

**FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ AND THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ  
AND THE CITIES OF CAPITOLA AND SCOTTS VALLEY,  
RELATING TO LIBRARY SERVICES**

This Fourth Amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement is entered into on the date by which it has been duly approved and executed by all parties hereto by and among the County of Santa Cruz ("County"), the City of Santa Cruz ("Santa Cruz"), the City of Capitola ("Capitola"), and the City of Scotts Valley ("Scotts Valley"), each duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of California.

**Recitals**

Whereas, the Parties executed a Joint Powers Agreement relating to library services with an effective date of June 24, 1996 ("the 1996 Agreement"); and

Whereas, the 1996 Agreement was amended for the first time in or about June 1998, amended for the second time in or about November 1999, and amended for the last time in or about June 2007; and

Whereas, the Parties have determined that it would be to their mutual advantage, and in the best interest of their respective citizens, to continue to join together to provide library services under a single comprehensive Santa Cruz City/County Library System ("Library System"); and

Whereas, the Parties desire to modify the terms and conditions under which the Library System is operated and it is intended that this Agreement shall supersede and replace the 1996 Agreement, including all amendments thereto; and

Whereas, in 2008 the County Board of Supervisors and more than two-thirds of voters approved a permanent extension of the ¼ cent sales tax for public library funding purposes; and

Whereas, the County Library Fund is under the jurisdiction of the County and collects property tax funds from the unincorporated areas of the County as well as the cities of Capitola and Scotts Valley, for the provision of library services to the residents in those areas; and

Whereas, the County and the cities of Capitola and Scotts Valley have authority to provide library services within their jurisdictions; and

Whereas, all Parties agree it would be desirable to include all the cities within the County Library Fund in the governance of the Library System; and

Whereas, pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act (the "Act") set forth in Chapter 5, Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code of the State of California (Sections 6500 et seq.), the Parties may contract for the exercise jointly of any power common to all;

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Now, therefore, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants contained herein, the Parties to this Agreement agree as follows:

## 1. Definitions

Unless the context otherwise requires, the terms defined in this section have the meanings herein specified.

"1996 Agreement" means the original Joint Powers Agreement Between the City of Santa Cruz and the County of Santa Cruz and the cities of Capitola and Scotts Valley, Relating to Library Services, with an effective date of June 24, 1996.

"Act" means the Joint Exercise of Powers Act, constituting Chapter 5 of Division 7 of Title 1 of the California Government Code, commencing with Section 6500 of said Code.

"Agreement" means this Fourth Amendment to the 1996 Agreement, as it may be amended from time to time.

"Branch" or "Branches" means a facility where library services are delivered.

"Cities" means, collectively, the Cities of Santa Cruz, Capitola and Scotts Valley.

"Commission" means the Library Advisory Commission established in Section 5 (B).

"Commissioner" means an individual member of the Library Advisory Commission, as set forth in Section 5 (B).

"Commissioners" means, collectively, all the members of the Library Advisory Commission, as set forth in Section 5 (B).

"County" means the County of Santa Cruz.

"Director" means an individual member of the Governing Board, as set forth in Section 5 (A).

"Directors" means, collectively, all the members of the Governing Board, as set forth in Section 5 (A).

"Governing Board" means the Library Joint Powers Board established in Section 5 (A).

"Jurisdiction" or "Jurisdictions" means the County, Cities or any combination thereof.

"Library System" means the Santa Cruz City/County Library System.

"Party" means an individual party to the Agreement.

"Parties" means, collectively, all the parties to the Agreement, being the Cities and the County.

"Proposed Budget" means the proposed operating and capital budget for the Library System.

"Services Authority" means the Joint Powers Authority created by the 1996 Agreement, and continued by this Agreement, to provide library services.

## **2. Purpose of Agreement and Parties**

The Parties to this Agreement, with the approval of their respective legislative bodies, hereby join together for the purpose of providing extended library services within their communities by the Services Authority to exercise the powers described herein.

