical elements and criteria necessary to successfully perform the job.

Operations Technician Annual Hours

Regular Maintenance	Frequency	Tasks	Days	Hours	Total
	2X Weekly	Site Inspections ¹	104	16	1,664
	Quarterly	PRV's & Altitude Valve Maintenance ²	32	24	768
	Monthly	Seismic Valve Maintenance	3	20	60
	Monthly	Engine Inspections ³	52	3	156
	Quarterly	Engine Services ⁴	4	80	320
	Quarterly	Emissions Testing ⁵	6	40	240
	Daily	Engine Maintenance & Repairs ⁶	208	10	2,080
	Weekly	Preventative Maintenance ⁷	48	20	960
	Weekly	Hypo-generators ⁸	56	20	1,120
	Monthly	Well Sounding (Aquifer Levels)	208	8	1,664

ANNUAL HOURS NEEDED
11,212

Projects	Tasks	Days	Hours	Total
	Remote Site and Facility Re-habs	16	10	320
	WTP Maintenance and Facility Upgrades ⁹	12	10	240
	Booster Pump/Motor Assembly Re-habs	24	10	480
	Well Site Re-habs	12	10	240
	Natural Gas Engine Compliance Upgrades	5	10	100
Distribution System and Facilities Safety Compliance and or Upgrades.		40	20	800

Staff Hours	Full Time Employee (currently 4)	832	10	8,320
	Vacation/Sick/FMLA/Holidays	35	40	1,400
				6,920
Total Hours available				1,730

ANNUAL WORK HRS AVAIL.
1,730 / PER EMP
EMPLOYEES REQUIRED
6.4

¹ Site inspection includes weekly calibration of chlorine analyzers, security check, tank levels, leaks and overall site operations.

² Large and small pressure reducing valves and altitude valves.

³ Engine inspections include running and testing of safety shutdowns.

⁴ Engine service includes changing oil and filters, spark plugs, O2 sensors, checking all fluids, lubricating driveline, and cleaning of site.

⁵ Emissions testing is required for AVAQMD. Includes testing of natural gas engines.

⁶ Engine maintenance and repairs requires one person full time.

⁷ Preventative maintenance includes remove and replace of complete assemblies, repairs of split-case horizontal pumps and motors, skid and grout repair.

⁸ Hypo-generator maintenance includes acid washing, troubleshooting cell failures, salt silos, injection quills, and dose pumps.

⁹ WTP brine tank install includes anchors, ladder assembly, and hatch modifications.

¹⁰ Booster pump skid assembly re-hab @ T-8 & 45th Street.

**PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT
BOARD MEMORANDUM**

DATE: November 5, 2019 **November 14, 2019**
TO: PERSONNEL COMMITTEE **Committee Meeting**
FROM: Scott Rogers, Engineering/Grant Manager
VIA: Mr. Adam Ly, Assistant General Manager
Mr. Dennis D. LaMoreaux, General Manager
RE: ***AGENDA ITEM NO. 4.3 – CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REVISIONS TO THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE CHART REGARDING THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT. (NO BUDGET IMPACT – ENGINEERING/GRANT MANAGER ROGERS)***

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Committee approve the changes to the Organizational Chart for the Engineering Department.

Impact of Taking No Action:

Palmdale Water District's Organizational Chart will remain as is.

Background:

The Palmdale Water District has gone through a few iterations of structure in our Engineering Department. This revision would allow for the Department to have a strong succession plan along with a current structure that will accommodate our project heavy schedule for 2020-24. We would like to create a two track Engineering Department which will support both external communications with outside contractors and an internal design function for internal projects.

Strategic Plan Initiative/Mission Statement:

This work is part of Strategic Plan Initiative No. 2 – Organizational Excellence
This item directly relates to the District's Mission Statement.

Budget:

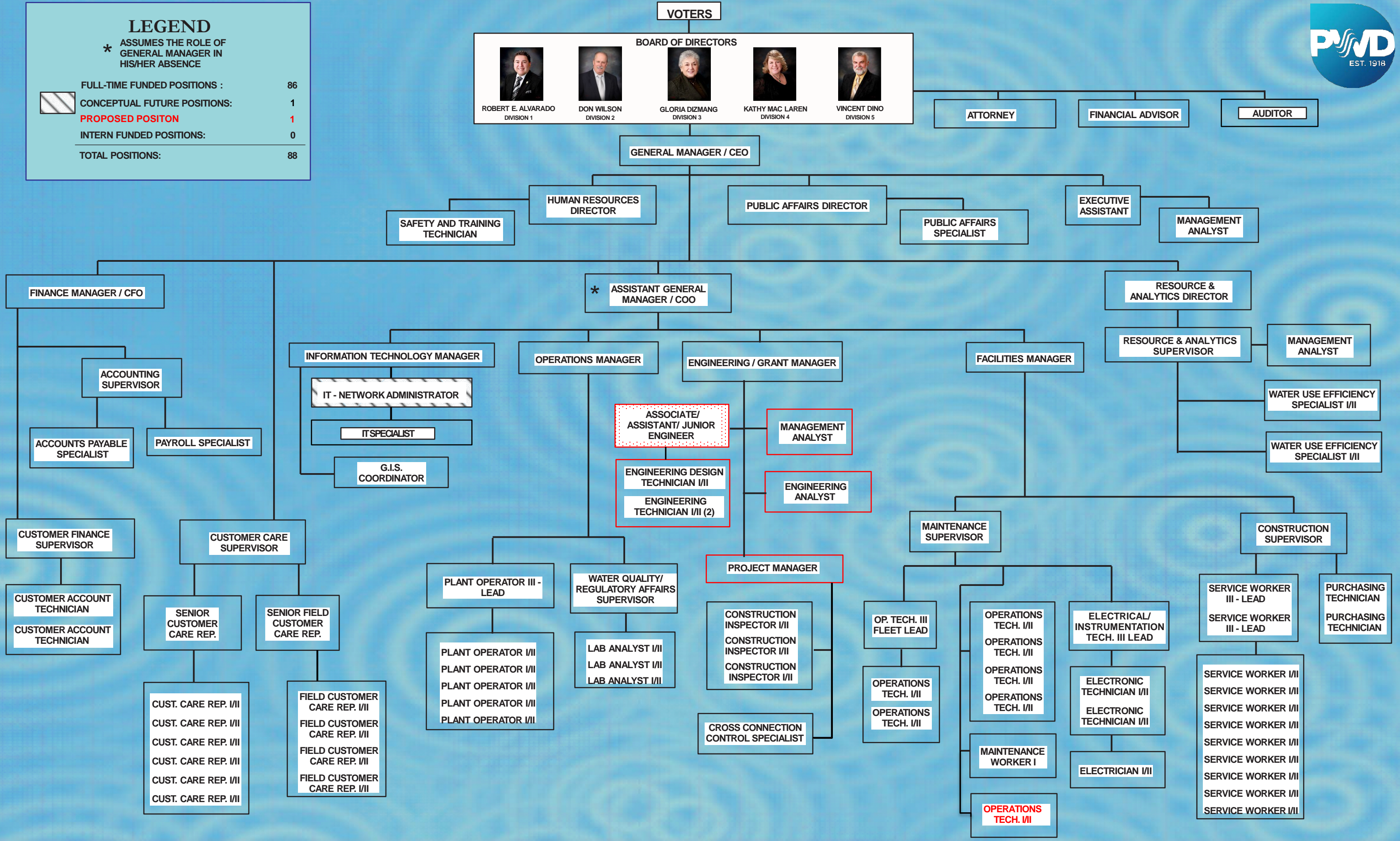
No additional cost to budget.

Supporting Documents:

- Projected Organizational Chart



LEGEND	
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FULL-TIME FUNDED POSITIONS :	86
CONCEPTUAL FUTURE POSITIONS:	1
PROPOSED POSITION	1
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PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

PROPOSED NOV. 14, 2019

**PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT
BOARD MEMORANDUM**

DATE: November 6, 2019 **November 14, 2019**
TO: PERSONNEL COMMITTEE **Committee Meeting**
FROM: Jennifer Emery, Human Resources Director
VIA: Mr. Dennis D. LaMoreaux, General Manager
RE: ***AGENDA ITEM NO. 4.4 – CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REVISIONS TO THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK. (NO BUDGET IMPACT – HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR EMERY)***

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Committee approve the changes to the Employee Handbook for 2020.

Impact of Taking No Action:

Palmdale Water District’s Employee Handbook would remain as is.

Background:

The Palmdale Water District updates its Employee Handbook every three years. The last update was in 2018, which went into effect January of 2019. This year’s revisions will be an addendum to the handbook. The revisions were derived from an Employee Handbook Committee where each department was asked to send representatives.

Strategic Plan Initiative/Mission Statement:

This work is part of Strategic Plan Initiative No. 2 – Organizational Excellence

This item directly relates to the District’s Mission Statement.

Budget:

No additional cost to budget.

Supporting Documents:

- Proposed changes to Handbook
- Proposed Social Media Policy

Changes to Employee Handbook

Addition to Equal Employment Opportunity, page 8 Section B –

It is the continuing policy of Palmdale Water District to provide equal employment opportunities to all employees and applicants for employment, and prohibits discrimination and harassment of any type without regard to race, color, religion, age, sex, national origin, disability status, genetics, protected veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or any other characteristic protected by federal, state or local laws.

This policy applies to all terms and conditions of employment, including recruiting, hiring, placement, promotion, termination, layoff, recall, transfer, leaves of absence, compensation and training.

The Palmdale Water District's employment policy is to conduct an objective process to recruit the most qualified candidate for each position based on assessing the skills, work experience, education, certificates and licenses, and interview performance. The focus of the hiring process will be assessing the hard and soft skills necessary to be successful at the essential functions of the job as defined in the job description.

All employee decisions will be based upon policies and practices that further the principles of equal employment opportunity. Please see the District's Prohibition of Discrimination in section (V) H of this handbook. Every member of management is responsible for assuring non-discrimination in employment opportunities. In addition, all staff members, regardless of position, share in the responsibility of maintaining a discrimination- and harassment-free work environment.

Addition to Education Reimbursement, page 41 Section I – If the Educational Reimbursement is for college tuition reimbursement in pursuit of a bachelor's or higher degree, the maximum reimbursement is \$5,250 per year subject to all other conditions. The employee agrees they will not resign from the District for two years following receipt of their degree.

Change to Education Reimbursement, page 42 Section I – Delete sentence "However, upon a passing grade, an employee who obtains job related certifications will receive four (4) hours of straight pay to be included on the employees' next payroll check as incentive pay for passing." This will be replaced by the attached Certification Bonus Request schedule/form.

Addition to Paid Leave Policy, page 42 item J – An employee must have paid time off available at the time of the paid time off request in order for the manager to approve the request. Any exceptions to this require the General Manager's approval.

Change to Paid Leave Policy, page 42 item 1 – Vacation time is cumulative from year to year with a maximum accumulation of 320 hours. Terminating employees will be paid all accumulated vacation according to District procedures, up to the maximum allowed accumulation of 320 hours.

Change to Sick Leave, page 47 item 10 – The District provides employees 8 hours of paid Sick Leave per month.

Addition to Unpaid Time Off, page 51 item I – All monies for voluntary benefits which were not properly paid during an unpaid leave, will be deducted on the first payroll after the employee's return.

Addition to Outside Relations/Media Contact, page 81 item G – If a Freedom of Information Act request is related to an employee, that employee will be notified.

Addition to Lodging, page 108 Item G – Hotels may be utilized if training is over one-hour commute or 60 miles from the Palmdale Water District. This applies to both District sponsored training and education reimbursement eligible training. For educational reimbursement eligible training, the cost of meals and lodging will be deducted from the employee's educational reimbursement allowance.

Change Social Media Appendix to attached social media policy.

The Employee Handbook Committee is recommending that the Palmdale Water District pursue a dog policy which would allow solo employees working nights or weekends to bring a dog to work. If the Committee/Board approves this direction, we the Employee Handbook Committee will write a policy which takes into consideration any requirements by the State Water Resource Control Board, JPIA and any other regulatory departments that may be necessary. This policy will be brought back to the Committee for approval.

SOCIAL MEDIA.

The Palmdale Water District has a business need to enhance traditional communication methods with the use of social media. The District operates and maintains its social media sites as a public service to provide information about District programs services, projects, issues, events, highlights and activities.

The District views social media, such as web-based discussion or conversation pages, and other forms of social networking, such as Facebook, LinkedIn, Nextdoor, Twitter, blogs etc., as significant forms of public communication. As such, all District employees, interns and temporary staff who engage in social networking are held to the same standards that apply to any public communications. Therefore, all employees have an obligation to the District to ensure that any public communication they make, including social networking communications, must not negatively impact the reputation of the District or bring disrepute in any way to the District, fellow employees, its partners, customers, suppliers, etc. Further, only a select group of employees are authorized to publicly speak on behalf of the District such as the Public Affairs Department, General Manager and Assistant General Manager. Violations of this policy will result in discipline, which may include termination, depending on the severity of the situation and its impact on the District.

