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**REQUEST FOR
QUALIFICATIONS AND
PROPOSAL**

Seeking Consultant to provide
Reforestation and Tree Planting Services

Office Issue: June 4, 2026; Amended June 29, 2026
Submission Deadline: August 3, 2026
at NOON (PST)

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SECTION ONE: ACTIVITIES AND TIMELINE

**Timeline subject to change, proper notifications will occur and posted at www.glenncountyrcd.org*

- Release of office issued Request for Qualifications and Proposal – ~~June 4, 2026~~
Amended June 29, 2026
- Deadline for receiving questions in writing – ~~June 12, 2026~~ **July 17, 2026 at 9:00 AM**
- RCD to post responses to all questions received on website – ~~June 15, 2026~~ **July 20, 2026**
- Submission deadline for RFQ proposals to be received by RCD – ~~June 26, 2026~~
August 3, 2026 at NOON (PST)
- First-Level Review (Screening) – ~~June 29-30, 2026~~ **August 4/5, 2026**
- Interviews of Top Three (3) Proposers (if needed) – ~~July 7/8, 2026~~ **August 7/10, 2026**
- Final Panel Evaluation and Selection / Notice of Intent to Award – ~~July 8, 2026~~
August 10, 2026
- Contract negotiation – ~~July 8-14, 2026~~ **August 10-12, 2026**
- RCD Board of Directors consider approval of contract award and agreement at regular RCD Meeting, or special meeting as necessary – ~~July 20, 2026~~ **August 17, 2026**
- Deadline for filing protests – ~~July 30, 2026~~ **August 27, 2026**
- RCD Board of Directors review protests at special RCD Meeting – ~~July 31, 2026~~
September 2, 2026
- Project Start Date (Tentative) – ~~August 10, 2026~~ **September 14, 2026**
- Project End Date / 100% Completion Date – **December 31, 2027**

TREE PLANTING SERVICES WINDOW

- Tree Planting Period:
Fall 2026 (approximately October – December 2026, weather permitting)
- Alternate Tree Planting Period:
Spring 2027 (approximately February – April 2027, if fall planting is delayed due to weather or access conditions)

Actual planting start dates may shift based on weather, site access, and seedling availability.

Project is expected to be 100% completed by December 31, 2027

SECTION TWO: GENERAL RFQ SUMMARY

The Glenn County Resource Conservation District (Glenn County RCD) is seeking Statements of Qualifications from qualified contractors to provide reforestation and tree planting services on multiple, non-contiguous private land parcels located throughout Glenn County, California.

In particular, the private land parcels are located within the Mendocino National Forest (MNF) footprint. The Glenn County portion of the MNF footprint is unique in that it is almost entirely U.S. Forest Service Lands with no industrial timber operations. Recent wildfires, including the 2018 Ranch Fire and the 2020 August Complex Wildfire have decimated the MNF including the small private landowners.

In total there will be approximately 100,000 seedlings planted across up to 26 non-contiguous private landowners. The selected contractor will be responsible for the planting of container-grown conifer seedlings in accordance with project specifications, Best Management Practices, and applicable State and Federal environmental compliance requirements.

This RFQ is intended to establish a contract for professional tree planting services to support post-fire recovery, forest restoration, and forest health improvement efforts on non-industrial private lands. The Glenn County RCD will supply all planting stock. The contractor will furnish all labor, supervision, equipment, tools, transportation, and incidentals necessary to properly handle, transport, and plant container-grown conifer seedlings, and to meet all quality control and inspection standards.

The project is funded in whole or in part through the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) and will be implemented in compliance with all applicable grant requirements, environmental regulations, and landowner agreements. The Glenn County RCD intends to award a contract to the consultant who is determined to be the most qualified and offers the best value based on experience, technical capability, and proposed unit price per tree. The resulting contract will be a unit-price contract based on accepted trees planted.

Projects that Glenn County RCD may assign to the successful consultant include, but are not limited to:

- Glenn County Small Landowner Forest Improvement Program
- Future project implementation

SECTION THREE: PROGRAM BACKGROUND AND OVERVIEW

The Glenn County RCD and its partners are implementing reforestation and forest restoration activities on non-industrial private lands as part of ongoing wildfire recovery, forest health improvement, and watershed protection efforts. These activities are being carried out in

coordination with private landowners and State and Federal partners and are supported through funding from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) and other sources.

Project sites are located on multiple, non-contiguous parcels within Glenn County and span a range of elevations, seed zones, and post-disturbance conditions, including areas affected by recent wildfires. Project sites include several properties located approximately 5 miles from Mendocino Pass, several properties located 2-5 miles past Board Tree Campground, several properties adjacent to Alder Springs Station, and additional properties off Black Diamond Road. The remaining properties are scattered along County Road 308 and County Road 309.

The primary objective of the program is to re-establish desired conifer species, improve long-term forest resilience, and restore forest structure and function in areas where natural regeneration is insufficient or where active planting is required to meet landowner and resource management objectives.

The Glenn County RCD will provide seedling procurement, project scheduling, landowner coordination, environmental compliance, and contract administration. The selected contractor will be responsible for implementing on-the-ground tree planting activities for approximately 100,000 trees in accordance with approved project designs, planting specifications, and environmental protection measures. The work will be conducted in compliance with applicable CEQA documentation, CAL FIRE Forest Practice Rules, grant requirements, and Best Management Practices for soil, water, and biological resource protection.

SECTION FOUR: SCOPE OF SERVICES

PROJECT TIMELINE

- **Project Start Date (Tentative) – ~~August 10, 2026~~ September 14, 2026**
- **Project End Date / 100% Completion Date – December 31, 2027**

The work will be implemented in support of post-fire recovery, forest health, and wildfire resilience projects funded in part by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) and other partners.

- ✓ **approximately 100,000 container-grown conifer seedlings planted**
- ✓ **up to 26 non-contiguous private landowners**
- ✓ **Mendocino National Forest in Glenn County, CA footprint**

The selected contractor shall furnish all labor, supervision, equipment, tools, transportation, and incidentals necessary to properly handle, transport, and plant container-grown conifer seedlings supplied by Glenn County RCD. All work shall be performed in accordance with

project specifications, approved planting prescriptions, Best Management Practices (BMPs), and applicable State and Federal environmental compliance requirements.

Primary qualifications and services to be provided under this contract include, but are not limited to the following:

- Provide all labor, supervision, equipment, tools, transportation, cold storage, handling, and incidentals necessary to complete tree planting activities on multiple, non-contiguous private land parcels throughout Glenn County within the MNF footprint.
- Coordinate pickup of CAL FIRE nursery seedlings from designated nurseries, coolers, storage facilities, or approved pickup locations, and provide transportation, proper storage, and handling from pickup through planting and inspection.
- Transport seedlings from designated cooler or storage facilities to planting sites while protecting container-grown conifer seedlings from heat, freezing, drying, desiccation, temperature stress, and physical damage.
- Properly handle, field store, and care for seedlings to maintain viability and compliance with project quality standards.
- Implement manual planting of seedlings in accordance with approved planting plans, unit-specific planting prescriptions, low-density wildfire-resilient spacing objectives, specified spacing requirements, and approved microsite selection criteria.
- Prepare planting spots and install seedlings using approved planting techniques that ensure proper depth, orientation, root placement, soil firming, and protection from exposure, consistent with the Specific Work Requirements (Attachment A).
- Supervise planting crews through qualified on-site foremen and implement on-site quality control measures to ensure compliance with technical specifications, environmental protection measures, project standards, and safety requirements.
- Comply with all avoidance measures, avoidance areas, buffers, Limited Operating Periods (LOPs), and Best Management Practices related to biological, cultural, soil, and water resources.
- Coordinate and cooperate with Glenn County RCD staff and inspectors regarding access, scheduling, inspection activities, quality assurance inspections, and acceptance reviews.
- Perform corrective planting, replacement planting, or replanting of seedlings that fail to meet quality standards, technical specifications, or inspection criteria, as required by the contract.
- Maintain daily production and quality control records and provide progress updates as requested by Glenn County RCD.

All planting locations, access routes, treatment boundaries, and exclusion areas will be provided in the form of maps and GIS data by Glenn County RCD to the hired contractor. Travel, mobilization, and movement between up to 26 non-contiguous parcels shall be

considered incidental to the unit price per tree. The contractor shall be responsible for mobilizing crews between non-contiguous sites and for completing all work within the specified planting window and schedule. All work shall be performed in accordance with the Tree Planting Standards and Quality Requirements contained in Attachment A – Tree Planting Standards and Inspection Criteria, which are incorporated by reference into this RFQ and shall be considered part of the contract requirements.

