

**CITY OF RIALTO  
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT  
FOR  
PROFESSIONAL BIOLOGICAL SERVICES**

THIS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (hereinafter "Agreement") is made and entered into, to be effective this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019 by and between the CITY OF RIALTO, a California municipal corporation, (hereinafter referred to as "City") and ROCKS BIOLOGICAL CONSULTING, (hereinafter referred to as "Consultant"). City and Consultant are sometimes hereinafter individually referred to as "Party" and are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Parties."

**RECITALS**

- A. City has determined that there is a need for professional Biological Services.
- B. Consultant has submitted to City a proposal to provide professional biological and environmental services for the Project pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.
- C. Consultant is qualified by virtue of its experience, training, education, reputation, and expertise to provide these services and has agreed to provide such services as provided herein.
- D. City desires to retain Consultant to provide such professional services.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises and mutual obligations, covenants, and conditions contained herein, and other valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

**1.1 Scope of Services.** In compliance with all terms and conditions of this Agreement, Consultant agrees to perform the professional services set forth in the Scope of Services described in Exhibit "A," which is attached hereto and is incorporated herein by reference (hereinafter referred to as the "Scope of Services"). As a material inducement to the City entering into this Agreement, Consultant agrees that Consultant is experienced in performing the Scope of Services contemplated herein and, Consultant agrees that it shall follow the professional standards in performing the Scope of Services required hereunder ordinarily exercised by members of the same profession currently practicing under similar circumstances at the same time and in the same or similar locality.

**1.2 Contract Documents.** The Agreement between the Parties shall consist of the following: (1) this Agreement and (2) the Scope of Services; (collectively referred to as the "Contract Documents"). The Scope of Services shall include the Consultant's Proposal. All provisions of the Scope of Services and the Consultant's Proposal shall be

binding on the Parties. Should any conflict or inconsistency exist in the Contract Documents, the conflict or inconsistency shall be resolved by applying the provisions in the highest priority document, which shall be determined in the following order of priority: (1st) this agreement and (2<sup>nd</sup>) the provisions of the Scope of Services (Exhibit "A").

**1.3 Compliance with Law.** Consultant warrants that all Services rendered hereunder shall be performed in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, statutes, and ordinances and all lawful orders, rules, and regulations promulgated thereunder.

**1.4 Licenses, Permits, Fees and Assessments.** Consultant represents and warrants to City that it has obtained all applicable licenses (including a City Business License), permits, qualifications, and approvals of whatever nature that are legally required to practice its profession and perform the Scope of Services required by this Agreement. Consultant represents and warrants to City that Consultant shall, at its sole cost and expense, keep in effect at all times during the term of this Agreement, any license, permit, qualification, or approval that is legally required for Consultant to perform the Scope of Services under this Agreement. Consultant shall have the sole obligation to pay for any fees, assessments, and taxes, plus applicable penalties and interest, which may be imposed by law and arise from or are necessary for the Consultant's performance of the Scope of Services required by this Agreement, and shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless City against any such fees, assessments, taxes penalties, or interest levied, assessed, or imposed against City hereunder.

**1.5 Familiarity with Work.** By executing this Agreement, Consultant hereby agrees that Consultant (a) has thoroughly investigated and considered the Scope of Services to be performed, (b) has carefully considered how the Services should be performed, and (c) fully understands the facilities, difficulties, and restrictions attending performance of the Services under this Agreement. If the Services involve work upon any site, Consultant warrants that Consultant has or will investigate the site and is or will be fully acquainted with the conditions there existing, prior to commencement of any Services hereunder. Should the Consultant discover any latent or unknown conditions that will materially affect the performance of the Services hereunder, Consultant shall immediately inform the City of such fact and shall not proceed except at Consultant's risk until written instructions are received from the City.

**1.6 Care of Work.** Consultant shall adopt reasonable methods during the term of the Agreement to furnish continuous protection to any site where the Scope of Services are performed and the equipment, materials, papers, documents, plans, studies, and/or other components thereof to prevent losses or damages, and shall be responsible for all such damages, to persons or property, until acceptance of the Scope of Services by the City, except such losses or damages as may be caused by City's own negligence.