Employment with the District is public record. Employees should be mindful that whenever District business is discussed online, whether in a personal or professional capacity, one's comments could be tied back to employment with the District. This policy, however, is not meant to prevent an employee from exercising his or her right to freedom of expression.

Employees, interns and temporary staff may not engage in social networking during work hours unless authorized in advance by the Public Affairs Department. Employees should not use District email address when using social media in personal capacities. For example, do not create a personal Facebook or Twitter account using your .org email address. Identified below are general guidelines and examples of prohibited communications.

Please note that this list shows examples only and is not intended to be, nor is it, an exhaustive list of prohibited communications. *The absence of, or lack of explicit reference to a specific site does not limit the extent of the application of this policy.* Where no policy or guideline exists, employees should use their professional judgment and take the most prudent action possible. Consult with the Public Affairs staff if you

have any questions.

a. GENERAL GUIDELINES AND EXAMPLES OF PROHIBITED COMMUNICATIONS

- Should an employee identify themselves as a Palmdale Water District (PWD) employee when conducting personal social media activities, employee shall state in their personal profile that one's comments are not representative of the District. Make your writing clear that you are not speaking on behalf of the District.
- Do not mention District employees or customers without their expressed consent. Information published on social networks or blogs should be approved by the District's Public Affairs Department.
- You may not use the District's logo on your posts unless given written consent by the General Manager. Respect copyright laws, and reference or cite sources appropriately.
- You are responsible for what you write or present on social media. You can be sued by other employees, competitors, members, and any individual that views your social media posts as defamatory, pornographic, proprietary, harassing, libelous or creating a hostile work environment.
- Do not link to the District's website or post District material on social media sites without written permission.
- All policies that regulate off-duty conduct apply to social media activity including, but not limited to, policies related to illegal harassment, code of conduct, non-competition, protecting confidential and/or proprietary information. Violation of this policy may lead to discipline up to and including termination.

Attached hereto as an Appendix and incorporated herein by this reference, are Operational Directives established by the District's Public Affairs Department to govern the use of the District's information technology.

EXISTING PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT

PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT
BY AND BETWEEN
THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT
AND
LOS ANGELES/ORANGE COUNTIES
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL
AND THE SIGNATORY CRAFT COUNCILS AND UNIONS

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PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT
PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT
FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION AND MODERNIZATION

This Project Labor Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into by and between the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, and its successors or assigns, ("District"), the Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council ("Council"), and the signatory Craft Councils and Local Unions signing this Agreement (collectively, the "Union" or "Unions"). This Agreement establishes the labor relations Policies and Procedures for the District and for the craft employees represented by the Unions engaged in the District's Improvement Projects as more fully described below. The District, Council and Unions are hereinafter referred to herein, as the context may require, as "Party" or "Parties."

It is understood by the Parties to this Agreement that if this Agreement is acceptable to the District, it will become the policy of the District, to the extent permitted by law as noted in Section 2.7 hereinafter, for the Project Work to be contracted exclusively to Contractors who agree to execute and be bound by the terms of this Agreement, directly or through the Letter of Assent (a form of which is attached as "Attachment A"), and to require each of its subcontractors, of whatever tier, to become bound. The District shall include, directly or by incorporation by reference, the requirements of this Agreement in the advertisement of and/or specifications for each and every contract for Project Work to be awarded by the District.

It is further understood that the District shall actively administer and enforce the obligations of this Agreement, again to the extent permitted by law as noted in Section 2.7 hereinafter, to ensure that the benefits envisioned from it flow to all signatory Parties, the Contractors and crafts persons working under it, and the residents and rate payers of the District. The District shall therefore designate a "Project Labor Coordinator," either from its own staff or an independent contractor acting on behalf of the District, to monitor compliance with this Agreement; assist, as the authorized representative of the District, in developing and implementing the programs referenced herein, all of which are critical to fulfilling the intent and purposes of the Parties and this Agreement; and to otherwise implement and administer this Agreement. For such purposes, each Contractor recognizes the Project Labor Coordinator, its successors or assigns, as its agent; and together with District and the Unions, the Project Labor Coordinator shall be considered a "negotiating party" of this Agreement.

ARTICLE I
DEFINITIONS

Section 1.1 "Agreement" means this Project Labor Agreement.

Section 1.2 "Apprentice" means those employees indentured and participating in a Joint Labor/Management Apprenticeship Program approved by the State of California, Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Apprenticeship Standards.

Section 1.3 "Construction Contract" and "Construction Contracts" means any contract entered into by the as defined by Section 2.2.

Section 1.4 "Contractor" means any individual firm, partnership or corporation, or combination thereof, including joint ventures, which is an independent business enterprise and which has entered into a Construction Contract with the District or any of its contractors or any of the District's or contractor's subcontractors of any tier, with respect to the construction of any part of a Project under contract terms and conditions approved by the District and which incorporate this Agreement.

Section 1.5 "District" means the PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT.

Section 1.6 "Joint Labor/Management Apprenticeship Program" as used in this Agreement means a joint Union and Contractor administered apprenticeship program certified by the State of California, Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Apprenticeship Standards.

Section 1.7 "Letter of Assent" means the document that each Contractor (of any tier) must sign and submit to the District before beginning any Project Work, which formally binds such Contractor(s) to adherence to all the forms, requirements and conditions of this Agreement in the form attached hereto as Attachment A.

Section 1.8 "Project" or "District Project" means the construction work to be performed on District property or within easements secured by the District consisting of the construction of public works, pursuant to a Construction Contract entered into by the District, as more fully described in Article 2, below.

Section 1.9 "Schedule A Agreements" as used in this Agreement means the local Master Labor Agreements of the signatory Unions having jurisdiction over the Project Work and which have signed this Agreement.

Section 1.10 "Subscription Agreement" means the contract between a Contractor and a Union's Labor/Management Trust Fund(s) that allows the Contractor to make the appropriate fringe benefit contributions in accordance with the terms of Schedule A.

Section 1.11 The use of masculine or feminine gender or titles in this Agreement should be construed as including both genders and not as gender limitations unless the Agreement clearly requires a different construction. Further, the use of Article titles and/or Section headings are for information only, and carry no legal significance.

ARTICLE 2 SCOPE OF THE AGREEMENT

Section 2.1 General: This Agreement shall apply and is limited to all of the District's Project Work, as specified in Section 2.2 of this Article, performed by those Contractor(s) of whatever tier that have contracts awarded for such work, for the development of the District's facilities which, jointly, constitute the Project, and have been designated by the District for construction or rehabilitation.

Section 2.2 Specific: The work covered by this Agreement is defined and limited to:

(a) All construction and rehabilitation work pursuant to prime multi-trade contracts that exceed \$125,000.00; and

(b) All prime specialty contracts that exceed \$25,000.00, and all subcontracts arising from these prime contracts;

(c) Work that is awarded during the effective date of this Agreement.

Section 2.3 Bundling of Contracts: The Parties understand that, to the maximum extent feasible, and consistent with goals of the District to (i) utilize this Agreement as the labor relations policy for its construction and rehabilitation program and (ii) fully utilize the services of local small business enterprises for such construction and rehabilitation work:

(a) The District, in its sole discretion, with the advice of the Project Labor Coordinator, will seek to group (or "bundle") for bidding, contracts not meeting the thresholds of Section 2.2 (a) or (b) above. (Small contracts for like types of work, scheduled to be undertaken at the same facility or on the same project site, and within the same timeframe, will be considered for such bundling, consistent with economies of scale, and the purposes of this Agreement); and

(b) Project Work will not be split, divided or otherwise separated for contract award purposes to avoid application of this Agreement.

Section 2.4 The Parties agree that this Agreement will be made available to, and will fully apply to, any successful bidder for Project Work, without regard to whether that successful bidder performs work at other sites on either a union or non-union basis. This Agreement shall not apply to any work of any Contractor other than that on Project Work specifically covered by this Agreement.

Section 2.5 Exclusions: Items specifically excluded from the Scope of this Agreement include the following:

(a) Work of non-manual employees, including but not limited to: superintendents; construction inspectors; teachers; supervisors; staff engineers; time keepers; mail carriers; clerks; office workers; messengers; guards; safety personnel; emergency medical and first aid technicians; and other professional, engineering, administrative, supervisory and management employees;

(b) Equipment and machinery owned or controlled and operated by the District;

(c) All off-site manufacture and handling of materials, equipment or machinery; provided, however, that lay down or storage areas for equipment or material and manufacturing (prefabrication) sites, dedicated solely to the Project or Project Work, and the movement of materials or goods between locations on a Project site are within the scope of this Agreement;

(d) All employees of the District, Project Labor Coordinator, design teams (including, but not limited to architects engineers and master planners), or any other consultants for the District (including, but not limited to, project managers and construction managers and their

employees were not engaged in Project Work) and their sub-consultants, and other employees of professional service organizations, not performing manual labor within the scope of this Agreement; provided, however, that it is understood and agreed that Building/Construction Inspector and Field Soils and Materials Testers (Inspectors) are a covered craft under the PLA. (This inclusion applies to the scope of work defined in the State of California Wage Determination for said Craft. This shall also specifically include such work where it is referred to by utilization of such terms as "quality control" or "quality assurance." Every Inspector performing under the Wage classification of Building/Construction Inspector and Field Soils and Material Testers under a professional services agreement of a construction contract shall be bound to all applicable requirements of the PLA.) Covered Work as defined by this Agreement shall be performed pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement regardless of the manner in which the work was awarded;

(e) Any work performed on or near or leading to or into a site of work covered by this Agreement and undertaken by state, county, city or other governmental bodies, or their Contractors; or by public utilities, or their Contractors; and/or by the District or its Contractors (for work for which is not within the scope of this Agreement);

(f) Maintenance of leased equipment and on-site supervision of such work;

(g) It is recognized that certain materials, equipment and systems of a highly technical and specialized nature will have to be installed at the Project. The nature of the materials, equipment and systems, together with requirements of manufacturer's or vendor's warranty, may dictate that it be prefabricated, pre-piped, and/or pre-wired and that it be installed under the supervision and direction of Owner's and/or manufacturer's personnel. The Unions agree to install such material, equipment and systems without incident;

(h) Non-construction support services contracted by the District, Project Labor Coordinator, or Contractor in connection with this Project;

(i) Laboratory work for testing.

Section 2.6 Awarding of Contracts

(a) The District and/or the Contractors, as appropriate, have the absolute right to award contracts or subcontracts on this Project to any Contractor notwithstanding the existence or non-existence of any agreements between such Contractor and any Union parties, provided only that such Contractor is willing, ready and able to execute and comply with this Project Labor Agreement should such Contractor be awarded work covered by this Agreement.

(b) It is agreed that all Contractors and subcontractors of whatever tier, who have been awarded contracts for work covered by this Agreement, shall be required to accept and be bound to the terms and conditions of this Project Labor Agreement, and shall evidence their acceptance by the execution of the Letter of Assent as set forth in Attachment A hereto, prior to the commencement of work. At the time that any Contractor enters into a subcontract with any subcontractor of any tier providing for the performance on the construction contract, the Contractor shall provide a copy of this Agreement to said subcontractor and shall require the subcontractor, as a part of accepting the award of a construction subcontract, to agree in writing

in the form of a Letter of Assent to be bound by each and every provision of this Agreement prior to the commencement of work on the Project. No Contractor or subcontractor shall commence Project Work without having first provided a copy of the Letter of Assent as executed by it to the Project Labor Coordinator and to the Council forty-eight (48) hours before the commencement of Project Work, or within forty-eight (48) hours after the award of Project Work to that Contractor (or subcontractor), whichever occurs later.

(c) The District agrees that to the extent permitted by law and consistent with the economy and efficiency of construction and operation, it will use its best efforts to purchase materials, equipment and supplies which will not create labor strife. Under all circumstances, however, the District shall retain the absolute right to select the lowest reliable and responsible bidder for the award of contracts on all projects.

Section 2.7 Coverage Exception

(a) This Agreement shall not apply if the District receives funding or assistance from any Federal, State, local or other public entity for the Construction Contract if a requirement, condition or other term of receiving that funding or assistance, at the time of the awarding of the contract, is that the District not require, bidders, contractors, subcontractors or other persons or entities to enter into an agreement with one or more labor organizations or enter into an agreement that contains any of the terms set forth herein. The District agrees that it will use its best commercially reasonable efforts to establish the enforcement of this Agreement with any governmental agency or granting authority where permitted by law.

(b) Should District partner with another public agency wherein District and such other public agency jointly fund or construct a Project which would otherwise be considered a "Covered Project" under the terms of this Agreement, the Unions agree to meet and discuss the application of the terms and conditions of this Agreement to such other Project with such other public agency. In the event the public agency partner does not agree to be bound by the terms of this Agreement, the said project shall be exempt from this Agreement.