## **3. Powers and Duties**

### **A. Powers of Services Authority.**

The Services Authority shall have all powers which a joint powers authority may exercise under the Joint Powers Act (including powers which are common to the Parties in accordance with Section 6502 of the Joint Powers Act), and all powers granted to it as a public agency under the laws of the State of California (including but not limited to the powers set forth in Chapter 12, Division 6, Title 1 of the California Government Code, commencing with Section 5920 of said Code), solely for the purpose of carrying out the purposes for which the Services Authority has been established. The Services Authority is hereby authorized, in its own name, to do all acts necessary to accomplish the following purposes:

- (1) To exercise jointly the common powers of its Parties to provide public library services.
- (2) With the approval of each Party, to participate in financing or refinancing library facilities or services in accordance with State law.
- (3) To make and enter into contracts necessary to the full exercise of its powers.
- (4) To employ agents and employees including attorneys and other professionals.
- (5) To contract for the services of attorneys, administrative support, planners, financial consultants, and other persons as it deems necessary.
- (6) To manage, maintain, operate, lease and use any library facilities.
- (7) To acquire, hold, lease, receive by grant, gift, devise or bequest and dispose of property, equipment and supplies.
- (8) To incur debts, liabilities or obligations subject to limitations herein set forth.
- (9) With the approval of each Party, to levy and collect taxes or assessments and issue debt as may be statutorily authorized.
- (10) With the approval of each Party, to levy and collect special capital assessments as may be statutorily authorized.
- (11) To sue and be sued in its own name.
- (12) To adopt, modify and collect fees and fines.

- (13) To apply for, accept and receive state, federal or local licenses, permits, grants, loans or other aid necessary for the Services Authority's full exercise of its powers from any agency of the United States of America, the State of California, or any other public or private entity.
- (14) To accept and receive gifts, contributions, donations and bequests of property, funds, services and other forms of assistance as necessary for the Services Authority's full exercise of its powers.
- (15) To administer, to the fullest extent not prohibited by law, any trust declared or created for the Services Authority.
- (16) To receive by grant, gift, devise or bequest and hold in trust or otherwise, property situated in this State or elsewhere and, where not otherwise provided, dispose of the property for the benefit of the Services Authority.
- (17) To perform all acts necessary and properly to carry out fully the purpose of this Agreement and not inconsistent with any other provision of law.
- (18) To join a Joint Powers Authority to pool library services, financing, risk and/or liabilities with other public entities.

**B. Limitation on Imposition of Taxes or Assessments.**

The provisions of Section 3.A notwithstanding, the Services Authority shall have no power to impose taxes or assessments within any Party's jurisdiction unless the Party's legislative body first passes a resolution consenting to the tax or assessment.

**C. Limitation on Issuance of Debt.**

The provisions of Section 3.A notwithstanding, the Services Authority shall have no power to issue debt unless the legislative body of each Party first passes a resolution consenting to the issuance of the debt.

**D. Additional Powers to be Exercised.**

In addition to those powers common to each of the Parties, the Services Authority shall have those powers that may be conferred upon it by subsequently enacted legislation.

**E. Restrictions on Exercise of Powers.**

The powers of the Services Authority shall be exercised in the manner provided in the Act and as needed to implement the purposes of this Agreement. Only those powers explicitly authorized pursuant to this Agreement may be exercised under this Agreement.

**F. Obligations of Services Authority.**

Any obligations of the Services Authority shall not be obligations of the Parties.



#### **4. Term**

##### **A. Effective Date.**

This Agreement shall commence upon the execution of this Agreement by the parties hereto, and shall be operative upon receipt by the Services Authority of funds from the Santa Cruz County Library Financing Authority. The Agreement shall continue and remain in effect through December 31, 2025.

##### **B. Termination/Withdrawal.**

An individual Party may withdraw from this Agreement by the giving of one year written notice no later than July 1 of any given year of its intent to withdraw from the Services Authority effective on July 1 of the next year. Upon withdrawal, such Party shall take on the obligation to provide all library services within its jurisdiction. Withdrawal by the County or the City of Santa Cruz shall terminate the Agreement.

##### **C. Effect of Termination/Withdrawal.**

Each Party shall, upon termination or withdrawal, remain liable for the branches within its jurisdiction and its share of any outstanding debt service based on the percentage of the proceeds from the debt which was allocated to each jurisdiction. Taxes or assessments that have been imposed within any Party's jurisdiction will continue and be paid to that Party. In addition, each Party shall remain liable for its proportionate share of legal fees and costs, including payment of open claims made after the termination of the Agreement based upon incidents which occurred when the Agreement was in effect. Each Party's proportionate share of legal fees and costs will be based on the then current population ratios of the Parties.

#### **5. Board and Commission**

##### **A. Governing Board.**

There is hereby created the Library Joint Powers Board, which shall be responsible for administering this Agreement and overseeing the day-to-day operations of the Library System. The Governing Board shall consist of the following Directors:

- (1) The County Administrative Officer, or his/her designee, from the County of Santa Cruz.
- (2) The City Manager, or his/her designee, from the City of Santa Cruz.
- (3) The City Manager, or his/her designee, from the City of Capitola.
- (4) The City Manager, or his/her designee, from the City of Scotts Valley.