**1.7 Further Responsibilities of Parties.** Both Parties agree to use reasonable care and diligence to perform their respective obligations under this Agreement. Both Parties agree

to act in good faith to execute all instruments, prepare all documents, and take all actions as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the purposes of this Agreement.

**1.8 Additional Services.** City shall have the right at any time during the performance of the Services, without invalidating this Agreement, to order extra work beyond that specified in the Scope of Services or make changes by altering, adding to, or deducting from such Work. No such extra work may be undertaken unless a written order is first given by the City to the Consultant, incorporating therein any adjustment in (i) the Maximum Contract Amount, as defined below, and/or (ii) the time to perform this Agreement, which adjustments are subject to the written approval of the Consultant. Any increase in compensation of up to ten percent (10%) of the Maximum Contract Amount may be approved by the City Administrator, or his designee, as may be needed to perform any extra work. Any greater increases, occurring either separately or cumulatively, must be approved by the Rialto City Council. It is expressly understood by Consultant that the provisions of this section shall not apply to the services specifically set forth in the Scope of Services or reasonably contemplated therein, regardless of whether the time or materials required to complete any work or service identified in the Scope of Services exceeds any time or material amounts or estimates provided therein.

## **2.0 COMPENSATION**

**2.1 Maximum Contract Amount.** For the Services rendered pursuant to this Agreement, Consultant shall be compensated by City in accordance with the Schedule of Compensation, which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and is incorporated herein by reference, but not exceeding the maximum contract amount of **Forty Two Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$42,200) (hereinafter referred to as the "Maximum Contract Amount")**, except as may be provided pursuant to Section 1.8 above. The method of compensation shall be as set forth in Exhibit "A." Compensation for necessary expenditures for reproduction costs, telephone expenses, and transportation expenses must be approved in advance by the Contract Officer designated pursuant to Section 4.2 and will only be approved if such expenses are also specified in the Schedule of Compensation. The Maximum Contract Amount shall include the attendance of Consultant at all Project meetings reasonably deemed necessary by the City. Consultant shall not be entitled to any increase in the Maximum Contract Amount for attending these meetings. Consultant hereby acknowledges that it accepts the risk that the services identified in the Scope of Services may be more costly and/or time-consuming than Consultant anticipates, that Consultant shall not be entitled to additional compensation therefore, and that the provisions of Section 1.8 shall not be applicable to the services identified in the Scope of Services. The maximum amount of city's payment obligation under this section is the amount specified herein.

**2.2 Method of Payment.** Unless some other method of payment is specified in the Schedule of Compensation (Exhibit "A"), in any month in which Consultant wishes to receive payment, no later than the tenth (10) working day of such month, Consultant shall submit to the City, in a form approved by the Contract Officer, an invoice for services rendered prior to the date of the invoice. Such requests shall be based upon the amount

and value of the services performed by Consultant and accompanied by such reporting data including an itemized breakdown of all costs incurred and tasks performed during the period covered by the invoice, as may be required by the City. City shall use reasonable efforts to make payments to Consultant within thirty (30) days after receipt of the invoice or a soon thereafter as is reasonably practical. There shall be a maximum of one payment per month.

**2.3 Changes in Scope.** In the event any change or changes in the Scope of Services is requested by the City or Consultant, the Parties shall execute a written amendment to this Agreement, setting forth with particularity all terms of such amendment, including, but not limited to, any additional professional fees. An amendment shall be entered into: (a) to provide for revisions or modifications to documents or other work product or work when documents or other work product or work is required by the enactment or revision of law subsequent to the preparation of any documents, other work product, or work; and/or (b) to provide for additional services not included in this Agreement or not customarily furnished in accordance with generally accepted practice in Consultant's profession.

**2.4 Appropriations.** This Agreement is subject to and contingent upon funds being appropriated therefore by the Rialto City Council for each fiscal year covered by the Agreement. If such appropriations are not made, this Agreement shall automatically terminate without penalty to the City.

### **3. SCHEDULE OF PERFORMANCE**

**3.1 Time of Essence.** Time is of the essence in the performance of this Agreement. The time for completion of the services to be performed by Consultant is an essential condition of this Agreement. Consultant shall prosecute regularly and diligently the Work of this Agreement according to the agreed upon Scope of Services.