Section 2.8 Schedule A's

(a) The provisions of this Agreement, including the Schedule A's, (which are the local Master Labor Agreements of the signatory Unions having jurisdiction over the work on the Project, as such may be changed from time-to-time and which are incorporated herein by reference) shall apply to the work covered by this Agreement, notwithstanding the provisions of any other local, area and/or national agreement which may conflict with or differ from the terms of this Agreement. However, such does not apply to work performed under the National Cooling Tower Agreement, the National Stack Agreement, the National Transit Division Agreement (NTD), or within the jurisdiction of the International Union of Elevator Constructors and all instrument calibration and loop checking work performed under the terms of the UA/IBEW Joint National Agreement for Instrument and Control Systems Technicians, except that Articles dealing with Work Stoppages and Lock-Outs, Work Assignments and Jurisdictional Disputes, and Settlement of Grievances and Disputes shall apply to such work. It is specifically agreed that no later agreement shall be deemed to have precedence over this Agreement unless signed by all Parties signatory hereto who are then currently employed or represented at the Project. Where a subject covered by the provisions of this Agreement is also covered by a Schedule A, the

provisions of this Agreement shall apply. Where a subject is covered by a provision of a Schedule A and not covered by this Agreement, the provisions of the Schedule A shall prevail. Any dispute as to the applicable source between this Agreement and any Schedule A for determining the wages, hours of working conditions of employees on this Project shall be resolved under the procedures established in Article 10.

(b) It is understood that this Agreement, together with the referenced Schedule A's, constitutes a self-contained, stand-alone agreement and by virtue of having become bound to this Project Labor Agreement, the Contractor will not be obligated to sign any other local, area or national collective bargaining agreement as a condition of performing work within the scope of this Agreement (provided, however, that the Contractor may be required to sign a uniformly applied, non-discriminatory Participation Agreement at the request of the trustees or administrator of a trust fund established pursuant to Section 302 of the Labor Management Relations Act, and to which such Contractor is bound to make contributions under this Agreement, provided that such Participation Agreement does not purport to bind the Contractor beyond the terms and conditions of this Agreement and/or expand its obligation to make contributions pursuant thereto). It shall be the responsibility of the prime Contractor to have each of its subcontractors sign the documents described herein, with the appropriate Craft Union prior to the subcontractor beginning work on covered Projects.

Section 2.9 Workers' Compensation Carve-out: The Parties recognize the potential which the Project Work may provide for the implementation of a cost effective workers' compensation system, as permitted by revised California Labor Code Section 3201.5, and it is understood that the District is in an ongoing review of the value of such a program. Should the District request, the Union parties agree to meet and negotiate in good faith with representatives of the District for the development, and subsequent implementation, of an effective program involving improved and revised dispute resolution and medical care procedures for the delivery of workers' compensation benefits and medical coverage as permitted by the California Labor Code.

Section 2.10 Binding Signatories Only: This Agreement shall only be binding on the signatory Parties hereto, and shall not apply to the parents, affiliates, subsidiaries, or other ventures of any such Party.

Section 2.11 Other District Work: This Agreement shall be limited to the construction work within the Scope of this Agreement including, specifically, site preparation and related demolition work, and new construction and major rehabilitation work for new or existing facilities referenced in Section 2.2 above. Nothing contained herein shall be interpreted to prohibit, restrict, or interfere with the performance of any other operation, work or function not covered by this Agreement, which may be performed by district Employees or contracted for by the District for its own account, on its property or in and around a Project site.

Section 2.12 Separate Liability: It is understood that the liability of the Contractor(s) and the liability of the separate Unions under this Agreement shall be several and not joint. The Unions agree that this Agreement does not have the effect of creating any joint employment status between or among the District or Project Labor Coordinator and/or any Contractor.

Section 2.13 Completed Project Work: As areas of covered work are accepted by the District, this Agreement shall have no further force or effect on such items or areas except where the

Contractor is directed by the District or its representatives to engage in repairs, modification, check-out and/or warranties functions required by its contract(s) with the District.

ARTICLE 3 UNION RECOGNITION AND EMPLOYMENT

Section 3.1 Recognition: The Contractor recognizes the Council and the signatory local Unions as the exclusive bargaining representative for the employees engaged in Project Work. Contractors further recognize that the Unions shall be the primary source of all craft labor employed on District Projects. In the event that a Contractor has its own core workforce, said Contractor shall follow the procedures outlined below.

Section 3.2 Contractor Selection of Employees: The Contractor shall have the right to determine the competency of all employees, the number of employees required, the duties of such employees within their craft jurisdiction, and shall have the sole responsibility for selecting employees to be laid off, consistent with Section 3.3 and Section 4.3, below. The Contractor shall also have the right to reject any applicant referred by a Union for any reason, subject to any reporting pay required by Section 6.6; provided, however, that such right is exercised in good faith and not for the purpose of avoiding the Contractor's commitment to employ qualified workers through the procedures endorsed in this Agreement.

Section 3.3 Referral Procedures:

(a) For signatory Unions now having a job referral system contained in a Schedule A, the Contractor agrees to comply with such system and it shall be used exclusively by such Contractor, except as modified by this Agreement. Such job referral system will be operated in a nondiscriminatory manner and in full compliance with federal, state, and local laws and regulations which require equal employment opportunities and non-discrimination. All of the foregoing hiring procedures, including related practices affecting apprenticeship, shall be operated so as to consider the goals of the District to encourage employment of District residents and utilization of small local businesses on the Project, and to facilitate the ability of all Contractors to meet their employment needs.

(b) The local Unions will exert their best efforts to recruit and refer sufficient numbers of skilled craft workers to fulfill the labor requirements of the Contractor, including specific employment obligations to which the Contractor may be legally and/or contractually obligated; and to refer apprentices as requested to develop a larger, skilled workforce. The local Unions will work with their affiliated regional and national unions, and jointly with the Project Labor Coordinator and others designated by the District, to identify and refer competent craft persons as needed for Project Work, and to identify and hire individuals, particularly residents of the District, for entrance into joint labor/management apprenticeship programs, or to participate in other identified programs and procedures to assist individuals in qualifying and becoming eligible for such apprenticeship programs, all maintained to increase the available supply of skilled craft personnel for Project Work and future construction of maintenance work to be undertaken by the District.

(c) The Union shall not knowingly refer an employee currently employed by a Contractor on a covered Project to any other Contractor.

Section 3.4 Non-Discrimination in Referral, Employment, and Contracting: The Unions and Contractors agree that they will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment in hiring and dispatching on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, gender, national origin, age, membership in a labor organization, sexual orientation, political affiliation, marital status or disability. Further, it is recognized that the District has certain policies, programs, and goals for the utilization of local small business enterprises. The Parties shall jointly endeavor to assure that these commitments are fully met, and that any provisions of this Agreement which may appear to interfere with local small business enterprises successfully bidding for work within the scope of this Agreement shall be carefully reviewed, and adjustments made as may be appropriate and agreed upon among the Parties, to ensure full compliance with the spirit and letter of the District's policies and commitment to its goals for the significant utilization of local small businesses as direct Contractors or suppliers for Project Work.

Section 3.5 Employment of District Residents:

(a) The Unions and Employers agree that, to the maximum extent allowed by law, and as long as they possess the requisite skills and qualifications, the Unions will exert their best efforts to refer and/or recruit sufficient numbers of skilled craft "Local Residents" as defined herein, to fulfill the requirements of the Employers. In recognition of the fact that the District and the communities surrounding Project Work will be impacted by the construction of the Project, the parties agree to support the hiring of workers from the residents of these surrounding areas. Towards that end, the Unions agree that they will exert their best efforts to encourage and provide referrals and utilization of qualified workers residing in those first tier zip codes which overlap the District service area, as attached hereto. If the Unions cannot provide the Employers in the attainment of a sufficient number of Local Residents from within the first tier zip codes, the Unions will exert their best efforts to then recruit and identify for referral Local Residents residing within the greater Antelope Valley area, as reflected on the attached list of zip codes. If the Unions still have not provided the Employers in the attainment of a sufficient number of Local Residents, the Unions will then exert their best efforts to recruit and identify for referral Local Residents residing within certain surrounding area zip codes, as reflected on the attached list of zip codes, as well as the remainder of the County of Los Angeles.

(b) A goal of 30% of all of the labor and craft positions shall be from workers residing within the District area described in (a) above. In addition, a goal of 10 % of all of the labor and craft positions shall be from disadvantaged workers and/or veterans residing within the tier 1 and tier 2 zip codes, as reflected on the attached list of zip codes.

(c) The Project Labor Coordinator will coordinate with the Unions to ensure disadvantaged workers and veterans are referred to the Unions from community-based job placement organizations. The community-based job placement organizations shall pre-screen any applicant prior to referral to the Unions. Drug screening will be a prerequisite to employment. The following criteria will be used to identify disadvantaged workers:

- Gross Household income below 50% of the Los Angeles County median
- Homeless;
- Welfare recipient;
- History of involvement with the penal system;
- Unemployed; and
- Single parent.

For the applicant to qualify under this program, the community-based job placement organizations shall verify the presence of a minimum of two of the above criteria for those applicants referred to the Unions.

(d) The Project Labor Coordinator shall work with the Unions and Contractors in the administration of this local residency and disadvantaged worker preference; and the Contractors and Unions shall cooperate by maintaining adequate records to demonstrate to the Project Labor Coordinator that such preferences have been pursued.

Section 3.6 To facilitate the dispatch of local residents, disadvantaged workers and veterans, all Contractors will be required to utilize the Craft Employee Request Form whenever they are requesting the referral of any employee from a Union referral list for any Covered Project, a sample of which is attached as Attachment C. When local residents, disadvantaged workers and veterans are requested by the Employers, the Unions will refer such workers regardless of their place in the Union's hiring halls' list and normal referral procedures.

Section 3.7 Helmets to Hardhats: The Employers and the Unions recognize a desire to facilitate the entry into the building and construction trades of veterans who are interested in careers in the building and construction industry. The employers and Unions agree to utilize the services of the Center for Military Recruitment, Assessment and Veterans Employment (hereinafter "Center") and the Center's "Helmets to Hardhats" program to serve as a resource for preliminary orientation, assessment of construction aptitude, referral to apprenticeship programs or hiring halls, counseling and mentoring, support network, employment opportunities and other needs as identified by the Parties. For purposes of this Agreement the term "Eligible Veteran" shall have the same meaning as the term "veteran" as defined under Title 5, Section 2108(1) of the United States Code as the same may be amended or re-codified from time to time. It shall be the responsibility of each qualified District resident to provide the Unions with proof of his/her status as an Eligible Veteran.

The Unions and Employers agree to coordinate with the Center to create and maintain an integrated database of veterans interested in working on this Project and of apprenticeship and employment opportunities for this Project. To the extent permitted by law, the Unions will give credit to such veterans for bona fide, provable past experience.

Section 3.8 Core Employees:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in separate collective bargaining agreement(s) to which the Contractor is signatory, Contractors may employ, as needed, first, a member of his core workforce, then an employee through a referral from the appropriate Union hiring hall, then a second core employee, then a second employee through the referral system, and so on until a maximum of five (5) core employees are employed, thereafter, all additional employees in the affected trade or craft shall be requisitioned from the craft hiring hall in accordance with Section 3.3. In the laying off of employees, the number of core employees shall not exceed one-half plus one of the workforce for an employer with 10 or fewer employees, assuming the remaining employees are qualified to undertake the work available. This provision applies only to employees not currently working under a current Schedule A Agreement and is not intended to limit the transfer provisions of the Schedule A Agreement of any trade. As part of this process, and in order to facilitate the contract administration procedures, as well as appropriate fringe

benefit fund coverage, all Contractors shall require their core employees and any other persons employed other than through the referral process, to register with the appropriate Union hiring hall, if any, prior to their first day of employment at a project site.

(b) The core work force is comprised of those employees whose names appeared on the Contractor's active payroll for sixty (60) of the one hundred (100) working days immediately before award of Project Work to the Contractor; who possess any license required by state or federal law for the Project Work to be performed; who have the ability to safely perform the basic functions of the applicable trade; and who have been residing within the zip codes within the geographic area serviced by the District for the one hundred (100) working days immediately prior to the award of Project Work to the Contractor.

(c) Prior to each Contractor performing any work on the Project, each Contractor shall provide a list of his core employees to the Project Labor Coordinator and the Council. Failure to do so will prohibit the Contractor from using any core employees. Upon request by any Party to this Agreement, the Contractor hiring any core employee shall provide satisfactory proof (i.e., payroll records, quarterly tax records, driver's license, voter registration, postal address and such other documentation) evidencing the core employee's qualification as a core employee to the Project Labor Coordinator and the Council.