SECTION FIVE: MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

The ideal consultant will possess:

- Demonstrated experience in large-scale reforestation and manual tree planting of container-grown conifer seedlings, including post-fire and forest restoration projects.
- Experience working on non-industrial private lands and in mountainous or variable terrain conditions.
- Knowledge of proper seedling handling, storage, transport, and planting techniques to ensure high survival and growth.
- Experience implementing projects subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements, CAL FIRE Forest Practice Rules, and grant-funded project conditions.
- Ability to work within environmental avoidance areas, riparian buffers, and Limited Operating Periods (LOPs), and to follow all Best Management Practices (BMPs).
- Ability to mobilize and manage planting crews across multiple, non-contiguous project sites and complete work within seasonal planting windows.
- Ability to provide timely services and to meet required schedules, quality standards, and inspection criteria.
- Possession of a valid California Contractor's License appropriate for forestry, reforestation, or landscape planting services (e.g., C-61 Limited Specialty – Forest Services, C-27 Landscape Contractor, or equivalent), in good standing with the Contractors State License Board (CSLB).
- Demonstrated experience working on projects funded or administered by CAL FIRE or similar State or Federal forestry programs, and familiarity with applicable Forest Practice Rules and grant compliance requirements.
- Compliance with all Cal/OSHA safety requirements, including maintenance of an Injury and Illness Prevention Program (IIPP), heat illness prevention procedures, and first aid/CPR certification for crew supervisors.
- Designation of a qualified on-site foreman or crew supervisor responsible for quality control, safety compliance, and coordination.
- Ability to provide and maintain all required insurance coverage for the duration of the contract, as specified in the Professional Services Agreement.
- Familiarity with the Mendocino National Forest and surrounding project area is preferred.

Proposer, proposer's principal, and/or proposer's staff, including any sub-contractor(s), shall have been regularly engaged in the same or comparable tree planting and reforestation services as outlined in Section Four: Scope of Services for a minimum of three (3) years.

Proposer and all proposer sub-contractor(s) shall possess all permits, licenses, and professional credentials necessary to perform services as specified under this RFQ.

Proposer shall furnish all labor, equipment, supervision, transportation, supplies, and incidentals necessary to perform all work in accordance with the Tree Planting Standards and Quality Requirements referenced herein.

SECTION SIX: PROPOSAL PACKAGE REQUIREMENTS

A. PROPOSAL FORMAT

Proposals are to be straightforward, clear, concise and responsive to the information requested. In order for proposals to be considered complete, proposers must provide all requested information, including the signature of the proposer and proposer's principle.

Each proposer must submit one (1) original proposal and three (3) copies, as well as an electronic copy (e.g. PDF file) via email, if possible.

B. PROPOSAL ELEMENTS

1. Cover Letter (1-page)

2. Qualifications and Experience (up to 8-pages)

Provide an overview of qualifications, experience with any similar projects and comparable work on comparable sites. Be sure to describe items contained in Section Five: Minimum Qualifications as listed above. Please describe the ability to coordinate with both field personnel and project managers, and include items such as successfully completing projects and the corresponding final deliverables, having met project timelines, any challenges faced and resolutions reached or solutions implemented, etc.

Proposer shall provide all documentation of current permits, licenses, and professional credentials necessary to perform services as specified under this RFQ. Include copies in the proposal.

Demonstrate experience in large-scale reforestation and manual planting of container-grown conifer seedlings, including post-fire or forest restoration projects.

2. References

Include at least three (3) separate, unique references who can attest to the proposer's performance and capability on these types of projects. Include the following information: Date(s) of Project Work, Reference Name, Contact Information, Project Name, and Brief Description of Project.

3. Approach

Describe approach to providing services needed to accomplish Section Four: Scope of Services in a high quality, cost-effective, environmentally sound and timely manner. Demonstrate a thorough conceptual and technical understanding of the purpose and scope of the project. If planning to sub-contract out for any services, identify which items will be sub-contracted, the sub-contractor information (if known) and any previous working relationships on projects and/or the ability to educate and/or train the sub-contractor(s).

Describe approach to seedling handling, transport from cooler to field, planting methods, crew supervision, and quality control procedures.

4. Staff to be Assigned

Provide a staff organization chart and identify the roles and responsibilities to be fulfilled by each staff or sub-contractor(s).

5. Cost Estimate

Provide a unit price on a per-tree basis for all planting services described in this RFQ. The unit price shall include all labor, supervision, equipment, tools, transportation, mobilization between non-contiguous sites, and incidentals necessary to properly plant container-grown seedlings in accordance with the Tree Planting Standards and Quality Requirements.

The proposer shall submit a completed Price Sheet (Attachment C) showing the cost per tree and the total estimated project cost based on the estimated number of seedlings to be planted.

6. Crew Capacity and Schedule

Provide anticipated crew size, daily planting production rate, and availability during the planting window, including ability to work on multiple non-contiguous units.

7. Conflicts of Interest Disclosure

8. Debarment or Disqualification Statement (as required by State)

SECTION SEVEN: RFQ PROCESS

A. SUBMITTAL OF PROPOSALS

Sealed proposals must be received at the Glenn County RCD’s Office, **NO LATER THAN JUNE 26, 2026 August 3, 2026 at NOON (PST)**.

Each proposer must submit one (1) original proposal and three (3) copies, as well as an electronic copy (e.g. PDF file) via email, if possible.

Proposals are to be addressed as follows:

**Glenn County Resource Conservation District
RFQ for Consulting Services-SLFIP
Attention: Kandi Manhart-Belding, Executive Officer
132 N. Enright Avenue, Suite C, Willows, CA 95988
Email: kandi@glenncountyrcd.org**

Proposer’s name and return address must also appear on the envelope.

Proposals will be received only at the address shown above and must be received by the time indicated. It is the sole responsibility of the proposer to send or deliver its proposal so that it is received by the time and date required, regardless of postmark. Any proposal received after said time and/or date, or at a place other than the stated address, cannot be considered and **will not be accepted**. No facsimile (fax) proposals will be considered. The Glenn County RCD date and time stamp shall be considered the official timepiece for the purpose of establishing the actual receipt of proposals.

B. SUBMITTER’S QUESTIONS

Submitters questions regarding the RFQ must be submitted exclusively in writing to the Glenn County RCD by **June 12, 2026 July 17, 2026 at 9:00 AM**. Except for questions that might render the award of this contract invalid, the Glenn County RCD will not respond to any questions submitted after this time. The Glenn County RCD will use an addendum to the RFQ to post any questions received, along with written responses, on the Glenn County RCD website, www.glenncountyrcd.org, (*Click on “Projects > > RFPs/RFQs - Request For Proposals/Qualifications”*). **It is the responsibility of the proposers to check the Glenn County RCD website to review the questions and responses.** Any oral responses to questions are not binding on the Glenn County RCD.

Questions should be addressed to:

Glenn County Resource Conservation District
Attention: Kandi Manhart-Belding, Executive Officer
132 N. Enright Avenue, Suite C, Willows, CA 95988

-OR-

Email: kandi@glenncountyrcd.org

C. COSTS OF DEVELOPING THE PROPOSAL

All costs incurred in the preparation of a proposal are the responsibility of each proposer and will not be reimbursed by the Glenn County RCD.

D. PROPOSAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

It is the responsibility of each proposer to be familiar with all of the specifications, terms and conditions of the RFQ. By the signature and submission of a proposal, the proposer certifies that if awarded a contract, proposer will make no claim against the Glenn County RCD based upon ignorance of or misunderstanding of the specifications.

Each proposer shall submit its proposal with the understanding that the proposal, and any other supplemental documents, files, pictures, bonds etc., will become a part of the official file on this matter and shall be subject to disclosure, if requested by a member of the public, following the completion of negotiations.

By submitting a proposal, each proposer certifies that all statements in this proposal are true. This constitutes a warranty, the falsity of which shall include the right, at the Glenn County RCD option, of declaring any contract made, as a result thereof, null and void. Proposals shall be completed, executed, and submitted in accordance with the instructions of this RFQ. If a proposal is not submitted in the format specified in this RFQ, it may be rejected, unless the Glenn County RCD determines that the nonconformity is either a minor irregularity or that the defect or variation in the proposal is immaterial or inconsequential. The Glenn County RCD may give the proposer an opportunity to cure any deficiency resulting from a minor irregularity or an immaterial or inconsequential defect, or may waive such deficiency, whichever is most advantageous to the Glenn County RCD.

E. SUCCESSFUL PROPOSAL AS PART OF CONTRACT SERVICES

Proposals received in response to this RFQ, at the Glenn County RCD discretion, may be incorporated into the awarded contract(s) and may serve as basic terms and conditions for the ultimate contract(s). Therefore, proposers are advised that, if successful, they will be held responsible for levels of services proposed at the funding levels quoted. The Glenn County RCD reserves the right to negotiate modifications or revisions to any awarded

contract.

1. EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

The objective is to perform a thorough and fair evaluation of submitted proposals and facilitate the selection of a proposer that best satisfies the Glenn County RCD requirements. The following describes the evaluation process and associated components. Also, see attached Proposal Evaluation Form.

2. SELECTION PROCESS

- a. The Glenn County RCD shall create, for the purpose of evaluating the proposals for this RFQ, a Review Committee composed of representatives from the Glenn County RCD Board, Staff and may also elect to include as part of the Review Committee qualified representatives from other agencies or entities.
- b. Proposal documentation requirements set forth in this RFQ are designed to provide guidance to proposers concerning the type of information that will be used by the Review Committee. Proposers shall be prepared to respond to requests by the Review Committee for additional items as deemed necessary to assist in the evaluation process.