Actions of the Governing Board shall be effective upon approval of three Directors with the exception of the following actions which require the unanimous approval of all four Directors:

- (1) Financial transactions as set forth in Section 3 (A) (8), Section 3 (A) (9) and Section 3 (A) (10).
- (2) Appointment of the Director of Libraries as set forth in Section 6 (A).

- (3) Contracts with Parties for library personnel as set forth in Section 6 (B).
- (4) Contracts for support and financial services as set forth in Section 7 and Section 10 (C).
- (5) Approval of the Final Budget as set forth in Section 8.
- (6) Changes in Board adopted service levels as set forth in Section 9.

The Governing Board shall select a chairperson and a vice-chairperson in January of each year, and shall meet quarterly or more frequently as determined by the Governing Board.

A quorum of the Governing Board shall consist of three Directors, or their designee, and shall be necessary to conduct business, except that less than a quorum may adjourn from time to time. The Governing Board may adopt, from time to time, such bylaws, meeting schedules, rules and regulations for the conduct of its meetings as are necessary. The Governing Board shall be governed by the requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act.

A Director shall cease to participate in the Governing Board if she/he ceases to be an employee in the designated capacity of the Party she/he represents, or if the entity ceases to be a Party to this Agreement.

#### **B. Library Advisory Commission.**

The Governing Board shall be advised by a Library Advisory Commission. The Commission shall consist of the following Commissioners who must be registered voters:

- (1) Three residents of unincorporated Santa Cruz County appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the County Board of Supervisors, with one each from Supervisorial Districts 1, 2 and 5.
- (2) Two Santa Cruz city residents appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the Santa Cruz City Council.
- (3) One Capitola resident appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the Capitola City Council.
- (4) One Scotts Valley resident appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the Scotts Valley City Council.

Commissioners should reflect the diverse interests of the Library System including a wide cross-section of ages, ethnicities and backgrounds as well as representation in the areas of technology, education and business, or other areas identified by the Governing Board. Elected members of each jurisdiction are not eligible for appointment to the Commission.

Each Commissioner shall serve a four-year term, except that the terms of the initial Commissioners shall be staggered to end at 36 months and 48 months, respectively, so as to ensure continuity among the Commissioners. The initial Commissioners shall draw lots to establish the lengths of their respective terms. Each Commissioner shall be limited to two terms. Commissioners replacing a Commissioner mid-term shall be limited to serving one additional term after completion of the remainder of the original term.

The Commission is advisory only and is intended to be a voice of the community to provide advice and feedback to the Governing Board and the Director of Libraries. The Commission will review programs and services and make necessary recommendations as they pertain to the provision of these programs and services. The Commission will prepare an annual report for consideration by the Governing Board.

The Commission shall select a chairperson and a vice-chairperson in January of each year, and shall meet at least quarterly to develop recommendations to the Governing Board on Library System hours, organization and services.

A quorum of the Commission shall consist of a majority of Commissioners and shall be necessary to conduct business, except that less than a quorum may adjourn from time to time. The Commission may adopt, from time to time, such bylaws, meeting schedules, rules and regulations for the conduct of its meetings as are necessary. The Commission shall be governed by the requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act.

## **6. Employees**

### **A. Director of Libraries.**

The Director of Libraries shall be hired by the Services Authority and serve pursuant to the terms of an employment contract. The unanimous approval of the Directors of the Governing Board is required to hire the Director of Libraries. The contract between the Director of Libraries and the Services Authority shall outline details of compensation and benefits. The contract may be administered by a Party under contract with the Services Authority.

The Director of Libraries shall be responsible for the efficient administration and supervision of the Library System. The Director of Libraries shall serve as staff to the Governing Board and Commission, and shall cooperate to assist the Directors and Commissioners in performing their responsibilities. The Director of Libraries shall cause a notice of this Agreement to be filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to the Act.

The Governing Board shall be responsible for the day to day supervision of the Director of Libraries. The performance of the Director of Libraries shall be appraised annually by the Governing Board, which shall solicit written comments from each Director and Commissioner.

The Director of Libraries shall upon request make presentations to the Board of Supervisors and City Councils of each jurisdiction to present matters relative to the Library System. In addition, upon request of a Party, the Director of Libraries shall make written and oral reports to the elected body of each Party on the status of public library services.