(d) The provisions of this Section 3.8 shall only apply to employees who are not working under the terms of a Schedule A Agreement at the time of their transfer to work covered under this Agreement and is not intended to limit the transfer provisions of the Schedule A Agreements of any of the Unions signatory hereto.

Section 3.9 Time for Referral: If any Union's registration and referral system does not fulfill the requirements for specific classifications requested by any Contractor within forty-eight (48) hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays), that Contractor may use employment sources other than the Union registration and referral services, and may employ applicants meeting such standards from any other available source. The Contractors shall inform the Union of any applicants hired from other sources within forty-eight (48) hours of such applicant being hired, and such applicants shall register with the appropriate hiring hall, if any.

Section 3.10 Lack of Referral Procedure: If a signatory local Union does not have a job referral system as set forth in Section 3.3 above, the Contractors shall give the Union equal opportunity to refer applicants. The Contractors shall notify the Union of employees so hired, as set forth in Section 3.5.

Section 3.11 Union Membership: No employee covered by this Agreement shall be required to join any Union as a condition of being employed, or remaining employed, for the completion of Project Work; provided, however, that any employee who is a member of the referring Union at the time of referral shall maintain that membership in good standing while employed under this Agreement. All employees shall, however, be required to comply with the Union security provisions of the applicable Schedule A for the period during which they are performing on-site Project Work to the extent, as permitted by law, of rendering payment of the applicable monthly and working dues only, as uniformly required of all craft employees while working on the Project and represented by the applicable signatory Union.

Section 3.12 Individual Seniority: Except as provided in Section 4.3, individual seniority shall not be recognized or applied to employees working on the Project; provided, however, that group and/or classification seniority in a Union's Schedule A as of the effective date of this Agreement shall be recognized for purposes of layoffs.

Section 3.13 Foremen: The selection and number of craft foreman and/or general foreman shall be the responsibility of the Contractor. All foremen shall take orders exclusively from the designated Contractor representatives. Craft foreman shall be designated as working foreman at the request of the Contractors.

ARTICLE 4 UNION ACCESS AND STEWARDS

Section 4.1 Access to Project Sites: Authorized representatives of the Union shall have access to Project Work, provided that they do not interfere with the work of employees and further provided that such representatives fully comply with posted visitor, security and safety rules.

Section 4.2 Stewards:

(a) Each signatory local Union shall have the right to dispatch a working journey person as a steward for each shift, and shall notify the Contractor in writing of the identity of the designated steward or stewards prior to the assumption of such person's duties as steward. Such designated steward or stewards shall not exercise any supervisory functions. There will be no non-working stewards. Stewards will receive the regular rate of pay for their respective crafts.

(b) In addition to his/her work as an employee, the steward should have the right to receive, but not to solicit, complaints or grievances and to discuss and assist in the adjustment of the same with the employee's appropriate supervisor. Each steward should be concerned only with the employees of the steward's Contractor and, if applicable, subcontractor(s), and not with the employees of any other Contractor. A Contractor will not discriminate against the steward in the proper performance of his/her Union duties.

(c) When a Contractor has multiple, non-contiguous work locations at one site, the Contractor may request and the Union shall appoint such additional working stewards as the Contractor requests to provide independent coverage of one or more such locations. In such cases, a steward may not service more than one work location without the approval of the Contractor.

(d) The stewards shall not have the right to determine when overtime shall be worked or who shall work overtime.

Section 4.3 Steward Layoff/Discharge: The relevant Contractor agrees to notify the appropriate Union twenty-four (24) hours before the layoff of a steward, except in the case of disciplinary discharge for just cause. If the steward is protected against such layoff by the provisions of the applicable Schedule A, such provisions shall be recognized when the steward possesses the necessary qualifications to perform the remaining work. In any case in which the

steward is discharged or disciplined for just cause, the appropriate Union will be notified immediately by the Contractor, and such discharge or discipline shall not become final (subject to any later filed grievance) until twenty-four (24) hours after such notice have been given.

Section 4.4 Employees on Non-Project Work: On work where the personnel of the District may be working in close proximity to the construction activities covered by this Agreement, the Union agrees that the Union representatives, stewards, and individual workers will not interfere with the District personnel, or with personnel employed by the any other employer not a Party to this Agreement.

ARTICLE 5 WAGES AND BENEFITS

Section 5.1 Wages: All employees covered by this Agreement shall be classified in accordance with work performed and paid by the Contractors the hourly wage rates for those classifications in compliance with the applicable prevailing wage rate determination established pursuant to applicable law. If a prevailing rate increases under law, the Contractor shall pay that rate as of its effective date under the law. This Agreement does not relieve Contractors from any independent contractual or other obligation they may have to pay wages in excess of the prevailing wage rate as required.

Section 5.2 Benefits:

(a) Contractors shall pay contributions to the established employee benefit funds in the amounts designated in the appropriate Schedule A and make all employee-authorized deductions in the amounts designated in the appropriate Schedule A, however, such contributions shall not exceed the contribution amounts set forth in the applicable prevailing wage determination. Notwithstanding Section 2.8(a), Contractors directly signatory to one or more of the Schedule A Agreements are required to make all contributions set forth in those Schedule A Agreements without reference to the foregoing. Bona fide jointly-trusted benefit plans or authorized employee deduction programs established or negotiated under the applicable Schedule A or by the Parties to this Agreement during the life of this Agreement may be added.

(b) The Contractor adopts and agrees to be bound by the written terms of the applicable, legally established, trust agreement(s) specifying the detailed basis on which payments are to be made into, and benefits paid out of, such trust funds for its employees. The Contractor authorizes the Parties to such trust funds to appoint trustees and successor trustees to administer the trust funds and hereby ratifies and accepts the trustees so appointed as if made by the Contractor.

(c) Each Contractor and subcontractor is required to certify to the Project Labor Coordinator that it has paid all benefit contributions due and owing to the appropriate Trust(s) prior to the receipt of its final payment and/or retention. Further, upon timely notification by a Union to the Project Labor Coordinator, the Project Labor Coordinator shall work with any prime Contractor or subcontractor who is delinquent in payments to assure that proper benefit contributions are made, to the extent of requesting the District or the prime Contractor to withhold payments otherwise due such Contractor, until such contributions have been made or otherwise guaranteed.

Section 5.3 Wage Premiums: Wage premiums, including but not limited to pay based on height of work, hazard pay, scaffold pay and special skills shall not be applicable to work under this Agreement, except to the extent provided for in any applicable prevailing wage determination.

Section 5.4 Compliance with Prevailing Wage Laws: The Parties agree that the Project Labor Coordinator shall monitor the compliance by all Contractors and subcontractors with all applicable federal and state prevailing wage laws and regulations, and that such monitoring shall include Contractors engaged in what would otherwise be Project Work but for the exceptions to Agreement coverage in Article 2, Section 2.2. All complaints regarding possible prevailing wage violations shall be referred to the Project Labor Coordinator for processing, investigation and resolution, and if not resolved within thirty calendar days, may be referred by any party to the state labor commissioner.

ARTICLE 6 HOURS OF WORK, OVERTIME, SHIFTS AND HOLIDAYS

Section 6.1 Hours of Work: Eight (8) hours per day between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., plus one-half (½) hour unpaid lunch approximately mid-way through the shift, shall constitute the standard work day. Forty (40) hours per week shall constitute a regular week's work. The work week will start on Sunday and conclude on Saturday. The foregoing provisions of this Article are applicable unless otherwise provided in the applicable prevailing wage determination, or unless changes are permitted by law and such are agreed upon by the Parties. Nothing herein shall be construed as guaranteeing any employee eight (8) hours per day or forty (40) hours per week, or a Monday through Friday standard work schedule.

Section 6.2 Place of Work: Employees shall be at their place of work (as designated by the Contractor), at the starting time and shall remain at their place of work, performing their assigned functions, until quitting time. The place of work is defined as the gang or tool box or equipment at the employee's assigned work location or the place where the foreman gives instructions. The Parties reaffirm their policy of a fair day's work for a fair day's wage. There shall be no pay for time not worked unless the employee is otherwise engaged at the direction of the Contractor.

Section 6.3 Overtime: Overtime shall be paid in accordance with the requirements of the applicable prevailing wage determination. There shall be no restriction on the Contractor's scheduling of overtime or the nondiscriminatory designation of employees who will work overtime. There shall be no pyramiding of overtime (payment of more than one form of overtime compensation for the same hour) under any circumstances.

Section 6.4 Shifts and Alternate Work Schedules:

(a) Alternate starting and quitting time and/or shift work may be performed at the option of the Contractor upon three (3) days' prior notice to the affected Union(s), unless a shorter notice period is provided for in the applicable Schedule A. If two shifts are worked, each shall consist of eight (8) hours of continuous work exclusive of a one-half (½) hour non-paid lunch period, for eight (8) hours pay. The last shift shall start on or before 6:00 p.m. The first shift starting at or after 6:00 a.m. is designated as the first shift, with the second shift following.

(b) Contractors, the Council and the Union recognize the economic impact upon the District and District residents of the Project being undertaken by the District and agree that all Parties to this Agreement desire and intend Project Work to be undertaken in a cost efficient and effective manner to the highest standard of quality and craftsmanship. Recognizing the economic conditions, the Parties agree that, except to the extent permitted by law, employees performing Project Work shall not be entitled to any differentials or additional pay based upon the shift or work schedule of the employees. Instead, all employees working on Project Work shall be paid at the same base rate regardless of shift or work schedule worked.

(c) Because of operational necessities, the second shift may, at the District's direction, be scheduled without the preceding shift having been worked. It is recognized that the District's operations and/or mitigation obligations may require restructuring of normal work schedules. Except in an emergency or when specified in the District's bid specification, the Contractor shall give affected Union(s) at least three (3) days' notice of such schedule changes.

Section 6.5 Holidays: Recognized holidays on this Project shall be those set forth and governed by the prevailing wage determination(s) applicable to this Project

Section 6.6 Show-up Pay:

(a) Except as otherwise required by State law, Employees reporting for work and for whom no work is provided, except when given prior notification not to report to work, shall receive two (2) hours pay at the regular straight time hourly rate. Employees who are directed to start work shall receive four (4) hours of pay at the regular straight time hourly rate. Employees who work beyond four (4) hours shall be paid for actual hours worked. Whenever reporting pay is provided for employees, they will be required to remain at the Project Site and available for work for such time as they receive pay, unless released earlier by the principal supervisor of the Contractor(s) or his/her designated representative. Each employee shall furnish his/her Contractor with his/her current address and telephone number, and shall promptly report any changes to the Contractor.

(b) An employee called out to work outside of his/her shift shall receive a minimum of two (2) hours pay at the appropriate rate. This does not apply to time worked as an extension of (before or after) the employee's normal shift.

(c) When an employee leaves the job or work location of his/her own volition, or is discharged for cause or is not working as a result of the Contractor's invocation of Article XII, Section 12.3, the employee shall only be paid for actual time worked.

Section 6.7 Meal Periods: The Contractor will schedule a meal period of no more than one-half hour duration at the work location at approximately mid-point of the schedule shift; provided, however, that the Contractor may, for efficiency of the operation, establish a schedule which coordinates the meal periods of two or more crafts. An employee may be required to work through his meal period because of an emergency or a threat to life or property, or for such other reasons as are in the applicable Schedule A, and if he is so required, he shall be compensated in the manner established in the applicable Schedule A.

Section 6.8 Make-up Days: To the extent permitted by the applicable general wage determination, when an employee has been prevented from working for reasons beyond the control of the employer, including, but not limited to inclement weather or other natural causes, during the regularly scheduled work week, a make-up day may be worked on a non-regularly scheduled work day for which an employee shall receive eight (8) hours pay at the straight time rate of pay or any premium rate required for such hours under the prevailing wage law.

ARTICLE 7 WORK STOPPAGES AND LOCK-OUTS

Section 7.1 No Work Stoppages or Disruptive Activity: The Council and the Unions signatory hereto agree that neither they, and each of them, nor their respective officers or agents or representatives, shall incite or encourage, condone or participate in any strike, walk-out, slow-down, picketing, observing picket lines or other activity of any nature or kind whatsoever, for any cause or dispute whatsoever with respect to or any way related to Project Work, or which interferes with or otherwise disrupts, Project Work, or with respect to or related to the District or Contractors or subcontractors, including, but not limited to, economic strikes, unfair labor practice strikes, safety strikes, sympathy strikes and jurisdictional strikes whether or not the underlying dispute is arbitrable. Any such actions by the Council, or Unions, or their members, agents, representatives or the employees they represent shall constitute a violation of this Agreement. The Council and the Union shall take all steps necessary to obtain compliance with this Article and neither should be held liable for conduct for which it is not responsible.

Section 7.2 Employee Violations: The Contractor may discharge any employee violating Section 7.1 above and any such employee will not be eligible for rehire under this Agreement.