3. EVALUATION CRITERIA & SCORING

The Review Committee shall be responsible for performing the evaluations of each proposal. Best approach and timelines determination shall be the evaluation method used when considering criteria other than cost. Each member of the Review Committee shall rate the proposers separately. The scores of each of the Review Committee members shall then be averaged to provide a total score for each of the proposers. The proposals shall be evaluated on the following categories; the maximum weight possible for each category is listed below:

A. Completeness of Proposal	Pass/Fail
B. Qualifications and Experience	40%
C. Approach and Timeline	30%
D. Cost	30%

4. AWARD

Award will be made to the qualified proposer(s) whose proposal will be most advantageous to the Glenn County RCD, with price and all other factors considered meaning the most reasonable, responsible bidder as determined by the authorized purchasing authority, which comparing price, qualifications, timeliness to meet needed

deadlines, competitive fairness, and ensuring opportunities for inclusion must be reviewed, and ultimately, must align with Approved Funding Agreement goals and objectives. The Glenn County RCD will negotiate with the highest ranked proposer to develop a scope of work, rates and contract for mutual satisfaction. Glenn County RCD may modify scope of work, rates and contract through normal business operations should there be unforeseen changes.

If the Glenn County RCD cannot successfully negotiate a contract with the highest ranked proposer, the Glenn County RCD will terminate negotiations and begin negotiations with the next highest ranked proposer.

Proposers are advised Glenn County RCD reserves the right to the following:

- To reject any or all proposals
- To consider historic information and fact, whether gained from the proposer's proposal or any other source, in the evaluation process; and
- The proposer is cautioned that it is the proposer's sole responsibility to submit information related to the evaluation categories and criteria and the Glenn County RCD is under no obligation to solicit such information if it is not included with the proposal. Failure of the individual or firm to submit such information may cause an adverse impact on the evaluation of the proposal.

F. OTHER REQUIREMENTS

In order to contract with the Glenn County RCD, a proposer must meet the following requirements:

- Make available to the Glenn County RCD its Federal Tax Identification Number (TIN) or Social Security Number (SSN).
- Comply with all Federal, State and local rules, regulations and policies, including but not limited to: Standard contract language of the Glenn County RCD via the Professional Services Agreement.
- Meet the requirements for audit of its expenditures if required.
- Meet the project written and calculated reporting requirements as deemed necessary by the Glenn County RCD's funding agreement.

G. NON-DISCRIMINATION

The proposer selected through this RFQ shall provide services without discrimination based on race, creed, color, ethnic or linguistic identification, gender or sexual preference, disability or handicap or any other basis prohibited by law. This shall include opportunities of inclusion.

H. PROTEST PROCESS

Per Glenn County RCD, *Policy 2135.4.2.b Protest Procedure*, after the award of any contract/agreement, any parties who submitted a proposal and wishes to challenge the procurement procedure, other submissions or the contract award shall file a written protest within ten (10) days of the award to the Secretary of the Board, stating the reasons for the challenge. The Board of Directors shall review the protest, as an agenized item, at a regularly scheduled Board Meeting, or by a special meeting of the Board pursuant to Government Code 54956, and provide the protestor with a written response to their issue(s).

- Written protest shall be submitted in writing to Glenn County Resource Conservation District, 132 N. Enright Avenue, Suite C, Willows, CA 95988, Attention: Kandi Manhart-Belding (Secretary of the Board) and, if available, emailed to kandi@glenncountyrcd.org.
- The protest must include the name, address, telephone number and e-mail address of the person representing the protesting party, as well as reasons for the challenge.

Proposer's failure to comply with these procedures shall constitute a waiver of any right to further pursue the protest, including filing a Government Code claim or legal proceedings.

I. PUBLIC RECORDS ACCESS

Proposers should be aware that submitted proposals are subject to the California Public Records Act and may be disclosed to members of the public upon request. It is the responsibility of the proposers to clearly identify information in their proposals that they consider to be confidential under the California Public Records Act. To the extent that the Glenn County RCD agrees with that designation, such information will be held in confidence whenever possible. All other information will be considered public.

All information regarding the proposals will be held as confidential until such time as the Review Committee has completed its evaluation and, or if, contract negotiations are complete and agreement approved.

SECTION EIGHT: CONTRACT INFORMATION

A. SAMPLE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

See attached Sample Professional Services Agree

SECTION NINE: FUNDING RECOGNITION



"Funding for this project provided by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's Wildfire Resilience Program."

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ATTACHMENT A

TREE PLANTING STANDARDS & QUALITY REQUIREMENTS

1. LOCATION AND ACCESS

Work unit boundaries are virtual in nature and will be provided by Glenn County RCD in the form of georeferenced PDF maps and GIS shapefiles. It is expected that the Contractor's on-site foreman will have GPS, tablet, or other device capable of accessing and navigating using these digital maps. Unit boundaries will generally follow identifiable features on the ground such as roads, ridgelines, drainages, existing vegetation breaks, or property boundaries. Flagging may be present in limited areas where necessary.

Planting units are located on multiple, non-contiguous private land parcels throughout Glenn County, California. In particular, within the Mendocino National Forest footprint. Access will be via a combination of public and private roads. Most roads will be passable by two-wheel-drive vehicles during dry conditions, but four-wheel drive may be required during wet or snowy periods. All mobilization between non-contiguous units shall be included in the Contractor's unit price per tree.

All equipment entering project sites shall be clean and free of soil, seeds, and vegetative material to prevent the introduction or spread of invasive species.

2. DISTRICT-FURNISHED PROPERTY

Glenn County RCD will furnish all tree seedlings for this project. Seedlings have been ordered through the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) nursery program and will consist of container-grown conifer stock (primarily Styroblock-91 or approved equivalent). Species will include, but are not limited to, Douglas-fir, Ponderosa pine, Jeffrey pine, Sugar pine, Incense cedar, and Red fir, consistent with the CAL FIRE nursery order, seed zones, and elevation bands specified for each planting unit.

The Contractor shall be responsible for coordinating seedling pickup from the designated CAL FIRE nursery or approved pickup location. Seedlings will be available for pickup at a CAL FIRE nursery or approved staging location in Northern California, anticipated to be within a reasonable hauling distance of Glenn County. The exact pickup location and pickup schedule will be coordinated with the selected Contractor prior to the planting season.

From the time of pickup until final planting and inspection are complete, the Contractor shall be fully responsible for all seedling handling, transport, cold storage, and protection from heat, freezing, drying, and physical damage. The Contractor shall take all necessary precautions to maintain seedling viability and quality during transport, storage, and planting operations.

Seedlings showing signs of damage, desiccation, mold, or other deterioration shall be immediately reported to Glenn County RCD and shall not be planted without approval.

3. SPECIFIC WORK REQUIREMENTS – TREE PLANTING

3.1 Seedling Care and Handling

Seedlings shall be protected at all times from drying, heating, freezing, crushing, smothering, rapid temperature fluctuations, and direct sunlight. Seedlings shall remain in original containers until immediately prior to planting. Containers shall be opened only in full shade.

Seedlings shall be transported in insulated or shaded vehicles. Field storage shall be in cool, shaded locations with adequate ventilation. Seedlings showing signs of mold, desiccation, root damage, or other injury shall be reported immediately to Glenn County RCD staff and shall not be planted without approval.

Frozen seedlings shall not be handled until completely thawed in shade. Roots shall not be exposed to standing water or snow.

3.2 Field Handling

1. Only the tops of seedlings may be exposed while in planting bags.
2. Seedlings shall be removed from planting bags only immediately before planting.
3. Seedlings shall be removed carefully to avoid root stripping or plug damage.
4. The number of seedlings carried by each planter shall not exceed what can be planted within one hour under prevailing weather conditions.
5. Seedlings placed in planting bags shall be planted out and not returned to storage.
6. Crews shall remain together and under continuous supervision by the on-site foreman.
7. Seedlings shall not be transported outside unit boundaries except as directed by Glenn County RCD staff.

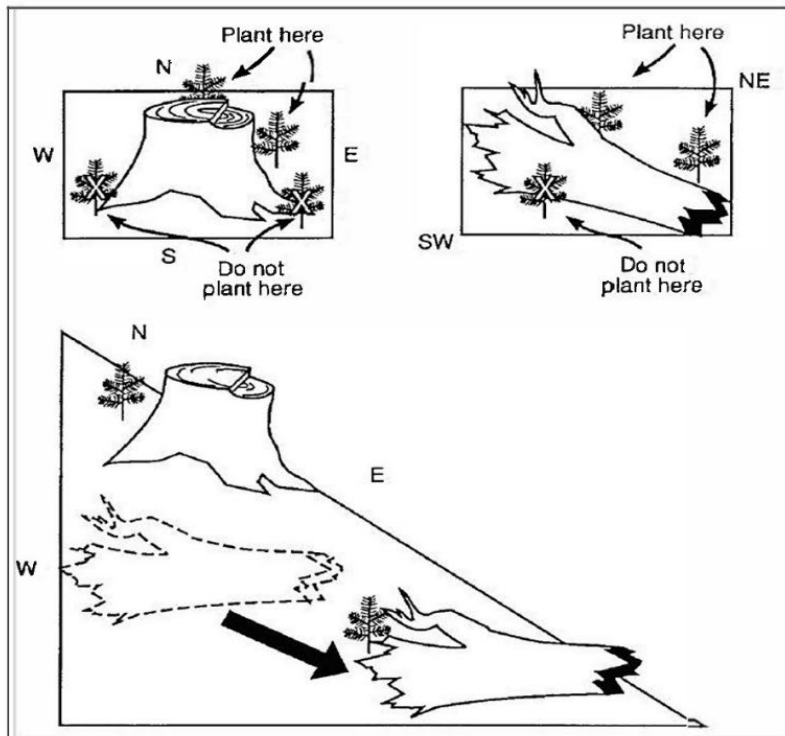
3.3 Spacing and Microsite Selection

Planting density will be intentionally low to promote long-term forest health and reduce future wildfire risk. Final spacing and trees-per-acre (TPA) targets will be specified in unit-specific planting prescriptions and maps provided by Glenn County RCD. Density may vary by elevation, site productivity, burn severity, and existing natural regeneration.