In addition to the other powers and duties specified in this Agreement, the Director of Libraries shall have the power:

- (1) Under the policy direction of the Governing Board, to plan, organize and direct all Services Authority activities.
- (2) To develop a proposed operating and capital budget.



- (3) To authorize expenditures within the amounts authorized by the Governing Board and subject to the appropriations and limitations of the approved budget.
- (4) To make recommendations to and requests of the Governing Board concerning all matters that are to be performed, done or carried out by the Governing Board.
- (5) To make recommendations to and requests of the Commission concerning all matters that are to be performed, done or carried out by the Commission.
- (6) To have charge of, handle or have access to any property of the Services Authority.
- (7) To apply and negotiate for and administer grants and subventions from the State or federal governments or other funding sources. All applications requiring matching or contributory funds must be approved by the Governing Board.
- (8) To determine what books and other library materials and equipment shall be purchased, as provided by California Education Code Section 19146, subject to budgetary limitations.
- (9) To serve as the purchasing agent for the Services Authority.
- (10) To hire, supervise, discipline and dismiss as necessary any employees of the Services Authority.
- (11) To work cooperatively with the applicable Parties to hire, supervise, discipline and dismiss as necessary any employees of the Parties contracted to provide staff to the Library System in accordance with the rules and regulations of the contracting Parties.

#### **B. Other Library Staff**

The Services Authority may directly employ library personnel or contract with one or more of the Parties to meet the staffing requirements of the Library System. Any contract with a Party or Parties for library staffing shall require the unanimous approval of the Directors of the Governing Board. In the event that the Services Authority begins employing library personnel upon termination of any contract with a Party or Parties previously providing library staffing, the Services Authority will be recognized as a Successor Employer to the Party or Parties in accordance with the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) successor doctrine.

#### **7. Support Services**

The Services Authority may obtain support services including legal counsel, accounting, purchasing, treasury, human resources, payroll and other services from the Parties or private entities at cost by the most cost effective and service efficient method available, as determined by the Governing Board. Any such arrangement shall require a written agreement as to the terms and shall require review annually unless a longer term is agreed to by the unanimous approval of the Directors of the Governing Board.

#### **8. Annual Budget Process**

Each year, the Services Authority shall adopt an annual budget no later than June 30 for the upcoming July 1 to June 30 fiscal year that delineates the planned revenues and expenditures of the Library System.



**A. Consideration of Library Service and Budget Priorities.**

The annual budget process for the Library System shall commence no later than March 31 for each year with a Governing Board meeting for the purpose of considering the service and budget priorities for the upcoming fiscal year.

**B. Development of Proposed Library Budget.**

The Director of Libraries shall prepare the proposed operating and capital budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

**C. Public Hearing on Proposed Budget.**

The Services Authority shall hold a public hearing on the Proposed Budget which shall be held no later than May 31. Copies of the Proposed Budget shall be available for public inspection at least ten days prior to the public hearing.

At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Governing Board shall request such supplemental reports as it deems appropriate and schedule final action on the Proposed Budget for a public meeting to be held no later than June 30.

**D. Approval of Final Budget.**

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the unanimous approval of the Directors of the Governing Board shall be required to approve and adopt the Final Library Budget for the upcoming fiscal year. If the Governing Board has not reached agreement by July 1 of the new fiscal year, the previous year's Final Budget will remain in effect until a new budget is approved. However, if the Governing Board has not reached agreement and revenues decline, then the previous year's Final Budget will be in effect with proportionate cuts based on Board adopted service levels.

**9. Library Policies**

All policies relating to the provision of library services, including hours, organization, staffing levels and type, and other services, shall be determined by the Governing Board with a goal of maintaining a ten (10) branch system, in addition to the bookmobile, virtual services or other service delivery methods as deemed appropriate, that strives to provide equitable service based upon agreed upon metrics. Current policies with respect to the library shall continue in full force and effect until changed by the Governing Board.

**10. Finances**

**A. Revenues.**

The library services provided through this Agreement shall be funded through funds made available to the Services Authority by the Santa Cruz County Library Financing Authority. The Parties agree that any resident of Santa Cruz County, regardless of residence location, shall have free access to the library facilities, materials and services of the Library System.

**B. Supplemental Revenues.**

Each participating City and the County may supplement revenues to provide for enhanced services at individual library facilities.