Section 7.3 Standing to Enforce: The District, the Project Labor Coordinator, or any Contractor affected by an alleged violation of Section 7.1 shall have standing and the right to enforce the obligations established therein.

Section 7.4 Expiration of Schedule A's: If the Schedule A Agreement, or any local, regional, and other applicable collective bargaining agreements expire during the term of the Project, the Union(s) agree that there shall be no work disruption of any kind as described in Section 7.1 above as a result of the expiration of any such agreement(s) having application on this Project and/or failure of the involved Parties to that agreement to reach a new contract. Terms and conditions of employment established and set at the time of bid shall remain established and set. Otherwise to the extent that such agreement does expire and the Parties to that agreement have failed to reach concurrence on a new contract, work will continue on the Project on one of the following two (2) options, both of which will be offered by the Unions involved to the Contractors affected:

(a) Each of the Unions with a contract expiring must offer to continue working on the Project under interim agreements that retain all the terms of the expiring contract, except that the Unions involved in such expiring contract may each propose wage rates and employer contribution rates to employee benefit funds under the prior contract different from what those wage rates and employer contributions rates were under the expiring contracts. The terms of the Union's interim agreement offered to Contractors will be no less favorable than the terms offered

by the Union to any other employer or group of employers covering the same type of construction work in Los Angeles County.

(b) Each of the Unions with a contract expiring must offer to continue working on the Project under all the terms of the expiring contract, including the wage rates and employer contribution rates to the employee benefit funds, if the Contractor affected by that expiring contract agrees to the following retroactive provisions: if a new Schedule A Agreement, local, regional or other applicable labor agreement for the industry having application at the Project is ratified and signed during the term of this Agreement and if such new labor agreement provides for retroactive wage increases, then each affected Contractor shall pay to its employees who performed work covered by this Agreement at the Project during the hiatus between the effective dates of such expired and new labor agreements, an amount equal to any such retroactive wage increase established by such new labor agreement, retroactive to whatever date is provided by the new labor agreement for such increase to go into effect, for each employee's hours worked on the Project during the retroactive period. All Parties agree that such affected Contractors shall be solely responsible for any retroactive payment to its employees.

(c) Some Contractors may elect to continue to work on the Project under the terms of the interim agreement option offered under paragraph (a) above and other Contractors may elect to continue to work on the Project under the retroactivity option offered under paragraph (b) above. To decide between the two options, Contractors will be given one week after the particular labor agreement has expired or one week after the Union has personally delivered to the Contractors in writing its specific offer of terms of the interim agreement pursuant to paragraph (a) above, whichever is the later date. If the Contractor fails to timely select one of the two options, the Contractor shall be deemed to have selected option (b).

Section 7.5 No Lockouts: Contractors shall not cause, incite, encourage, condone or participate in any lock-out of employees with respect to Project Work during the term of this Agreement. The term "lock-out" refers only to a Contractor's exclusion of employees in order to secure collective bargaining advantage, and does not refer to the discharge, termination or layoff of employees by the Contractor for any reason in the exercise of rights pursuant to any provision of this Agreement, or any other agreement, nor does "lock-out" include the District's decision to stop, suspend or discontinue any Project Work or any portion thereof for any reason.

Section 7.6 Best Efforts to End Violations:

(a) If a Contractor contends that there is any violation of this Article or Section 8.3, it shall notify, in writing, the Executive Secretary of the Council, the Senior Executive of the involved Union(s) and the Project Labor Coordinator. The Executive Secretary and the leadership of the involved Union(s) will immediately instruct, order and use their best efforts to cause the cessation of any violation of the relevant Article.

(b) If the Union contends that any Contractor has violated this Article, it will notify that the Contractor and the Project Labor Coordinator, setting forth the facts which the Union contends violate the Agreement, at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to invoking the procedures of Section 7.8. The Project Labor Coordinator shall promptly order the involved Contractor(s) to cease any violation of the Article.

Section 7.7 Withholding of services for failure to pay wages and fringe benefits:

Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, it shall not be a violation of this Agreement for any Union to withhold the services of its members (but not the right to picket) from a particular Contractor who:

(a) fails to timely pay its weekly payroll; or

(b) fails to make timely payments to the Union's Joint Labor/Management Trust Funds in accordance with the provisions of the applicable Schedule A Agreements. Prior to withholding its members services for the Contractor's failure to make timely payments to the Union's Joint Labor/Management Trust Funds, the Union shall give at least ten (10) days (unless a lesser period of time is provided in the Union's Schedule A Agreement, but in no event less than forty-eight (48) hours) written notice of such failure to pay by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, and by facsimile transmission to the involved Contractor and to the District. Union will meet within the ten (10) day period to attempt to resolve the dispute.

(c) Upon the payment of the delinquent Contractor of all monies due and then owing for wages and/or fringe benefit contributions, the Union shall direct its members to return to work and the Contractor shall return all such members back to work.

Section 7.8 Expedited Enforcement Procedure: Any party, including the District, which the Parties agree is a Party to the Agreement for purposes of this Article and an intended beneficiary of this Article, or the Project Labor Coordinator, may institute the following procedures, in lieu of or in addition to any other action at law or equity, when a breach of Section 7.1 or 7.5, above, or Section 8.3 is alleged.

(a) The Party invoking this procedure shall notify Louis Zigman, who has been selected by the negotiating Parties, and whom the Parties agree shall be the permanent arbitrator under this procedure. If the permanent arbitrator is unavailable at any time, the party invoking this procedure shall notify one of the alternates selected by the Parties, as set forth under section 10.2, Step 3 (a), in that order on an alternating basis. Expenses incurred in arbitration shall be borne equally by the Parties involved in the arbitration and the decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding on the Parties, provided, however, that the arbitrator shall not have the authority to alter or amend or add to or delete from the provisions of this Agreement in any way. Notice to the arbitrator shall be by the most expeditious means available, with notices to the Parties alleged to be in violation, and to the Council if it is a Union alleged to be in violation. For purposes of this Article, written notice may be given by telegram, facsimile, hand delivery or overnight mail and will be deemed effective upon receipt.

(b) Upon receipt of said notice, the arbitrator named above or his/her alternate shall sit and hold a hearing within twenty-four (24) hours if it is contended that the violation still exists, but not sooner than twenty-four (24) hours after notice has been dispatched to the Executive Secretary and the Senior Official(s) as required by Section 7.6, as above.

(c) The arbitrator shall notify the Parties of the place and time chosen for this hearing. Said hearing shall be completed in one session, which, with appropriate recesses at the arbitrator's discretion, shall not exceed 24 hours unless otherwise agreed upon by all Parties. A

failure of any Party or Parties to attend said hearings shall not delay the hearing of evidence or the issuance of any award by the arbitrator.

(d) The sole issue at the hearing shall be whether or not a violation of Sections 7.1 or 7.5, above, or Section 8.3 has in fact occurred. The arbitrator shall have no authority to consider any matter in justification, explanation or mitigation of such violation or to award damages, (except for damages as set forth in 7.8 below) which issue is reserved for court proceedings, if any. The award shall be issued in writing within three (3) hours after the close of the hearing, and may be issued without an opinion. If any Party desires a written opinion, one shall be issued within fifteen (15) days, but its issuance shall not delay compliance with, or enforcement of, the Award. The arbitrator may order cessation of the violation of the Article and other appropriate relief, and such award shall be served on all Parties by hand or registered mail upon issuance.

(e) Such award shall be final and binding on all Parties and may be enforced by any court of competent jurisdiction upon the filing of this Agreement and all other relevant documents referred to herein above in the following manner. Written notice of the filing of such enforcement proceedings shall be given to the other Party. In any judicial proceeding to obtain a temporary order enforcing the arbitrator's award as issued under Section 7.7(d) of this Article, all Parties waive the right to a hearing and agree that such proceedings may be ex parte. Such agreement does not waive any Party's right to participate in a hearing for a final order of enforcement. The court's order or orders enforcing the arbitrator's award shall be served on all Parties by hand or by delivery to their address as shown on this Agreement (for a Union), as shown on their business contract for work under this Agreement (for a Contractor) and to the representing Union (for an employee), by certified mail by the Party or Parties first alleging the violation.

(f) Any rights created by statute or law governing arbitration proceedings inconsistent with the above procedure or which interfere with compliance hereto are hereby waived by the Parties to whom they accrue.

(g) The fees and expenses of the arbitrator shall be equally divided between the Party or Parties initiating this procedure and the respondent Party or Parties.

ARTICLE 8 WORK ASSIGNMENTS AND JURISDICTIONAL DISPUTES

Section 8.1 Assignment of Work: The assignment of Covered Work will be solely the responsibility of the Employer performing the work involved; and such work assignments will be in accordance with the Plan for the Settlement of Jurisdictional Disputes in the Construction Industry (the "Plan") or any successor Plan.

Section 8.2 The Plan: All jurisdictional disputes on this Project between or among the building and construction trades Unions and the Employers parties to this Agreement, shall be settled and adjusted according to the present Plan established by the Building and Construction Trades Department or any other plan or method of procedure that may be adopted in the future by the Building and Construction Trades Department. Decisions rendered shall be final, binding and conclusive on the Employers and Unions parties to this Agreement.

(a) If a dispute arising under this Article involves the Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters or any of its subordinate bodies, an Arbitrator shall be chosen by the procedures specified in Article V, Section 5, of the Plan from a list composed of John Kagel, Thomas Angelo, Robert Hirsch, and Thomas Pagan, and the Arbitrator's hearing on the dispute shall be held at the offices of the Trades Council within 14 days of the selection of the Arbitrator. All other procedures shall be as specified in the Plan.

Section 8.3 No Work Disruption Over Jurisdiction: All jurisdictional disputes shall be resolved without the occurrence of any strike, work stoppage, or slow-down of any nature, and the Employer's assignment shall be adhered to until the dispute is resolved. Individuals violating this section shall be subject to immediate discharge.

Section 8.4 Pre-Job Conferences: As provided in Article 16, each Contractor will conduct a pre-job conference with the appropriate affected Union(s) prior to commencing work. The Council and the Project Labor Coordinator shall be advised in advance of all such conferences and may participate if they wish.

Section 8.5 Resolution of Jurisdictional Disputes: If any actual or threatened strike, sympathy strike, work stoppage, slow down, picketing, hand-billing or otherwise advising the public that a labor dispute exists, or interference with the progress of Project Work by reason of a jurisdictional dispute or disputes occurs, the Parties shall exhaust the expedited procedures set forth in the Plan, if such procedures are in the plan then currently in effect, or otherwise as in Article 7 above.

ARTICLE 9 MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

Section 9.1 Contractor and District Rights: The Contractors and the District have the sole and exclusive right and authority to oversee and manage construction operations on Project Work without any limitations unless expressly limited by a specific provision of this Agreement. In addition to the following and other rights of the Contractors enumerated in this Agreement, the Contractors expressly reserve their management rights and all the rights conferred upon them by law. The Contractor's rights include, but are not limited to, the right to:

(a) Plan, direct and control operations of all work in the manner required by, and in compliance with, the contract document, including but not limited to, plans, specifications, and scope of work under contract;

(b) Hire, promote, transfer and layoff their own employees, respectively, as deemed appropriate to satisfy work and/or skill requirements;

(c) Promulgate and require all employees to observe reasonable job rules and security and safety regulations;

(d) Discharge, suspend or discipline their own employees for just cause;

(e) Utilize, in accordance with District approval, any work methods, procedures or techniques, and select, use and install any types or kinds of materials, apparatus or equipment,

regardless of source of manufacture or construction; assign and schedule work at their discretion; and

(f) Assign overtime, determine when it will be worked and the number and identity of employees engaged in such work, subject to such provisions in the applicable Schedule A(s) requiring such assignments be equalized or otherwise made in a nondiscriminatory manner.

Section 9.2 Specific District Rights: In addition to the following and other rights of the District enumerated in this Agreement, the District expressly reserves its management rights and all the rights conferred on it by law. The District's rights (and those of the Contract Administrator on its behalf) include but are not limited to the right to:

(a) Inspect any construction site or facility to ensure that the Contractor follows the applicable safety and other work requirements, and to insure compliance with contract documents, including but not limited to, plans, specifications, and scope of work under contract;

(b) Require Contractors to establish a different work week or shift schedule for particular employees as required to meet the operational needs of the Project Work at a particular location;

(c) At its sole option, terminate, delay and/or suspend any and all portions of the covered work at any time; prohibit some or all work on certain days or during certain hours of the day to accommodate the ongoing operations of the District's Facilities and/or to mitigate the effect of ongoing Project Work on businesses and residents in the neighborhood of the Project site; and/or require such other operational or schedule changes it deems necessary, in its sole judgment, to effectively maintain its primary mission and remain a good neighbor to those in the area of its facilities. (In order to permit the Contractors and Unions to make appropriate scheduling plans, the District will provide the Project Labor Coordinator, and the affected Contractor(s) and Union(s) with reasonable notice of any changes it requires pursuant to this section; provided, however, that if notice is not provided in time to advise employees not to report for work, show-up pay shall be due pursuant to the provision of Article 6, Section 6.6);

(d) Approve any work methods, procedures and techniques used by Contractors whether or not these methods, procedures or techniques are part of industry practices or customs; and

(e) Investigate and process complaints, through its Project Labor Coordinator, in the matter set forth in Articles 7 and 10.