Spacing may be adjusted within reasonable tolerances to utilize favorable microsites and avoid unplantable areas. Preference shall be given to microsites that provide partial shade, moisture retention, protection from wind, and reduced competing vegetation. Natural regeneration may be incorporated where it meets spacing and vigor objectives.

When encountering rocky or otherwise unplantable spots, planters shall make multiple reasonable attempts to open a planting hole. If unsuccessful, the seedling shall be planted in the nearest suitable microsite while maintaining overall spacing objectives.

Figure A-1



Planting in a microsite in the shade
(Source: *Reforestation Practices in Southwestern Oregon and Northern California*, Oregon State University Forest Research Lab).

Figure A-1. Example of Preferred Microsite Placement for Seedlings to Utilize Shade and Moisture Protection

3.4 Planting Spot Preparation

Planting spots shall be prepared by scalping to expose mineral soil, approximately 12 inches by 12 inches, removing competing vegetation and surface debris. Planting holes shall be of sufficient depth and width to fully accommodate the container plug without bending or deformation of roots.

On slopes, planting holes shall be oriented between true vertical and perpendicular to slope to ensure proper root alignment and soil stability.

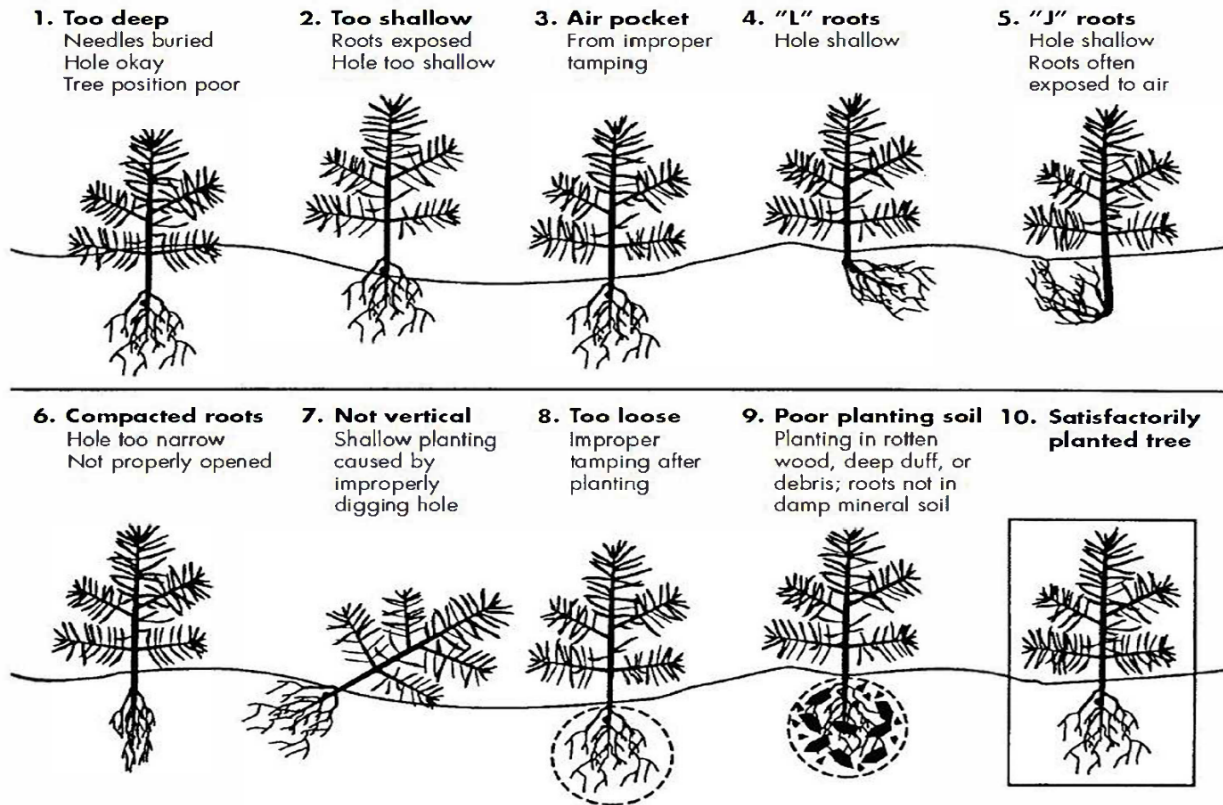
3.5 Tree Placement

Seedlings shall be centered in the planting spot and placed so that the root collar is level with the surrounding mineral soil surface. Roots and plugs shall be in natural alignment, not twisted, spiraled, doubled, or J-rooted. No portion of the root system shall be exposed, and no foliage shall be buried.

3.6 Filling and Firming

Moist mineral soil shall be placed around the root system and firmly packed to eliminate air pockets. Soil shall be firmed progressively from the bottom of the hole upward. After planting, the seedling shall be vertical, stable, and firmly anchored. Firmness will be tested by gently pulling upward on the stem; no movement shall occur.

Figure A-2



Common planting mistakes (Source: *Reforestation Practices in Southwestern Oregon and Northern California*, Oregon State University Forest Research Lab).

Figure A-2. Example Common Tree Planting Errors and Proper Planting Standard

4. COMMENCEMENT AND WORK CONDITIONS

Work shall commence within the planting window specified by Glenn County RCD and shall be coordinated through a pre-work meeting or notice to proceed. Daily work hours, weather limitations, access constraints, and safety requirements shall be coordinated with Glenn County RCD staff and landowners.

A qualified on-site foreman shall be present at all times and shall be responsible for quality control, safety compliance, and coordination with Glenn County RCD inspectors.

5. INSPECTION, ACCEPTANCE, AND CORRECTIVE ACTION

All planting will be subject to quality inspection by Glenn County RCD using the Sample Planting Inspection Form (Attachment C). An Acceptable Quality Level (AQL) of 90 percent or greater properly planted seedlings is required unless otherwise specified.

Seedlings failing to meet standards for depth, root placement, firmness, microsite selection, or overall condition shall be replanted or replaced at no additional cost. The Contractor shall perform corrective planting promptly upon notification.

Survival monitoring and replanting requirements, if applicable, shall be conducted in accordance with contract terms and grant requirements.

Payment will be based on accepted trees meeting inspection standards. Trees failing inspection shall not be eligible for payment until corrective work is completed and accepted.

ATTACHMENT B

SAMPLE COST SHEET TEMPLATE (Cost Per Tree)

Reforestation and Tree Planting Services

Contractor Name: _____

Company Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

UNIT PRICE PROPOSAL

The Contractor shall provide a firm, all-inclusive unit price per tree planted. The unit price shall include all labor, supervision, equipment, tools, transportation, seedling pickup from CAL FIRE nursery or approved pickup location, cold storage, handling, mobilization, travel between non-contiguous parcels, and all incidentals necessary to complete planting in accordance with the RFQ, Attachment A – Tree Planting Standards & Quality Requirements, and all contract documents.

Estimated quantities are provided for proposal purposes only and are not guaranteed.

Item No.	Description	Estimated Quantity	Unit	Unit Price (per tree)	Estimated Cost Total
1	Manual planting of container-grown conifer seedlings in accordance with RFQ specifications	100,000	Tree	\$ _____	\$ _____

TOTAL ESTIMATED COST

\$ _____

(Estimated Quantity × Unit Price)

ADDITIONAL COSTS

All costs associated with seedling pickup, transport, cold storage, mobilization, travel between planting units, supervision, equipment, and incidentals shall be included in the unit price above. No additional mobilization or transportation costs will be paid unless authorized in writing by Glenn County RCD.

CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATION

The undersigned certifies that they have reviewed the RFQ and all attachments, understand the scope of work, and agree to perform the work at the unit price listed above.

Contractor Name: _____

Authorized Representative: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

ATTACHMENT C

SAMPLE PLANTING INSPECTION FORM

Stock Type: Container (Styroblock-91 or approved equivalent)

Inspection Method: Fixed-radius plot sampling

At approximately 200 TPA, a 1/50-acre plot (16.7-ft radius) should contain ~4 trees.

If 1–4 trees in plot are satisfactory above ground, excavate 1 tree.

If 5 or more trees in plot are satisfactory above ground, excavate 2 trees.