**C. Treasurer-Controller.**

Pursuant to Section 6505.5 and 6505.6 of the Joint Powers Act, the Governing Board will select and contract with an individual (hereinafter "the Treasurer-Controller") to perform the functions of the treasurer and the functions of the auditor of the Services Authority, as such functions are set forth in Section 6505.5 of the Joint Powers Law. Pursuant to Section 6505.1 of the Joint Powers Act, the Treasurer-Controller shall have custody of, handle and have access to all accounts, funds and money of the Services Authority from whatever source and all records of the Services Authority relating thereto.

The Treasurer-Controller of the Services Authority is hereby designated as the public officer or person who has charge of, handles, or has access to any property of the Services Authority. The Treasurer-Controller shall file an official bond in the amount of \$25,000 as required by Section 6505.1 of the Joint Powers Act; provided, that such bond shall not be required if the Services Authority does not possess or own property or funds with an aggregate value of greater than \$500 (excluding amounts held by a trustee or other fiduciary in connection with any Bonds). So long as required by Section 6505 and Section 6505.5 of the Joint Powers Act, every year during the term of this Agreement the Treasurer-Controller of the Services Authority shall prepare or cause to be prepared an independent audit to be made by a certified public accountant, or a public accountant, as required under Sections 6505, 6505.5, and 6505.6 of the Joint Powers Act.

**11. Mutual Indemnification and Insurance**

**A. Mutual Defense and Indemnification of Parties and Employees.**

Except as otherwise specified in this Section, each Party and the Services Authority, respectively, shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless one another against any and all claims, actions, losses, liability or expense (including attorney's fees) arising out of, or based upon, the acts or omissions of the Services Authority or any Party in executing the powers of the Services Authority. Notwithstanding the foregoing, to the full extent permitted by law, the Services Authority shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless any Party, including but not limited to a party whose employees serve as staff to the Library System, and any person who is or was a Director of the Governing Board, or an officer, employee or other agent of the Services Authority or a Party, against expenses, judgments, fines, settlements and other amounts actually and reasonably incurred in connection with any legal proceeding related to the work of the Services Authority, if such person acted in good faith and in the course and scope of his or her office, employment or agency. In the case of a criminal proceeding, the Services Authority may, but is not required to, provide for indemnification and defense of a Director of the Governing Board, or an officer, employee or other agent of the Services Authority to the extent permitted by law.

**B. Liability Insurance.**

The Services Authority shall purchase a General Liability Insurance policy with coverage in the minimum amount of \$2,500,000 combined single limit, including coverage for: (a) bodily injury, (b) personal injury, (c) broad form property damage, (d) contractual liability, and (e) cross-liability. The named insured shall be the Services Authority and, accordingly, the Services Authority shall have responsibility for exercising all rights conferred by the insurance policy upon the insured.

**C. Casualty Insurance.**

Each Party shall insure the Library System buildings situated within their respective jurisdictions against casualty losses. The cost for insuring such buildings shall be considered direct costs, and shall be borne by the Party within whose jurisdiction the building is located, provided, however, that the cost of insurance coverage on the Downtown Branch building shall be shared as a system-wide cost.

**D. Uninsured Claims**

Any uninsured costs of providing liability defense, including payments for legal fees and costs and including payment of adjusted and settled claims and judgments must be approved by the Parties. Where it is necessary to employ special legal counsel given the nature of the claim, the Services Authority shall select said special legal counsel. Legal counsel shall report to the Services Authority with respect to said claims in recognition of the Services Authority's status as defendant and client. Legal counsel shall therefore enjoy an attorney-client privilege with the Services Authority and the Services Authority shall have the authority to make all decisions for which a client is customarily responsible in an attorney-client relationship, including final decisions with respect to the adjustment and settlement of uninsured claims and the rejection of settlement offers.

**E. Closed Sessions**

All information received by the Governing Board in a closed session related to the information presented to the Governing Board shall remain confidential. In accordance with California Government Code Section 54956.96, however, a Director may disclose information obtained in a closed session that has direct financial or liability implications for a Party to the following individuals:

- (1) Legal counsel to that Party for purposes of obtaining advice on whether the matter has direct financial or liability implications for that Party; and
- (2) Other members of the legislative body of that Party present in a closed session of that Party.