Section 9.3 Use of Materials: There should be no limitations or restriction by Union upon a Contractor's choice of materials or design, nor, regardless of source or location, upon the full use and utilization, of equipment, machinery, packaging, precast, prefabricated, prefinished, or preassembled materials, tools or other labor saving devices, subject to the application of the State Public Contracts and Labor Codes as required by law in reference to offsite construction. Generally, the onsite installation or application of such items shall be performed by the craft having jurisdiction over such work. The District and its Project Labor Coordinator shall advise all Contractors of, and enforce as appropriate, the off-site application of the prevailing wage law as it affects Project Work.

Section 9.4 Special Equipment, Warranties and Guaranties:

(a) It is recognized that certain equipment of a highly technical and specialized nature may be installed at Project Work sites. The nature of the equipment, together with the requirements for manufacturer's warranties, may dictate that it be prefabricated pre-piped and/or pre-wired and that it be installed under the supervision and direction of the District's and/or manufacturer's personnel. The Unions agree to install such equipment without incident to insure compliance with the specifications for the equipment being installed and to insure compliance with contract documents, including but not limited to, plans, specifications, and scope of work under contract.

(b) The Parties recognize that the Contractor will initiate from time to time the use of new technology, equipment, machinery, tools, and other labor-savings devices and methods of performing Project Work. The Union agrees that they will not restrict the implementation of such devices or work methods. The Unions will accept and will not refuse to handle, install or work with any standardized and/or catalogue: parts, assemblies, accessories, prefabricated items, preassembled items, partially assembled items, or materials whatever their source of manufacture or construction.

(c) If any disagreement between the Contractor and the Unions concerning the methods of implementation or installation of any equipment, or device or item, or method of work, arises, or whether a particular part or pre-assembled item is a standardized or catalog part or item, the work will precede as directed by the Contractor and the Parties shall immediately consult over the matter. If the disagreement is not resolved, the affected Union(s) shall have the right to proceed through the procedures set forth in Article 10.

Section 9.5 No Less Favorable Treatment: The Parties expressly agree that Project Work will not receive less favorable treatment than that on any other project which the Unions, Contractors and employees work.

ARTICLE 10
SETTLEMENT OF GRIEVANCES AND DISPUTES

Section 10.1 Cooperation and Harmony on Site:

(a) This Agreement is intended to establish and foster continued close cooperation between management and labor. The Council shall assign a representative to this Project for the purpose of assisting the local Unions, and working with the Project Labor Coordinator, together with the Contractors, to complete the construction of the Project economically, efficiently, continuously and without any interruption, delays or work stoppages.

(b) The Project Labor Coordinator, the Contractors, Unions, and employees collectively and individually, realize the importance to all Parties of maintaining continuous and uninterrupted performance Project Work, and agree to resolve disputes in accordance with the grievance provisions set forth in this Article or, as appropriate, those of Article 7 or 8.

(c) The Project Labor Coordinator shall oversee the processing of grievances under this Article and Articles 7 and 8, including the scheduling and arrangements of facilities for

meetings, selection of the arbitrator from the agreed-upon panel to hear the case, and any other administrative matters necessary to facilitate the timely resolution of any dispute; provided, however, it is the responsibility of the principal parties to any pending grievance to insure the time limits and deadlines are met.

Section 10.2 Processing Grievances: Any questions arising out of and during the term of this Agreement involving its interpretation and application, which includes applicable provisions of the Schedule A's, but not jurisdictional disputes or alleged violations of Section 7.1 and 7.4 and similar provisions, shall be considered a grievance and subject to resolution under the following procedures.

Step 1. Employee Grievances: When any employee subject to the provisions of this Agreement feels aggrieved by an alleged violation of this Agreement, the employee shall, through his local Union business representative or, job steward, within ten (10) working days after the occurrence of the violation, give notice to the work site representative of the involved Contractor stating the provision(s) alleged to have been violated. A business representative of the local Union or the job steward and the work site representative of the involved Contractor shall meet and endeavor to resolve the matter within ten (10) working days after timely notice has been given. If they fail to resolve the matter within the prescribed period, the grieving party may, within ten (10) working days thereafter, pursue Step 2 of this grievance procedure provided the grievance is reduced to writing, setting forth the relevant information, including a short description thereof, the date on which the alleged violation occurred, and the provision(s) of the Agreement alleged to have been violated. Grievances and disputes settled at Step 1 shall be non-precedential except as to the parties directly involved.

Union or Contractor Grievances: Should the Union(s) or any Contractor have a dispute with the other Party(ies) and, if after conferring within ten (10) working days after the disputing Party knew or should have known of the facts or occurrence giving rise to the dispute, a settlement is not reached within five (5) working days, the dispute shall be reduced to writing and processed to Step 2 in the same manner as outlined in 1(a) above for the adjustment of an employee complaint.

Step 2. The business manager of the involved local Union or his designee, together with the site representative of the involved Contractor, and the labor relations representative of the Project Labor Coordinator, shall meet within seven (7) working days of the referral of the dispute to this second step to arrive at a satisfactory settlement thereof. If the Parties fail to reach an agreement, the dispute may be appealed in writing in accordance with the provisions of Step 3 within seven (7) calendar days after the initial meeting at Step 2.

Step 3. (a) If the grievance shall have been submitted but not resolved under Step 2, either the Union or Contractor Party may request in writing to the Project Labor Coordinator (with copy (ies) to the other Party (ies)) within seven (7) calendar days after the initial Step 2 meeting, that the grievance be submitted to an arbitrator selected from the agreed upon list below, on a rotational basis in the order listed. Those arbitrators are: (1) Edna Francis; (2) Louis Zigman; (3) Fredric Horowitz; (4) Sara Adler; (5) William Rule; (6) Walt Daugherty; and (7) Michael Rappaport. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding on all Parties and the fee and expenses of such arbitrations shall be borne equally by the involved Contractor(s) and the involved Union(s).

(b) Failure of the grieving Party to adhere to the time limits established herein shall render the grievance null and void. The time limits established herein may be extended only by written consent of the Parties involved at the particular step where the extension is agreed upon. The arbitrator shall have the authority to make decisions only on issues presented and shall not have the authority to change, amend, add to or detract from any of the provisions of this Agreement.

(c) The fees and expenses incurred by the arbitrator, as well as those jointly utilized by the Parties (i.e., conference room, court reporter, etc.) in arbitration, shall be divided equally by the Parties to the arbitration, including Union(s) and Contractor(s) involved.

Section 10.3 Limit on Use of Procedures: The procedures contained in this Article shall not be applicable to any alleged violation of Articles 7 or 8, with a single exception that any employee discharged for violation of Section 7.2, or Section 8.3, may resort to the procedures of this Article to determine only if he/she was, in fact, engaged in that violation.

Section 10.4 Notice: The Project Labor Coordinator (and the District, in the case of any grievance regarding the Scope of this Agreement), shall be notified by the involved Contractor of all actions at Steps 2 and 3, and further, the Project Labor Coordinator shall, upon its own request, be permitted to participate fully as a party in all proceedings at such steps.

ARTICLE 11 REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

Section 11.1 Compliance with All Laws: The Council and all Unions, Contractors, subcontractors and their employed shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws, ordinances and regulations including, but not limited to, those relating to safety and health, employment and applications for employment. All employees shall comply with the safety regulations established by the District, the Project Labor Coordinator or the Contractor. Employees must promptly report any injuries or accidents to a supervisor.

Section 11.2 Monitoring Compliance: The Parties agree that the District shall require, and that the Project Labor Coordinator and Council shall monitor, compliance by all Contractors and subcontractors with all federal and state laws regulation that, from time to time may apply to Project Work. It shall be the responsibility of both the Council and the Project Labor Coordinator (on behalf of the District) to investigate or monitor compliance with these various laws and regulations. The Council may recommend to the Project Labor Coordinator and/or the District procedures to encourage and enforce compliance with these laws and regulations.

Section 11.3 Prevailing Wage Compliance: The Council or Union shall refer all complaints regarding any potential prevailing wage violation to the Project Labor Coordinator, who on its own, or with the assistance of the District's staff, shall process, investigate and resolve such complaints, consistent with Article 5, Section 5.4. The Council or Union, as appropriate, shall be advised in a timely manner with regard to the facts and resolution, if any, of any complaint. It is understood that this Section does not restrict any individual rights as established under the State Labor Code, including the rights of an individual to file a complaint with the State Labor Commissioner.

Section 11.4 Violations of Law: Based upon a finding of violation by the District of a federal and state law, and upon notice to the Contractor that it or its subcontractors is in such violation, the District, in the absence of the Contractor or subcontractor remedying such violation, shall take such action as it is permitted by law or contract to encourage that Contractor to come into compliance, including, but not limited to, assessing fines and penalties and/or removing the offending Contractor from Project Work. Additionally, in accordance with the Agreement between the District and the Contractor, the District may cause the Contractor to remove from Project Work any subcontractor who is in violation of state or federal law.

ARTICLE 12 SAFETY AND PROTECTION OF PERSON AND PROPERTY

Section 12.1 Safety:

(a) It shall be the responsibility of each Contractor to ensure safe working conditions and employee compliance with any safety rules contained herein or established by the District or the Contractor. It is understood that employees have an individual obligation to use diligent care to perform their work in a safe manner and to protect themselves and the property of the Contractor and the District.

(b) Employees shall be bound by the safety, security and visitor rules established by the Contractor and/or the District. These rules will be published and posted. An employee's failure to satisfy his/her obligations under this section will subject him/her to discipline, up to and including discharge.

(c) The Parties adopt the Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council Approved Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy, a copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment B and which shall be the policy and procedure utilized under this Agreement.

Section 12.2 Suspension of Work for Safety: A Contractor may suspend all or a portion of the job to protect the life and safety of employees. In such cases, employees will be compensated only for the actual time worked; provided, however, that where the Contractor requests employees to remain at the site and be available for work, the employees will be compensated for stand-by time at their basic hourly rate of pay.

Section 12.3 Water and Sanitary Facilities: The Contractor shall provide adequate supplies of drinking water and sanitary facilities for all employees as required by state law or regulation.

ARTICLE 13 TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE

Travel expenses, travel time, subsistence allowances, zone rates and parking reimbursements shall be paid in accordance with the applicable Schedule A Agreement unless superseded by the applicable prevailing wage determination.

ARTICLE 14 APPRENTICES

Section 14.1 Importance of Training: The Parties recognize the need to maintain continuing support of the programs designed to develop adequate numbers of competent workers in the construction industry, the obligation to capitalize on the availability of the local work force in the area served by the District, and the opportunities to provide continuing work under the construction program. To these ends, the Parties will facilitate, encourage, and assist local residents to commence and progress in Labor/Management Apprenticeship and/or training Programs in the construction industry leading to participation in such apprenticeship programs. The District, the Project Labor Coordinator, other District consultants, and the Council, will work cooperatively to identify, or establish and maintain, effective programs and procedures for persons interested in entering the construction industry and which will help prepare them for the formal joint labor/management apprenticeship programs maintained by the signatory Unions.

Section 14.2 Use of Apprentices:

(a) Apprentices used on Projects under this Agreement shall be registered in Joint Labor Management Apprenticeship Programs approved by the State of California. Apprentices may comprise up to thirty percent (30%) of each craft's work force at any time, unless the standards of the applicable joint apprenticeship committee confirmed by the Division of Apprenticeship Standards ("DAS"), establish a lower or higher maximum percentage. Where the standards permit a higher percentage, such percentage shall apply on Project Work. Where the applicable standards establish a lower percentage, the applicable Union will use its best efforts with the Joint Labor Management apprenticeship committee and, if necessary, the DAS to permit up to thirty percent (30%) apprentices on the Project.

(b) The Unions agree to cooperate with the Contractor in furnishing apprentices as requested up to the maximum percentage. The apprentice ratio for each craft shall be in compliance, at a minimum, with the applicable provisions of the Labor Code relating to utilization of apprentices. The District shall encourage such utilization, and, both as to apprentices and the overall supply of experienced workers, the Project Labor Coordinator will work with the Council to assure appropriate and maximum utilization of apprentices and the continuing availability of both apprentices and journey persons.

(c) The Parties agree that apprentices will not be dispatched to Contractors working under this Agreement unless there is a journeymen working on the project where the apprentice is to be employed who is qualified to assist and oversee the apprentice's progress through the program in which he is participating.