ABOVE-GROUND CODES

L = Spot Selection (microsite, spacing, shade, location)
 D = Planting Depth (too deep or too shallow)
 V = Stem Orientation (not vertical)
 B = Spot Preparation (poor scalping / debris)
 F = Firmness (rocking / loose soil)
 E = Exposure (excess sun, poor microsite)
 S = Satisfactory

BELOW-GROUND CODES

S = Satisfactory
 A = Air Pocket / Loose Soil
 M = Foreign Material in Hole
 R = Roots Damaged
 J = J-Root
 L = L-Root
 O = Hole Orientation (incorrect on slope)

TREE PLANTING INSPECTION FORM

Project / Unit ID: _____ APN / Landowner: _____

Acres: _____ Date: _____

Inspector(s): _____ Crew Foreman: _____

PLOT/TREES

Plot	Tree 1	Tree 2	Tree 3	Tree 4	Tree 5
1	/	/	/	/	/
2	/	/	/	/	/
3	/	/	/	/	/
4	/	/	/	/	/
5	/	/	/	/	/
6	/	/	/	/	/
7	/	/	/	/	/
8	/	/	/	/	/
9	/	/	/	/	/
10	/	/	/	/	/

QUALITY SUMMARY

Trees Checked: _____ Trees Acceptable: _____

Percent Acceptable: _____ % (Minimum Standard: 90%)

INSPECTION RESULT

- Pass – Meets or exceeds AQL
- Conditional – Corrective replanting required
- Fail – Replanting required prior to acceptance

Notes/Deficiencies Observed:

Corrective Action Required By: _____

Date: _____

Inspector Signature: _____

Contractor Representative: _____

ATTACHMENT D

SAMPLE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

1. PARTIES AND DATE.

This Agreement is made and entered into this 17th day of August, 2026, by and between the Glenn County Resource Conservation District ("District") and _____ ("Contractor"). District and Contractor are sometimes individually referred to herein as "Party" and collectively as "Parties".

2. RECITALS.

2.1 Contractor.

Contractor desires to perform and assume responsibility for the provision of certain professional Contractor services required by District on the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement. Contractor represents that it is experienced in providing **REFORESTATION AND TREE PLANTING SERVICES** to public clients, is licensed in the State of California, and is familiar with the plans of District.

2.2 Project.

District desires to engage Contractor to render such services for the **State of California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) and Glenn County Resource Conservation District Grant Agreement #8GA23986, GLENN COUNTY SMALL LANDOWNER FOREST IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM** ("Project") as set forth in this Agreement, subject to any additional requirements, obligations, and timelines imposed by applicable grantor regulations and the Grant Agreement. Per Request for Qualifications and Proposal (RFQ/P) Page 4, Glenn County RCD may assign Contractor similar projects, or future project implementation.

3. TERMS.

3.1 Scope of Services and Term.

3.1.1 General Scope of Services. Contractor promises and agrees to furnish to District all labor, materials, tools, equipment, services, and incidental and customary work necessary to fully and adequately supply the professional Contractor services and advice on various issues affecting the decisions of District regarding the Project and on other programs and matters affecting District ("Services"). The Services are more particularly described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. All Services shall be subject to, and performed in accordance with, this Agreement, the exhibits attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, and all applicable local, state and federal laws, rules and regulations.

3.1.2 Term. The term of this Agreement shall be from the date first specified above to December 31, 2027, unless earlier terminated as provided herein. Contractor shall complete the Services within the term of this Agreement, and shall meet any other established schedules and deadlines unless renewal is approved with written authorization from the District's Representative, Kandi Manhart, Executive Officer.

3.2 Responsibilities of Contractor.

3.2.1 Control and Payment of Subordinates; Independent Contractor. The Services shall be performed by Contractor or under its supervision. Contractor will determine the means, methods and details of performing the Services subject to the requirements of this Agreement. District retains Contractor on an independent contractor basis and not as an employee of District. Contractor retains the right to perform similar or different services for others during the term of this Agreement. Any additional personnel performing the Services under this Agreement on behalf of Contractor shall also not be employees of District and shall at all times be under Contractor's exclusive direction and control. Contractor shall pay all wages, salaries, and other amounts due such personnel in connection with their performance of Services under this Agreement and as required by law. Contractor shall be responsible for all reports and obligations respecting such additional personnel, including, but not limited to: social security taxes, income tax withholding, unemployment insurance, disability insurance, and workers' compensation insurance.

3.2.2 Schedule of Services. Contractor shall perform the Services expeditiously, within the term of this Agreement, and in accordance with the Schedule of Services set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Contractor represents that it has the professional and technical personnel required to perform the Services in conformance with such conditions. In order to facilitate Contractor's conformance with the Schedule, District shall respond to Contractor's submittals in a timely manner. Upon request of District, Contractor shall provide a more detailed schedule of anticipated performance to meet the Schedule of Services.

3.2.3 Conformance to Applicable Requirements. All work prepared by Contractor shall be subject to the approval of District.

3.2.4 Substitution of Key Personnel. Contractor has represented to District that certain key personnel will perform and coordinate the Services under this Agreement. Should one or more of such personnel become unavailable, Contractor may substitute other personnel of at least equal competence and experience upon written approval of District. In the event that District and Contractor cannot agree as to the substitution of key personnel, District shall be entitled to terminate this Agreement for cause. As discussed below, any personnel who fail or refuse to perform the Services in a manner acceptable to District, or who are determined by District to be uncooperative, incompetent, a threat to the adequate or timely completion of the Project or a threat to the safety of persons or property, shall be promptly removed from the Project by Contractor at the request of District.

The key personnel for performance of this Agreement are as follows:

A. Name, Title, Company

B. Name, Title, Company

3.2.5 District's Representative. District hereby designates **Kandi Manhart, Executive Officer**, or his or her designee, to act as its representative for the performance of this Agreement ("District's Representative"). District's Representative shall have the power to act on behalf of District for all purposes under this Agreement. Contractor shall not accept direction or orders from any person other than District's Representative or his or her designee.

3.2.6 Contractor's Representative. Contractor hereby designates **Name, Title,** or his or her designee, to act as its representative for the performance of this Agreement ("Contractor's Representative"). Contractor's Representative shall have full authority to represent and act on behalf of Contractor for all purposes under this Agreement. Contractor's Representative shall supervise and direct the Services, using his or her best skill and attention, and shall be responsible for all means, methods, techniques, sequences and procedures and for the satisfactory coordination of all portions of the Services under this Agreement.

3.2.7 Coordination of Services. Contractor agrees to work closely with District staff in the performance of Services and shall be available to District's staff, Contractors and other staff at all reasonable times.

3.2.8 Standard of Care; Performance of Employees. Contractor shall perform all Services under this Agreement in a skillful and competent manner, consistent with the standards generally recognized as being employed by professionals in the same discipline in the State of California. Contractor represents and maintains that it is skilled in the professional calling necessary to perform the Services. Contractor warrants that all employees and sub-Contractors shall have sufficient skill and experience to perform the Services assigned to them. Finally, Contractor represents that it, its employees and sub-Contractors have all licenses, permits, qualifications and approvals of whatever nature that are legally required to perform the Services, including a business license, and that such licenses and approvals shall be maintained throughout the term of this Agreement. As provided for in the indemnification provisions of this Agreement, Contractor shall perform, at its own cost and expense and without reimbursement from District, any services necessary to correct errors or omissions which are caused by Contractor's failure to comply with the standard of care provided for herein, and shall be fully responsible to District for all damages and other liabilities provided for in the indemnification provisions of this Agreement arising from the Contractor's errors and omissions. Any employee of Contractor or its sub-Contractors who is determined by District to be uncooperative, incompetent, a threat to the adequate or timely completion of the Project, a threat to the safety of persons or property, or any employee who fails or refuses to perform the Services in a manner acceptable to District, shall be promptly removed from the Project by Contractor and shall not be re-employed to perform any of the Services or to work on the Project.

3.2.9 Laws and Regulations. Contractor shall keep itself fully informed of and in compliance with all local, state and federal laws, rules and regulations in any manner affecting the performance of the Project or the Services, including all Cal/OSHA requirements, and shall give all notices required by law. Contractor shall be liable for all violations of such laws and regulations in connection with Services. If Contractor performs any work knowing it to be contrary to such laws, rules and regulations and without giving written notice to District, Contractor shall be solely responsible for all costs arising therefrom. Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold District, its officials, directors, officers, employees and agents free and harmless, pursuant to the indemnification provisions of this Agreement, from any claim or liability arising out of any failure or alleged failure to comply with such laws, rules or regulations.

3.2.10 Insurance.

(a) Time for Compliance. Contractor shall, at its expense, procure and maintain for the duration of the Agreement insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the Agreement by the Contractor, its agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors.

Contractor shall not commence work under this Agreement until it has provided evidence satisfactory to District that it has secured all insurance required under this section. In addition, Contractor shall not allow any sub-Contractor to commence work on any subcontract until it has provided evidence satisfactory to District that the sub-Contractor has secured all insurance required under this section.

(b) Types of Required Coverages. As a condition precedent to the effectiveness of this Agreement for work to be performed hereunder and without limiting the indemnity provisions of the Agreement, Contractor in partial performance of its obligations under such Agreement, shall procure and maintain in full force and effect during the term of the Agreement, the following policies of insurance.

(i) **Commercial General Liability:** Commercial General Liability Insurance which affords coverage at least as broad as the latest version of the Insurance Services Office "occurrence" form CG 0001, including products and completed operations, property damage, bodily injury and personal and advertising injury **with minimum limits of at least \$2,000,000 per occurrence.** Defense costs shall be paid in addition to the limits. The policy shall contain no endorsements or provisions limiting coverage for (1) products and completed operations; (2) contractual liability; (3) third party action over claims; or (4) cross liability exclusion for claims or suits by one insured against another. If a general aggregate limit applies, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to this project/location (ISO CG 25 03 or 25 04) or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit.