**12. Distribution of Assets upon Termination/Withdrawal**

**A. Services Authority Assets.**

The Services Authority's assets shall be distributed to the Parties upon the termination of this Agreement or withdrawal by a Party as herein provided. Within one hundred and twenty days (120) after notice of termination of this Agreement, or withdrawal



from this Agreement, the Parties shall agree on a method of inventory and valuation of all assets of the Library System to be apportioned to the Parties, and shall cause the completion of such inventory and valuation within six (6) months after notice of termination or withdrawal. The costs of such inventory and valuation shall be a Library System cost under this Agreement. In determining specific assets to be distributed to the Parties, the Parties agree that every effort shall be made to first distribute to each Party those assets then located within that Party's jurisdiction, and ensure the assets are evenly divided based on the then current population ratios of the Parties. The remaining assets shall then be apportioned and distributed as deemed most convenient to the Parties. The Services Authority shall freely share its catalogue and other information regarding library materials with all Parties.

#### **B. Special Collections.**

It is understood and agreed that the apportionment and allocation of assets pursuant to this paragraph shall not result in the separation or breaking up of the Downtown Branch reference collection, periodical backfiles, local history collection, or Californiana collection. All of these collections and materials shall remain the property of the City of Santa Cruz. Further, the Parties (or, if necessary, the arbitrator referenced in Section 14) shall honor all special conditions and agreements imposed by donors of special collections to the Library System.

#### **13. Construction of Library Facilities**

Whenever a Party remodels, renovates or constructs a facility to be operated by the Services Authority, the Director of Libraries shall advise the Party in all matters regarding the site, design and construction of the facility. The Party and the architects retained by the Party shall consult with the Director of Libraries or his/her designee as often as the latter deems necessary to the proper exercise of his/her responsibilities. The Party shall obtain advance written approval from the Director of Libraries of all plans and specifications, including furnishings, for the inside of the facility.

The Party which selects or approves the architect and oversees the construction of a branch library shall be financially responsible for any and all construction defects and shall have an obligation to correct the defects within a reasonable period following the discovery of the defect.

#### **14. Arbitration**

The Parties agree to submit to arbitration in accordance with this paragraph any impasse or other inability to agree upon any of the following matters:

- (A) Division and distribution of assets pursuant to Section 12 of this Agreement;
- (B) Any other matters which the Parties mutually agree to submit to arbitration.

Upon request in writing by any Party that any of the above-listed matters be submitted to arbitration, the Governing Board shall meet to attempt to resolve the dispute and to agree upon an arbitrator if the dispute is not otherwise resolved. In the event the dispute is not resolved and no agreement is reached on the selection of an arbitrator within thirty days of the request for arbitration, then the Parties shall request the Presiding Judge

of the Superior Court of Santa Cruz County appoint an independent arbitrator. Each of the Parties shall pay an equal share of the fees and expenses of the arbitrator.

Except as provided in this Agreement, any arbitration arising hereunder shall be conducted in accordance with the California Arbitration Act (Section 1280, et seq., of the California Code of Civil Procedure.)

#### **15. Amendments**

This Agreement may only be amended with the unanimous consent of the Parties. Any Party proposing to amend this Agreement shall give notice of its intent to propose an amendment at any meeting of the Governing Board at least 60 days prior to the date upon which the proposed amendment, if adopted by the Governing Board, would take effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed and attested by their proper officers thereunto duly authorized on the day and year stated below. This Agreement may be signed in counter parts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and all of which shall constitute one and the same agreement.

**COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ**

  
County Administrative Officer

Dated: 12/15/15, 2015

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Clerk of the Board

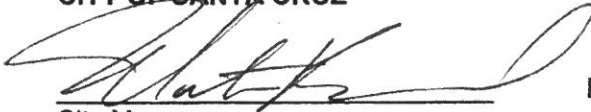
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**CITY OF SANTA CRUZ**

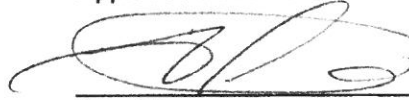
  
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City Manager

Dated: Dec. 16, 2015

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City Attorney

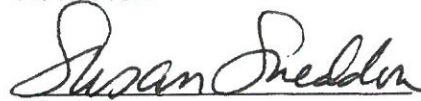
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**CITY OF CAPITOLA**

  
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City Manager  
Benjamin Goldstein


Dated: 12-16, 2015

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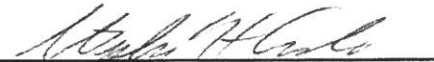
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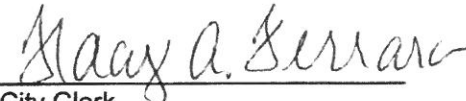
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**CITY OF SCOTTS VALLEY**


  
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City Manager

Dated: December 16, 2015

ATTESTED

  
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City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

  
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City Attorney