(d) All apprentices shall work under the direct supervision of a journeyman from the trade in which the apprentice is indentured. A journeyman shall be defined as set forth in the California Code of Regulations, Title 8 [apprenticeship] section 205, which defines a journeyman as a person who has either completed an accredited apprenticeship in his or her craft, or has completed the equivalent of an apprenticeship in length and content of work experience and all other requirements in the craft which has workers classified as journeyman in the apprenticeable occupation. Should a question arise as to a journeyman's qualification under this

subsection, the Contractor shall provide adequate proof evidencing the worker's qualification as a journeyman to the Council.

Section 14.3 Joint Subcommittee on Training and Apprenticeship: To carry out the intent and purposes of this Article, a subcommittee of the Labor Management Committee established pursuant to Article 17 may be established, jointly chaired by a designee of the District and a designee of the Council, to oversee the identification and/or effective development of procedures and programs leading to the full utilization of apprenticeship programs, and to work with representatives of each signatory craft's joint apprenticeship committee ("CJAC") and representatives of the District's technical schools to establish appropriate criteria for recognition by such CJAC's of the educational and work experience possessed by District students and graduates toward qualifying for entry or advanced level in the apprenticeship programs under the direction under such CJAC's. The Subcommittee will meet as necessary at the call of the joint chairs to promptly facilitate its purposes in an expeditious manner as soon as this Agreement becomes effective. In addition to the joint chairs, the membership of the committee will consist of at least three representatives of the signatory local Unions and three representatives of Contractors signatory to this Agreement and experienced in overseeing and participating in joint labor management apprenticeship programs (or organizations to which the Contractors belong).

ARTICLE 15 WORKING CONDITIONS

Section 15.1 Meal and Rest Periods: There will be no non-working times established during working hours except as may be required by applicable state law or regulations. Meal periods and Rest periods shall be as provided for in Wage Order 16. Individual coffee containers will be permitted at the employees' work location; however, there will be no organized coffee breaks.

Section 15.2 Work Rules: The District, the Project Labor Coordinator, and/or relevant Contractor shall establish such reasonable work rules as they deem appropriate and not inconsistent with this Agreement. These rules will be posted at the work sites by the Contractor and may be amended thereafter as necessary. Failure to observe these rules and regulations by employees may be grounds for discipline up to and including discharge.

Section 15.3 Emergency Use of Tools and Equipment: There should be no restrictions on the emergency use of any tools by any qualified employee or supervisor, or on the use of any tools or equipment for the performance of work within the jurisdiction, provided the employee can safely use the tools and/or equipment involved and is compliance with applicable governmental rules and regulations.

Section 15.4 Access Restrictions for Cars: Recognizing the nature of the work being conducted on the site, employee access by a private automobile may be limited to certain roads and/or parking areas.

ARTICLE 16 PRE-JOB CONFERENCES

(a) Each Primary Contractor which is awarded a Construction Contract by the District for Project Work shall conduct a pre-job conference with the appropriate affected

Union(s) prior to commencing work. All Contractors who have been awarded contracts by the Primary Contractor shall attend the Pre-Job conference. The Council and the Project Labor Coordinator shall be advised in advance of all such conferences and may participate if they wish. All work assignments should be disclosed by the Primary Contractor and all Contractors at a pre-job conference held in accordance with industry practice. Should there be any formal jurisdictional dispute raised under Article 8, the Project Labor Coordinator shall be promptly notified. Primary Contractor shall have available at the Pre-Job conference the plans and drawing for the work to be performed on the Project.

(b) If they have not already done so before the pre-job conference, each Contractor shall provide to the Unions at the pre-job conference, a list of their core employees which they intend on using on this Project.

ARTICLE 17 LABOR/MANAGEMENT COOPERATION

Section 17.1 Joint Committee: The Parties to this Agreement may establish a six (6) person Joint Administrative Committee (JAC). This JAC shall be comprised of three (3) representatives selected by the District and three (3) representatives selected by the Council to monitor compliance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Each representative shall designate an alternate who shall serve in his or her absence for any purpose contemplated by this Agreement.

Section 17.2 Functions of Joint Committee: The Committee shall meet on a schedule to be determined by the Committee or at the call of the joint chairs, to discuss the administration of the Agreement, the progress of the Project, general labor management problems that may arise, and any other matters consistent with this Agreement. Substantive grievances or disputes arising under Articles 7, 8 or 10 shall not be reviewed or discussed by this Committee, but shall be processed pursuant to the provisions of the appropriate Article. The Project Labor Coordinator shall be responsible for the scheduling of the meetings, the preparation of the agenda topics for the meetings, with input from the Unions the Contractors and the District. Notice of the date, time and place of meetings, shall be given to the Committee members at least three (3) days prior to the meeting. The District should be notified of the meetings and invited to send a representative(s) to participate. The Project Labor Coordinator shall prepare quarterly reports on apprentice utilization and the training and employment of District residents, and a schedule of Project Work and estimated number of craft workers needed. The Committee or an appropriate subcommittee, may review such reports and make any recommendations for improvement, if necessary, including increasing the availability of skilled trades, and the employment of local residents or other individuals who should be assisted with appropriate training to qualify for apprenticeship programs. The Project Labor Coordinator shall be responsible for the scheduling of the meetings, the preparation of the agenda topics for the meetings, with input from the Unions, the Contractors, and the District. Notice of the date, time and place of meetings, shall be given to the Committee members at least three (3) days prior to the meeting. The District should be notified of the meetings and invited to send a representative(s) to participate.

Section 17.3 Subcommittees: The Committee may form subcommittees to consider and advise the full Committee with regard to safety and health issues affecting the Project and other similar

issues affecting the overall Project, including any workers compensation program initiated under this Agreement.

ARTICLE 18 SAVINGS AND SEPARABILITY

Section 18.1 Savings Clause: It is not the intention of the District, the Project Labor Coordinator, Contractor or the Union parties to violate any laws governing the subject matter of this Agreement. The Parties hereto agree that in the event any provision of this Agreement is finally held or determined to be illegal or void as being in contravention of any applicable law or regulation, the remainder of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect unless the part or parts so found to be void are wholly inseparable from the remaining portions of this Agreement. Further, the Parties agree that if and when any provision(s) of this Agreement is finally held or determined to be illegal or void by a court of competent jurisdiction, the Parties will promptly enter into negotiations concerning the substantive effect of such decision for the purposes of achieving conformity with the requirements of any applicable laws and the intent of the Parties hereto. If the legality of this Agreement is challenged and any form of injunctive relief is granted by any court, suspending temporarily or permanently the implementation of this Agreement, then the Parties agree that all Project Work that would otherwise be covered by this Agreement should be continued to be bid and constructed without application of this Agreement so that there is no delay or interference with the ongoing planning, bidding and construction of any Project Work.

Section 18.2 Effect of Injunctions or Other Court Orders: The Parties recognize the right of the District to withdraw, at its absolute discretion, the utilization of the Agreement as part of any bid specification should a Court of competent jurisdiction issue any order, or any applicable statute which could result, temporarily or permanently in delay of the bidding, awarding and/or construction on the Project. Notwithstanding such an action by the District, or such court order or statutory provision, the Parties agree that the Agreement shall remain in full force and the fact on covered Project Work to the maximum extent legally possible.

ARTICLE 19 WAIVER

A waiver of or a failure to assert any provisions of this Agreement by any or all of the Parties hereto shall not constitute a waiver of such provision for the future. Any such waiver shall not constitute a modification of the Agreement or change in the terms and conditions of the Agreement and shall not relieve, excuse or release any of the Parties from any of their rights, duties or obligations hereunder.

ARTICLE 20 AMENDMENTS

The provisions of this Agreement can be renegotiated, supplemented, rescinded or otherwise altered only by mutual agreement in writing, hereafter signed by the negotiating Parties hereto.

ARTICLE 21
DURATION OF THE AGREEMENT

Section 21.1 Duration:

(a) This Agreement shall be effective from the date signed by all Parties and shall remain in effect for a period of five (5) years. Any covered Project awarded during the term of this Agreement shall continue to be covered hereunder, until completion of the Project, notwithstanding the expiration date of this Agreement.

(b) This Agreement may be extended by mutual consent of the District and the signatory Unions for such further periods as the Parties shall agree to.

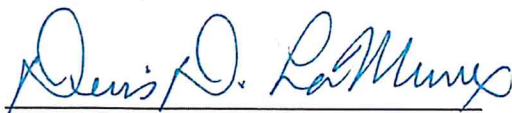
Section 21.2 Turnover and Final Acceptance of Completed Work:

(a) Construction of any phase, portion, section, or segment of Project Work shall be deemed complete when such phase, portion, section or segment has been turned over to the District by the Contractor and the District has accepted such phase, portion, section, or segment as being in compliance with contract documents, including but not limited to, plans, specifications, and scope of work under contract. As areas and systems of the Project are inspected and construction-tested and/or approved and accepted by the District or third parties with the approval of the District, the Agreement shall have no further force or effect on such items or areas, except when the Contractor is directed by the District to engage and repairs or modifications required by its contract(s) with the District.

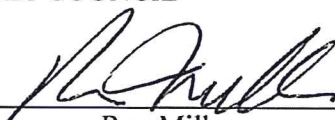
(b) Notice of each final acceptance received by the Contractor will be provided to the Council with the description of what portion, segment, etc. has been accepted. Final acceptance may be subject to a "punch" list, and in such case, the Agreement will continue to apply to each such item on the list until it is completed to the satisfaction of the District and Notice of Completion is issued by the District or its representative to the Contractor. At the request of the Union, complete information describing any "punch" list work, as well as any additional work required of a Contractor at the direction of the District pursuant to (a) above, involving otherwise turned-over and completed facilities which have been accepted by the District, will be available from the Project Labor Coordinator.

IN WITNESS whereof the Parties have caused this Continuity of Work Agreement to be executed as of the date and year above stated.

PALMDALE
WATER DISTRICT

By: 
Dennis D. LaMoreaux
General Manager

LOS ANGELES/ORANGE COUNTIES
BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION
TRADES COUNCIL

By: 
Ron Miller
Executive Secretary

LOS ANGELES/ORANGE COUNTIES BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION
TRADES COUNCIL CRAFT UNIONS AND DISTRICT COUNCILS

HEAT & FROST INSULATORS LOCAL 5
 1. BOB WACKER LOCAL 173
 ROOFERS IWP LOCAL 36
 SPRINKLER FITTERS LOCAL 709
 IRONWORKERS 416
 TILE, MARBLE, TERRAZZO #18
 Cement Masons Local
 LOCAL 250
 I.BEW LU 11
~~AA #1~~ BM Local 92
 UA 343
 SMART SHEET METAL LU 105
 SCDC LABORERS
 TANKERS 986
 Bricklayers #
 Plumbers & Fitters # 761
 Plumbers Local 200
 PAT DC 36
 Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters
 PLASTER TENDERS #1414
 Local 12
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LOS ANGELES/ORANGE COUNTIES BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION
TRADES COUNCIL CRAFT UNIONS AND DISTRICT COUNCILS

Ironmen 12
LABORERS LOCAL 300
Garita Local 345

[Signature]
[Signature]

ATTACHMENT A – LETTER OF ASSENT

To be signed by all contractors awarded work covered by the Project Labor Agreement prior to commencing work.

[Contractor's Letterhead]
Project Labor Coordinator
Palmdale Water District
1234 address
City, state, zip code
Attn: _____

Re: Project Labor Agreement - Letter of Assent

Dear Sir:

This is to confirm that [name of company] agrees to be party to and bound by the Palmdale Water District Project Labor Agreement effective 11-4, 2014, as such Agreement may, from time to time, be amended by the negotiating parties or interpreted pursuant to its terms. Such obligation to be a party and bound by this Agreement shall extend to all work covered by the agreement undertaken by this Company on the project and this Company shall require all of its contractors and subcontractors of whatever tier to be similarly bound for all work within the scope of the Agreement by signing and furnishing to you an identical letter of assent prior to their commencement of work.

Sincerely.

[Name of Construction Company]

By: [_____] Name and Title of Authorized Executive

[Copies of this letter must be submitted to the Project Labor Coordinator and to the Council Consistent with Article 2, Section 2.5(b).]

ATTACHMENT B

**LOS ANGELES/ORANGE COUNTIES
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL
APPROVED
DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING POLICY**

The Parties recognize the problems which drug and alcohol abuse have created in the construction industry and the need to develop drug and alcohol abuse prevention programs. Accordingly, the Parties agree that in order to enhance the safety of the work place and to maintain a drug and alcohol free work environment, individual Employers may require applicants or employees to undergo drug and alcohol testing.