(ii) **Automobile Liability Insurance:** Automobile Liability Insurance with coverage at least as broad as the latest version of Insurance Services Office Form CA 0001 covering "Any Auto" (Symbol 1) **with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury and property damage.**

(iii) **Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability:** Workers' Compensation Insurance, as required by the State of California and Employer's Liability Insurance **with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury and disease.**

(iv) **Professional Liability Insurance (Errors and Omissions):** Insurance appropriate to the Contractor's profession, with limit no less than \$2,000,000 per occurrence or claim, \$2,000,000 aggregate.

(v) **Performance Guarantee (Performance and Payment Bonds):** A performance bond for 100 percent of each Phase / Task Order. This bond is one that is executed in connection with a Contract to secure fulfillment of all the Contractor's obligations under such Contract.

A payment bond for 100 percent of each Phase / Task Order. This bond is one that is executed in connection with a Contract to assure payment as required by law of all persons supplying labor and material in the execution of the work provided for in the Contract.

Contractor will provide signed copies of the following before commencement of the work:

- Payment Bond (Materials and Labor) for each Phase / Task Order
- Performance Bond for each Phase/ Task Order

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

Umbrella or Excess Policies

The Contractor may use Umbrella or Excess Policies to provide the liability limits as required in this agreement. This form of insurance will be acceptable provided that all of the Primary and Umbrella or Excess Policies shall provide all of the insurance coverages herein required, including, but not limited to, primary and non-contributory, additional insured, Self-Insured Retentions (SIRs), indemnity, and defense requirements. The Umbrella or Excess policies shall be provided on a true "following form" or broader coverage basis, with coverage at least as broad as provided on the underlying Commercial General Liability insurance. No insurance policies maintained by the Additional Insureds, whether primary or excess, and which also apply to a loss covered hereunder, shall be called upon to contribute to a loss until the Contractor's primary and excess liability policies are exhausted.

(c) Endorsements.

(i) The policy or policies of insurance required by Section 3.2.10(b) (i) Commercial General Liability and (ii) Automobile Liability Insurance shall be endorsed to provide the following:

- (1) Additional Insured: District, its officials, officers, employees and agents shall be additional insureds with regard to liability and defense of suits or claims arising out of the performance of the Agreement. Endorsements shall be issued on a combination of ISO CG 20 10 and CG 20 37 or exact equivalents. Additional Insured Endorsements shall not (1) be restricted to "ongoing operations"; (2) exclude "contractual liability"; (3) restrict coverage to "sole" liability of Contractor; or (4) contain any other exclusions contrary to the Agreement.
- (2) Primary Insurance and Non-Contributing Insurance: Contractor's insurance shall be primary and any other insurance, deductible, or self-insurance maintained by the District, its officials, officers, employees, volunteers and agents shall not contribute with this primary insurance.
- (3) Umbrella or Excess Policy: The Contractor may use Umbrella or Excess Policies to provide the liability limits as required in this agreement. The Umbrella or Excess policies shall be provided on a true "following form" or broader coverage basis, with coverage at least as broad as provided on the underlying Commercial General Liability insurance
- (4) Severability: In the event of one insured, whether named or additional, incurs liability to any other of the insureds, whether named or additional, the policy shall cover the insured against

whom claim is or may be made in the same manner as if separate policies had been issued to each insured, except that the limits of insurance shall not be increased thereby.

- (5) Cancellation: The policy shall not be canceled or the coverage suspended, voided, reduced or allowed to expire until a thirty (30) day prior written notice of cancellation has been served upon District except ten (10) days prior written notice shall be allowed for non-payment of premium.
- (6) Waiver of Subrogation: A waiver of subrogation stating that the insurer waives all rights of subrogation against the District, its officials, officers, employees and agents. Contractor agrees to obtain any endorsement that may be necessary to affect this waiver of subrogation and provide a copy to the District, but this provision applies regardless of whether or not an endorsement has been issued.
- (7) Duties: Any failure by the named insured to comply with reporting provisions of the policy or breaches or violations of warranties shall not affect coverage provided to the District, its officials, officers, employees and agents.
- (8) Claims Made Policies: If any of the required policies provide claims-made coverage: 1. The Retroactive Date must be shown and must be before the date of the contract or the beginning of contract work. 2. Insurance must be maintained, and evidence of insurance must be provided for at least five (5) years after completion of the contract of work. 3. If coverage is canceled or non-renewed, and not replaced with another claims-made policy form with a Retroactive Date prior to the contract effective date, the Contractor must purchase "extend
- (9) Applicability: That the coverage provided therein shall apply to the obligations assumed by Contractor under the indemnity provisions of the Agreement, unless the policy or policies contain a blanket form of contractual liability coverage.

(ii) The policy or policies of insurance required by Section 3.2.10(b) (iii) Workers' Compensation shall be endorsed, as follows:

- (1) Waiver of Subrogation: A waiver of subrogation stating that the insurer waives all rights of subrogation against the District, its officials, officers, employees and agents.
- (2) Cancellation: The policy shall not be canceled or the coverage suspended, voided, reduced or allowed to expire until a thirty (30) day prior written notice of cancellation has been served upon District except ten (10) days prior written notice shall be allowed for non-payment of premium.

(d) Deductible. Any deductible or self-insured retention must be approved in writing by District and shall protect the District, its officials, officers, employees and agents in the same manner and to the same extent as they would have been protected had the policy or policies not contained a deductible or self-insured retention.

(e) Evidence of Insurance. Contractor, concurrently with the execution of the Agreement, and as a condition precedent to the effectiveness thereof, shall deliver either certified copies of the required policies, or original certificates and endorsements on forms approved by District. The certificates and endorsements for each insurance policy shall be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. At least fifteen (15 days) prior to the expiration of any such policy, evidence of insurance showing that such insurance coverage has been renewed or extended shall be filed with District. If such coverage is cancelled or reduced, Contractor shall, within ten (10) days after receipt of written notice of such cancellation or reduction of coverage, file with District evidence of insurance showing that the required insurance has been reinstated or has been provided through another insurance company or companies.

(f) Failure to Maintain Coverage. Contractor agrees to suspend and cease all operations hereunder during such period of time as the required insurance coverage is not in effect and evidence of insurance has not been furnished to District. District shall have the right to withhold any payment due Contractor until Contractor has fully complied with the insurance provisions of this Agreement.

In the event that Contractor's operations are suspended for failure to maintain required insurance coverage, Contractor shall not be entitled to an extension of time for completion of the work because of production lost during suspension.

(g) Acceptability of Insurers. Each such policy shall be from a company or companies with a current A.M. Best's rating of no less than A:VII and authorized to do business in the State of California, or otherwise allowed to place insurance through surplus line brokers under applicable provisions of the California Insurance Code or any federal law.

(h) Insurance for Sub-Contractors. Contractor shall be responsible for causing sub-Contractors to purchase the appropriate insurance in compliance with the terms of this Agreement, including adding District as an Additional Insured to the sub-Contractor's policies.

SPECIAL RISKS OR CIRCUMSTANCES DISTRICT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MODIFY THESE REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING LIMITS, BASED ON THE NATURE OF THE RISK, PRIOR EXPERIENCE, INSURER, COVERAGE, OR OTHER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

3.2.11 Safety. Contractor shall execute and maintain its work so as to avoid injury or damage to any person or property. In carrying out its Services, Contractor shall at all times be in compliance with all applicable local, state and federal laws, rules and regulations, and shall exercise all necessary precautions for the safety of its employees appropriate to the nature of the work and the conditions under which the work is to be performed. Safety precautions as applicable shall include, but shall not be limited to: (A) adequate life protection and life saving equipment and procedures; (B) instructions in accident prevention for all employees and sub-Contractors, such as safe walkways, scaffolds, fall protection ladders, bridges, gang planks, confined space procedures, trenching and shoring, equipment and other safety devices, equipment and wearing apparel as are necessary or lawfully required to prevent

accidents or injuries; and (C) adequate facilities for the proper inspection and maintenance of all safety measures.

3.3 Fees and Payments.

3.3.1 Compensation. Contractor shall receive compensation, including authorized reimbursements, for all Services rendered under this Agreement at the rates set forth in Exhibit "C" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. The total compensation shall not exceed _____ **Dollars (\$___)** without written approval of District's Executive Officer, Kandi Manhart. Extra Work may be authorized, as described below, and if authorized, will be compensated at the rates and manner set forth in this Agreement.

3.3.2 Payment of Compensation. Contractor shall submit to District a monthly itemized statement which indicates work completed and Services rendered by Contractor. The statement shall describe the amount of Services provided since the initial commencement date, or since the start of the subsequent billing periods, as appropriate, through the date of the statement. District shall, within 45 days of receiving such statement and any applicable federal or state grant funds (if Project is funded wholly or partially through grant or similar funds), review the statement and pay all approved charges thereon.

3.3.3 Reimbursement for Expenses. Contractor shall not be reimbursed for any expenses unless authorized in writing by District.

3.3.4 Extra Work. At any time during the term of this Agreement, District may request that Contractor perform Extra Work. As used herein, "Extra Work" means any work which is determined by District to be necessary for the proper completion of the Project, but which the parties did not reasonably anticipate would be necessary at the execution of this Agreement. Contractor shall not perform, nor be compensated for, Extra Work without written authorization from District's Representative, Kandi Manhart, Executive Officer.

3.3.5 Rate Increases. In the event that the rates set forth in Exhibit "C" may be adjusted no rates shall be adjusted without written authorization from the District's Representative, Kandi Manhart, Executive Officer.

3.3.6 Funding Requirements. It is mutually understood between the parties hereto that this Agreement may have been entered into prior to the appropriation of funds in order to avoid delays. This Agreement is valid and enforceable only if sufficient funds are made available to the District and may be terminated in the sole discretion of the District in the event funding is unavailable or reduced. This Agreement is subject to any additional restrictions, limitations, conditions or statutes enacted by the Federal government, the State or any public agency with jurisdiction that may affect the provisions, terms or funding of this Agreement in any manner. It is mutually agreed that if sufficient funds are not appropriated, this Agreement may be amended to reflect any reduction in funds or terminated at the District's discretion.

3.3.7 Prevailing Wages. Contractor is aware of the requirements of California Labor Code Section 1720, et seq., and 1770, et seq., as well as California Code of Regulations, Title 8, Section 16000, et seq., ("Prevailing Wage Laws"), which require the payment of prevailing wage rates and the performance of other requirements on "public works" and "maintenance" projects. The Services are being performed as part of an applicable "public works" or "maintenance" project, as defined by the Prevailing Wage Laws, and the total

compensation is \$1,000 or more. Therefore, Contractor agrees to fully comply with such Prevailing Wage Laws. District shall provide Contractor with a copy of the prevailing rates of per diem wages in effect at the commencement of this Agreement. Contractor shall make copies of the prevailing rates of per diem wages for each craft, classification or type of worker needed to execute the Services available to interested parties upon request, and shall post copies at Contractor's principal place of business and at the project site. Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold District, its officials, officers, employees and agents free and harmless from any claim or liability arising out of any failure or alleged failure to comply with the Prevailing Wage Laws.

Effective March 1, 2015, if the Services are being performed as part of an applicable "public works" or "maintenance" project, then pursuant to Labor Code Sections 1725.5 and 1771.1, the Contractor and all subcontractor performing such Services must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations. Contractor shall maintain registration for the duration of the Project and require the same of any subcontractors, as applicable. This Project may also be subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. It shall be Contractor's sole responsibility to comply with all applicable registration and labor compliance requirements.

3.4 Accounting Records.

3.4.1 Maintenance and Inspection. Contractor shall maintain complete and accurate records with respect to all costs and expenses incurred and fees charged under this Agreement. All such records shall be clearly identifiable. Contractor shall allow a representative of District during normal business hours to examine, audit, and make transcripts or copies of such records and any other documents created pursuant to this Agreement. Contractor shall allow inspection of all work, data, documents, proceedings, and activities related to the Agreement for a period of three (3) years from the date of final payment under this Agreement.

3.5 General Provisions.

3.5.1 Termination of Agreement.

(a) Grounds for Termination. District may, by written notice to Contractor, terminate the whole or any part of this Agreement at any time and without cause by giving written notice to Contractor of such termination, and specifying the effective date thereof, at least seven (7) days before the effective date of such termination. Upon termination, Contractor shall be compensated only for those services which have been fully and adequately rendered to District through the effective date of the termination, and Contractor shall be entitled to no further compensation. Contractor may not terminate this Agreement except for cause.

(b) Effect of Termination. If this Agreement is terminated as provided herein, District may require Contractor to provide all finished or unfinished Documents and Data, as defined below, and other information of any kind prepared by Contractor in connection with the performance of Services under this Agreement. Contractor shall be required to provide such document and other information within fifteen (15) days of the request.

(c) Additional Services. In the event this Agreement is terminated in whole or in part as provided herein, District may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as it may determine appropriate, services similar to those terminated.

3.5.2 Delivery of Notices. All notices permitted or required under this Agreement shall be given to the respective parties at the following address, or at such other address as the respective parties may provide in writing for this purpose:

Contractor: **Company**
ATTN:
Mailing address
Phone
Email

District: **GLENN COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT**
132 N ENRIGHT AVENUE, SUITE C
WILLOWS, CA 95988
ATTN: KANDI MANHART, EXECUTIVE OFFICER
530-934-4601 x5
KANDI@GLENNCOUNTYRCD.ORG

Such notice shall be deemed made when personally delivered or when mailed, forty-eight (48) hours after deposit in the U.S. Mail, first class postage prepaid and addressed to the party at its applicable address. Actual notice shall be deemed adequate notice on the date actual notice occurred, regardless of the method of service.

3.5.3 Ownership of Materials and Confidentiality.

(a) Documents & Data; Licensing of Intellectual Property. This Agreement creates an exclusive and perpetual license for District to copy, use, modify, reuse, or sublicense any and all copyrights, designs, and other intellectual property embodied in plans, specifications, studies, drawings, estimates, materials, data and other documents or works of authorship fixed in any tangible medium of expression, including but not limited to, physical drawings or data magnetically or otherwise recorded on computer diskettes, which are prepared or caused to be prepared by Contractor under this Agreement ("Documents & Data"). Contractor shall require all sub-Contractors to agree in writing that District is granted an exclusive and perpetual license for any Documents & Data the sub-Contractor prepares under this Agreement. Contractor represents and warrants that Contractor has the legal right to grant the exclusive and perpetual license for all such Documents & Data. Contractor makes no such representation and warranty in regard to Documents & Data which were prepared by design professionals other than Contractor or provided to Contractor by District. District shall not be limited in any way in its use of the Documents and Data at any time, provided that any such use not within the purposes intended by this Agreement shall be at District's sole risk.

(b) Intellectual Property. In addition, District shall have and retain all right, title and interest (including copyright, patent, trade secret and other proprietary rights) in all plans, specifications, studies, drawings, estimates, materials, data, computer programs or software and source code, enhancements, documents, and any and all works of authorship fixed in any tangible medium or expression, including but not limited to, physical drawings or other data magnetically or otherwise recorded on computer media ("Intellectual Property") prepared or developed by or on behalf of Contractor under this Agreement as well as any other such Intellectual Property prepared or developed by or on behalf of Contractor under this Agreement. District shall have and retain all right, title and interest in Intellectual Property developed or modified under this Agreement whether or not paid for wholly or in part by District,

whether or not developed in conjunction with Contractor, and whether or not developed by Contractor. Contractor will execute separate written assignments of any and all rights to the above referenced Intellectual Property upon request of District. Contractor shall also be responsible to obtain in writing separate written assignments from any subcontractors or agents of Contractor of any and all right to the above referenced Intellectual Property. Should Contractor, either during or following termination of this Agreement, desire to use any of the above-referenced Intellectual Property, it shall first obtain the written approval of District. All materials and documents which were developed or prepared by the Contractor for general use prior to the execution of this Agreement and which are not the copyright of any other party or publicly available and any other computer applications, shall continue to be the property of the Contractor. However, unless otherwise identified and stated prior to execution of this Agreement, Contractor represents and warrants that it has the right to grant the exclusive and perpetual license for all such Intellectual Property as provided herein. District further is granted by Contractor a non-exclusive and perpetual license to copy, use, modify or sub-license any and all Intellectual Property otherwise owned by Contractor which is the basis or foundation for any derivative, collective, insurrectional, or supplemental work created under this Agreement.

(c) Confidentiality. Except as otherwise required by law all ideas, memoranda, specifications, plans, procedures, drawings, descriptions, computer program data, input record data, written information, and other Documents & Data either created by or provided to Contractor in connection with the performance of this Agreement shall be held confidential by Contractor. Such materials shall not, without the prior written consent of District, be used by Contractor for any purposes other than the performance of the Services. Nor shall such materials be disclosed to any person or entity not connected with the performance of the Services or the Project. Nothing furnished to Contractor which is otherwise known to Contractor or is generally known, or has become known, to the related industry shall be deemed confidential. Contractor shall not use District's name or insignia, photographs of the Project, or any publicity pertaining to the Services or the Project in any magazine, trade paper, newspaper, television or radio production or other similar medium without the prior written consent of District. Should Contractor receive a subpoena or court order related to this Agreement, the Services or the Project, Contractor shall immediately provide written notice of the subpoena or court order to District in order to allow District to pursue legal remedies designed to limit any confidential information required to be disclosed or to assure the confidential treatment of the information following disclosure. Contractor shall not respond to any such subpoena or court order until notice to the District is provided as required herein, and shall cooperate with the District in responding to the subpoena or court order.

(d) Infringement Indemnification. Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold District, its directors, officials, officers, employees, volunteers and agents free and harmless, pursuant to the indemnification provisions of this Agreement, for any alleged infringement of any patent, copyright, trade secret, trade name, trademark, or any other proprietary right of any person or entity in consequence of the use on the Project by District of the Documents & Data, including any method, process, product, or concept specified or depicted.

3.5.4 Cooperation; Further Acts. The Parties shall fully cooperate with one another, and shall take any additional acts or sign any additional documents as may be necessary, appropriate or convenient to attain the purposes of this Agreement.