1. It is understood that the use, possession, transfer or sale of illegal drugs, narcotics, or other unlawful substances, as well as being under the influence of alcohol and the possession or consuming alcohol is absolutely prohibited while employees are on the Employer's job premises or while working on any jobsite in connection with work performed under the Project Labor Agreement ("PLA").

2. No Employer may implement a drug testing program which does not conform in all respects to the provisions of this Policy.

3. No Employer may implement drug testing at any jobsite unless written notice is given to the Union setting forth the location of the jobsite, a description of the project under construction, and the name and telephone number of the Project Supervisor. Said notice shall be addressed to the office of each Union signing the PLA. Said notice shall be delivered in person or by registered mail before the implementation of drug testing. Failure to give such notice shall make any drug testing engaged in by the Employer a violation of the PLA, and the Employer may not implement any form of drug testing at such jobsite for the following six months.

4. An employer who elects to implement drug testing pursuant to this Agreement shall require all employees on the Project to be tested. With respect to individuals who become employed on the Project subsequent to the proper implementation of this drug testing program, such test shall be administered upon the commencement of employment on the project, whether by referral from a Union Dispatch Office, transfer from another project, or another method. Individuals who were employed on the project prior to the proper implementation of this drug testing program may only be subjected to testing for the reasons set forth in Paragraph 5(f) (1) through 5(f) (3) of this Policy. Refusal to undergo such testing shall be considered sufficient grounds to deny employment on the project.

5. The following procedure shall apply to all drug testing:

a. The Employer may request urine samples only. The applicant or employee shall not be observed when the urine specimen is given. An applicant or employee, at his or her sole option, shall, upon request, receive a blood test in lieu of a urine test. No employee of the Employer shall draw blood from a bargaining unit employee, touch or handle urine specimens, or in any way become involved in the chain of custody of urine or blood specimens. A Union Business Representative, subject to the approval of the individual applicant or employee, shall be

permitted to accompany the applicant or employee to the collection facility to observe the collection, bottling, and sealing of the specimen.

b. The testing shall be done by a laboratory approved by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), which is chosen by the Employer and the Union.

c. An initial test shall be performed using the Enzyme Multiplied Immunoassay Technique (EMZT). In the event a question or positive result arises from the initial test, a confirmation test must be utilized before action can be taken against the applicant or employee. The confirmation test will be by Gas Chromatography Mass Spectrometry (GC/MS). Cutoff levels for both the initial test and confirmation test will be those established by the National Institute on Drug Abuse. Confirmed positive samples will be retained by the testing laboratory in secured long-term frozen storage for a minimum of one year. Handling and transportation of each sample must be documented through strict chain of custody procedures.

d. In the event of a confirmed positive test result the applicant or employee may request, within forty-eight (48) hours, a sample of his/her specimen from the testing laboratory for purposes of a second test to be performed at a second laboratory, designated by the Union and approved by NDA. The retest must be performed within ten (10) days of the request. Chain of custody for this sample shall be maintained by the Employer between the original testing laboratory and the Union's designated laboratory. Retesting shall be performed at the applicant's or employee's expense. In the event of conflicting test results the Employer may require a third test.

e. If, as a result of the above testing procedure, it is determined that an applicant or employee has tested positive, this shall be considered sufficient grounds to deny the applicant or employee his/her employment on the Project.

f. No individual who tests negative for drugs or alcohol pursuant to the above procedure and becomes employed on the Project shall again be subjected to drug testing with the following exceptions:

1. Employees who are involved in industrial accidents resulting in damage to plant, property or equipment or injury to him/herself or others may be tested pursuant to the procedures stated hereinabove.

2. The Employer may test employees following thirty (30) days advance written notice to the employee(s) to be tested and to the applicable Union. Notice to the applicable Union shall be as set forth in Paragraph 3 above and such testing shall be pursuant to the procedures stated hereinabove.

3. The Employer may test an employee where the Employer has reasonable cause to believe that the employee is impaired from performing his/her job. Reasonable cause shall be defined as exhibiting aberrant or unusual behavior, the type of which is a recognized and accepted symptom of impairment (i.e., slurred speech, unusual lack of muscular coordination, etc.). Such behavior must be actually observed by at least two persons, one of whom shall be a Supervisor who has been trained to recognize the symptoms of drug abuse or impairment and the other of whom shall be the job steward. If the job steward is

unavailable or there is no job steward on the project the other person shall be a member of the applicable Union's bargaining unit. Testing shall be pursuant to the procedures stated hereinabove. Employees who are tested pursuant to the exceptions set forth in this paragraph and who test positive will be removed from the Employer's payroll.

g. Applicants or employees who do not test positive shall be paid for all time lost while undergoing drug testing. Payment shall be at the applicable wage and benefit rates set forth in the applicable Union's Master Labor Agreement. Applicants who have been dispatched from the Union and who are not put to work pending the results of a test will be paid waiting time until such time as they are put to work. It is understood that an applicant must pass the test as a condition of employment. Applicants who are put to work pending the results of a test will be considered probationary employees.

6. The employers will be allowed to conduct periodic job site drug testing on the Project under the following conditions:

a. The entire jobsite must be tested, including any employee or subcontractor's employee who worked on that project three (3) working days before or after the date of the test;

b. Jobsite testing cannot commence sooner than thirty (30) days after start of the work on the Project;

c. Prior to start of periodic testing, a business representative will be allowed to conduct an educational period on company time to explain periodic jobsite testing program to affected employees;

d. Testing shall be conducted by a N.I.D.A. certified laboratory, pursuant to the provisions set forth in Paragraph 5 hereinabove.

e. Only two periodic tests may be performed in a twelve month period.

7. It is understood that the unsafe use of prescribed medication, or where the use of prescribed medication impairs the employee's ability to perform work, is a basis for the Employer to remove the employee from the jobsite.

8. Any grievance or dispute which may arise out of the application of this Agreement shall be subject to the grievance and arbitration procedures set forth in the PLA.

9. The establishment or operation of this Policy shall not curtail any right of any employee found in any law, rule or regulation. Should any part of this Agreement be found unlawful by a court of competent jurisdiction or a public agency having jurisdiction over the parties, the remaining portions of the Agreement shall be unaffected and the parties shall enter negotiations to replace the affected provision.

10. Present employees, if tested positive, shall have the prerogative for rehabilitation program at the employee's expense. When such program has been successfully completed the

Employer shall not discriminate in any way against the employee. If work for which the employee is qualified exists he/she shall be reinstated.

11. The Employer agrees that results of urine and blood tests performed hereunder will be considered medical records held confidential to the extent permitted or required by law. Such records shall not be released to any persons or entities other than designated Employer representatives and the applicable Union. Such release to the applicable Union shall only be allowed upon the signing of a written release and the information contained therein shall not be used to discourage the employment of the individual applicant or employee on any subsequent occasion.

12. The Employer shall indemnify and hold the Union harmless against any and all claims, demands, suits, or liabilities that may arise out of the application of this Agreement and/or any program permitted hereunder.

13. Employees who seek voluntary assistance for substance abuse may not be disciplined for seeking such assistance. Requests from employees for such assistance shall remain confidential and shall not be revealed to other employees or management personnel without the employee's consent. Employees enrolled in substance abuse programs shall be subject to all Employer rules, regulations and job performance standards with the understanding that an employee enrolled in such a program is receiving treatment for an illness.

14. This Memorandum, of Understanding shall constitute the only Agreement in effect between the parties concerning drug and alcohol abuse, prevention and testing. Any modifications thereto must be accomplished pursuant to collective bargaining negotiations between the parties.

DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION AND DETECTION

APPENDIX A

CUTOFF LEVELS

DRUG	SCREENING METHOD	SCREENING LEVEL **	CONFIRMATION METHOD	CONFIRMATION LEVEL
Alcohol	EMIT	.02%	CG/MS	.02%
Amphetamines	EMIT	1000 ng/m*	CG/MS	500 ng/ml*
Barbiturates	EMIT	300 ng/ml	CG/MS	200 ng/ml
Benzodiazepines	EMIT	300 ng/ml	CG/MS	300 ng/ml
Cocaine	EMIT	300 ng/ml*	CG/MS	150 ng/ml*
Methadone	EMIT	300 ng/ml	CG/MS	100 ng/ml
Methaqualone	EMIT	300 ng/ml	CG/MS	300 ng/ml
Opiates	EMIT	300 ng/ml*	CG/MS	300 ng/ml*
PCP (Phencyclidine)	EMIT	25 ng/ml*	CG/MS	25 ng/ml*
THC (Marijuana)	EMIT	100 ng/ml*	CG/MS	15 ng/ml*
Propoxyphene	EMIT	300 ng/ml	CG/MS	100 ng/ml

* NTDA specified threshold

** A sample reported positive contains the Indicated drug at or above the cutoff level for that drug. A negative sample either contains no drug or contains a drug below the cutoff level.

EMIT - Enzyme Immunoassay

CG/MS - Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry

SIDE LETTER OF AGREEMENT
TESTING POLICY FOR DRUG ABUSE

It is hereby agreed between the parties hereto that an Employer who has otherwise properly implemented drug testing, as set forth in the Testing Policy for Drug Abuse, shall have the right to offer an applicant or employee a "quick" drug screening test. This "quick" screen test shall consist either of the "ICUP" urine screen or similar test or an oral screen test. The applicant or employee shall have the absolute right to select either of the two "quick" screen tests, or to reject both and request a full drug test.

An applicant or employee who selects one of the quick screen tests, and who passes the test, shall be put to work immediately. An applicant or employee who fails the "quick" screen test, or who rejects the quick screen tests, shall be tested pursuant to the procedures set forth in the Testing Policy for Drug Abuse. The sample used for the "quick" screen test shall be discarded immediately upon conclusion of the test. An applicant or employee shall not be deprived of any rights granted to them by the Testing Policy for Drug Abuse as a result of any occurrence related to the "quick" screen test.

ATTACHMENT C

PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT
CRAFT REQUEST FORM

TO THE CONTRACTOR: Please complete and fax this form to the applicable union to request craft workers that fulfill the hiring requirements for this project. After faxing your request, please call the Local to verify receipt and substantiate their capacity to furnish workers as specified below. Please print your Fax Transmission Verification Reports and keep copies for your records.

The Palmdale Water District Project Labor Agreement establishes a goal that 30% of all of the labor and craft positions shall be from workers residing: first, in those first tier zip codes which overlap the District service area, as attached hereto, second, within the greater Antelope Valley area, as reflected on the attached list of zip codes, and third, Local Residents residing within certain surrounding area zip codes, as reflected on the attached list of zip codes, as well as the remainder of the County of Los Angeles. For Dispatch purposes, employees residing within any of these three (3) areas shall be referred to as Local Residents. In addition, a goal of 10% of all of the labor and craft positions shall be from disadvantaged workers and/or veterans residing within the tier 1 and tier 2 zip codes, as reflected on the attached list of zip codes.

TO THE UNION: Please complete the "Union Use Only" section on the next page and fax this form back to the requesting Contractor. Be sure to retain a copy of this form for your records.

CONTRACTOR USE ONLY

To: Union Local # _____ Fax# () _____ Date: _____
 Cc: Project Labor Coordinator
 From: Company: _____ Issued By: _____
 Contact Phone: () _____ Contact Fax: () _____

PLEASE PROVIDE ME WITH THE FOLLOWING UNION CRAFT WORKERS.

Craft Classification (i.e., plumber, painter, etc.)	Journeyman or Apprentice	Local Resident, Disadvantaged Worker, and Veteran, or General Dispatch	Number of workers needed	Report Date	Report Time
TOTAL WORKERS REQUESTED = _____					

Please have worker(s) report to the following work address indicated below:

Project Name: _____ Site: _____ Address: _____

Report to: _____ On-site Tel: _____ On-site Fax: _____

Comment or Special Instructions: _____

UNION USE ONLY

Date dispatch request received:
Dispatch received by:
Classification of worker requested:
Classification of worker dispatched:

WORKER REFERRED

Name:		
Date worker was dispatched:		
Is the worker referred a: (check all that apply)		
JOURNEYMAN	Yes ____	No ____
APPRENTICE	Yes ____	No ____
LOCAL RESIDENT	Yes ____	No ____
DISADVANTAGED WORKER OR VETERAN	Yes ____	No ____
GENERAL DISPATCH FROM OUT OF WORK LIST	Yes ____	No ____

[This form is not intended to replace a Local Union's Dispatch or Referral Form normally given to the employee when being dispatched to the jobsite.]

**DISTRICT SERVICE AREA ZIP CODES
(Tier 1)**

93550, 93551 and 93552

**GREATER ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA ZIP CODES
(Tier 2)**

91390	93534	93554
93501	93535	93560
93510	93536	93591
93523	93543	
93532	93553	

TIER 3 AREA ZIP CODES

93561	92394	92372
93505	92395	92329
93516	92340	92371
93524	92344	92397
92392	92345	
92393	92301	

As well as all of the remaining zip codes from Los Angeles County.