3.5.5 Attorneys' Fees. If either party commences an action against the other party, either legal, administrative or otherwise, arising out of or in connection with this

Agreement, the prevailing party in such litigation shall be entitled to have and recover from the losing party reasonable attorneys' fees and all costs of such action.

3.5.6 Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold District, its officials, officers, employees, volunteers and agents free and harmless from any and all claims, demands, causes of action, costs, expenses, liability, loss, damage or injury, in law or equity, to property or persons, including wrongful death, in any manner arising out of or incident to any alleged negligent acts, omissions or willful misconduct of Contractor, its officials, officers, employees, agents, subcontractors and sub-Contractors arising out of or in connection with the performance of the Services, the Project or this Agreement, including without limitation the payment of all consequential damages, attorneys' fees and other related costs and expenses. Contractor shall defend, at Contractor's own cost, expense and risk, any and all such aforesaid suits, actions or other legal proceedings of every kind that may be brought or instituted against District, its directors, officials, officers, employees, agents or volunteers. Contractor shall pay and satisfy any judgment, award or decree that may be rendered against District or its directors, officials, officers, employees, agents or volunteers, in any such suit, action or other legal proceeding. Contractor shall reimburse District and its directors, officials, officers, employees, agents and/or volunteers, for any and all legal expenses and costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred by each of them in connection therewith or in enforcing the indemnity herein provided. Contractor's obligation to indemnify shall not be restricted to insurance proceeds, if any, received by District or its directors, officials, officers, employees, agents or volunteers. Notwithstanding the foregoing, to the extent Contractor's Services are subject to Civil Code Section 2782.8, the above indemnity shall be limited, to the extent required by Civil Code Section 2782.8, to claims that arise out of, pertain to, or relate to the negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct of the Contractor. This Section 3.5.6 shall survive any expiration or termination of this Agreement.

3.5.7 Entire Agreement. This Agreement contains the entire Agreement of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and supersedes all prior negotiations, understandings or agreements. This Agreement may only be supplemented, amended or modified by a writing signed by both Parties.

3.5.8 Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California. Venue shall be in Glenn County.

3.5.9 Time of Essence. Time is of the essence for each and every provision of this Agreement. Contractor will not be responsible for damages or be in default by reason of delays caused by factors beyond Contractor's reasonable control."

3.5.10 District's Right to Employ Other Contractors. District reserves the right to employ other Contractors in connection with this Project.

3.5.11 Successors and Assigns. This Agreement shall be binding on the successors and assigns of the parties.

3.5.12 Assignment or Transfer. Contractor shall not assign, hypothecate, or transfer, either directly or by operation of law, this Agreement or any interest herein without the prior written consent of District. Any attempt to do so shall be null and void, and any assignees, hypothecates or transferees shall acquire no right or interest by reason of such attempted assignment, hypothecation or transfer.

3.5.13 Construction; References; Captions. Since the Parties or their agents have participated fully in the preparation of this Agreement, the language of this Agreement shall be construed simply, according to its fair meaning, and not strictly for or against any Party. Any term referencing time, days or period for performance shall be deemed calendar days and not work days. All references to Contractor include all personnel, employees, agents, and sub-Contractors of Contractor, except as otherwise specified in this Agreement. All references to District include its officials, officers, employees, agents, and volunteers except as otherwise specified in this Agreement. The captions of the various articles and paragraphs are for convenience and ease of reference only, and do not define, limit, augment, or describe the scope, content, or intent of this Agreement.

3.5.14 Amendment; Modification. No supplement, modification, or amendment of this Agreement shall be binding unless executed in writing and signed by both Parties.

3.5.15 Waiver. No waiver of any default shall constitute a waiver of any other default or breach, whether of the same or other covenant or condition. No waiver, benefit, privilege, or service voluntarily given or performed by a Party shall give the other Party any contractual rights by custom, estoppel, or otherwise.

3.5.16 No Third Party Beneficiaries. There are no intended third party beneficiaries of any right or obligation assumed by the Parties.

3.5.17 Invalidity; Severability. If any portion of this Agreement is declared invalid, illegal, or otherwise unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

3.5.18 Prohibited Interests. Contractor maintains and warrants that it has not employed nor retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for Contractor, to solicit or secure this Agreement. Further, Contractor warrants that it has not paid nor has it agreed to pay any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for Contractor, any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift or other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement. For breach or violation of this warranty, District shall have the right to rescind this Agreement without liability. For the term of this Agreement, no member, officer or employee of District, during the term of his or her service with District, shall have any direct interest in this Agreement, or obtain any present or anticipated material benefit arising therefrom.

3.5.19 Equal Opportunity Employment. Contractor represents that it is an equal opportunity employer and it shall not discriminate against any sub-Contractor, employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, national origin, handicap, ancestry, sex or age. Such non-discrimination shall include, but not be limited to, all activities related to initial employment, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination. Contractor shall also comply with all relevant provisions of any minority business enterprise program, affirmative action plan or other related programs or guidelines currently in effect or hereinafter enacted.

3.5.20 Labor Certification. By its signature hereunder, Contractor certifies that it is aware of the provisions of Section 3700 of the California Labor Code which require every employer to be insured against liability for Workers' Compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions of that Code, and agrees to comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of the Services.

3.5.21 Authority to Enter Agreement. Contractor has all requisite power and authority to conduct its business and to execute, deliver, and perform the Agreement. Each Party warrants that the individuals who have signed this Agreement have the legal power, right, and authority to make this Agreement and bind each respective Party.

3.5.22 Counterparts. This Agreement may be signed in counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original.

3.5.23 Employment Adverse to District. Contractor shall notify District, and shall obtain District's written consent, prior to accepting work to assist with or participate in a third-party lawsuit or other legal or administrative proceeding against District during the term of this Agreement.

3.5.24 Conflict of Employment. Employment by Contractor of personnel currently on the payroll of District shall not be permitted in the performance of this Agreement, even though such employment may occur outside of the employee's regular working hours or on weekends, holidays or vacation time. Further, the employment by Contractor of personnel who have been on District's payroll within one year prior to the date of execution of this Agreement, where this employment is caused by and or dependent upon Contractor securing this or related Agreements with District, is prohibited.

3.5.25 Survival. All rights and obligations hereunder that by their nature are to continue after any expiration or termination of this Agreement, including, but not limited to, the indemnification and confidentiality obligations, and the obligations related to receipt of subpoenas or court orders, shall survive any such expiration or termination.

3.5.26 Subcontracting. Contractor shall not subcontract any portion of the work required by this Agreement, except as expressly stated herein, without prior written approval of District. Subcontracts, if any, shall contain a provision making them subject to all provisions stipulated in this Agreement.

SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE

EXHIBIT "A"
SCOPE OF SERVICES

See **Seeking Consultant to provide Reforestation and Tree Planting Services, Dated June 4, 2026 - Amended June 29, 2026.**

EXHIBIT "B"
SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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The term of this Agreement shall be from the date first specified above to **December 31, 2027**, unless earlier terminated as provided herein.

EXHIBIT "C"
COMPENSATION

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The total compensation shall not exceed _____ **Dollars (\$_____)**
without written approval of District's Executive Officer, Kandi Manhart.

Payment of Compensation. Contractor shall submit to District a monthly itemized statement.

Statement to include the following, or attached Progress Report if easier to describe Project achievements.

- ✓ Contractor Contact Information
- ✓ Invoice Number
- ✓ Billing Period (E.g. July 1 – 30)
- ✓ Project Name and Number
- ✓ Describe progress made toward achieving the Project's Scope of Work and any other significant accomplishments (quantify the progress where possible).
- ✓ Describe any setbacks or challenges to the progress of the Project's Scope of Work.
- ✓ Describe plans and/or goals for the upcoming billing / progress reporting period.
- ✓ Include photographs, etc. when possible to document Project's successes.

Iran Contracting Act Certification.
(Public Contract Code section 2200 et seq.)

As required by California Public Contract Code Section 2204, the Contractor certifies subject to penalty for perjury that the option checked below relating to the Contractor's status in regard to the Iran Contracting Act of 2010 (Public Contract Code Section 2200 *et seq.*) is true and correct:

The Contractor is not:

- (1) identified on the current list of person and entities engaged in investment activities in Iran prepared by the California Department of General Services in accordance with subdivision (b) of Public Contract Code Section 2203; or
- (2) a financial instruction that extends, for 45 days or more, credit in the amount of \$20,000,000 or more to any other person or entity identified on the current list of persons and entities engaging in investment activities in Iran prepared by the California Department of General Services in accordance with subdivision (b) of Public Contract Code Section 2203, if that person or entity uses or will use the credit to provide goods or services in the energy sector in Iran.

The District has exempted the Contractor from the requirements of the Iran Contracting Act of 2010 after making a public finding that, absent the exemption, the District will be unable to obtain the goods and/or services to be provided pursuant to the Contract.

The amount of the Contract payable to the Contractor for the Project does not exceed \$1,000,000.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Firm Name: _____

Date: _____

Note: In accordance with Public Contract Code Section 2205, false certification of this form shall be reported to the California Attorney General and may result in civil penalties equal to the greater of \$250,000 or twice the Contract amount, termination of the Contract and/or ineligibility to bid on contracts for three years.