**3.2 Schedule of Performance.** Consultant shall commence the Services pursuant to this Agreement upon receipt of a written notice to proceed given by the City, and shall perform all Services within the time period(s) established in the Scope of Services and is incorporated herein by reference. When requested by Consultant, extensions to the time period(s) specified in the Scope of Services may be approved in writing by the Contract Officer, but such extensions shall not exceed one hundred eighty (180) days cumulatively; however, the City shall not be obligated to grant such an extension.

**3.3 Force Majeure.** The time period(s) specified in the Scope of Services for performance of the Services rendered pursuant to this Agreement shall be extended because of any delays due to unforeseeable causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Consultant (financial inability excepted), including, but not limited to, acts of God or of the public enemy, unusually severe weather, fires, earthquakes, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, riots, strikes, freight embargoes, wars, and/or acts of any governmental agency, including the City, if Consultant, within ten (10) days of the commencement of such delay, notifies the City Administrator in writing of the causes of the delay. The City Administrator shall ascertain the facts and the extent of delay, and

extend the time for performing the Services for the period of the enforced delay when and if in the judgment of the City Administrator such delay is justified. The City Administrator's determination shall be final and conclusive upon the Parties to this Agreement. In no event shall Consultant be entitled to recover damages against the City for any delay in the performance of this Agreement, however caused, Consultant's sole remedy being extension of the Agreement pursuant to this section.

**3.4 Term.** Unless earlier terminated as provided elsewhere in this Agreement, this Agreement shall commence upon the effective date of this Agreement and continue in full force and effect until completion of the Services, as provided in the Scope of Services and pursuant to Section 3.2 above, unless extended by mutual written agreement of the Parties.

**3.5 Termination Prior to Expiration of Term.** City may terminate this Agreement for its convenience at any time, without cause, in whole or in part, upon giving Consultant thirty (30) days written notice. Where termination is due to the fault of Consultant and constitutes an immediate danger to health, safety, and general welfare, the period of notice shall be such shorter time as may be determined by the City. Upon such notice, City shall pay Consultant for Services performed through the date of termination. Upon receipt of such notice, Consultant shall immediately cease all work under this Agreement, unless stated otherwise in the notice or by written authorization of the Contract Officer. After such notice, Consultant shall have no further claims against the City under this Agreement. Upon termination of the Agreement under this section, Consultant shall submit to the City an invoice for work and services performed prior to the date of termination. Consultant may terminate this Agreement, with or without cause, upon sixty (60) days written notice to the City, except that where termination is due to material default by the City, the period of notice may be such shorter time as the Consultant may determine.

#### **4. COORDINATION OF WORK**

**4.1 Representative of Consultant.** The following representative of Consultant is hereby designated as being the main point of contact of Consultant authorized to act in its behalf with respect to the Services to be performed under this Agreement and make all decisions in connection therewith: Rocks Biological Consulting. It is expressly understood that the experience, knowledge, education, capability, expertise, and reputation of the foregoing representative is a substantial inducement for City to enter into this Agreement. Therefore, the foregoing representative shall be responsible during the term of this Agreement for directing all activities of Consultant and devoting sufficient time to personally supervise the services performed hereunder. The foregoing representative may not be changed by Consultant without prior written approval of the Contract Officer.

**4.2 Contract Officer.** The Contract Officer shall be such person as may be designated by the City Administrator of City, and is subject to change by the City Administrator. It shall be the Consultant's responsibility to ensure that the Contract Officer is kept fully informed of the progress of the performance of the Services, and the Consultant shall

refer any decisions which must be made by City to the Contract Officer. Unless otherwise specified herein, any approval of City required hereunder shall mean the approval of the Contract Officer. The Contract Officer shall have authority to sign all documents on behalf of the City required hereunder to carry out the terms of this Agreement.

**4.3 Prohibition Against Subcontracting or Assignments.** The experience, knowledge, capability, expertise, and reputation of Consultant, its principals and employees, were a substantial inducement for City to enter into this Agreement. Therefore, Consultant shall not assign the performance of this Agreement, nor any part thereof, nor any monies due hereunder, voluntarily or by operation of law, without the prior written consent of City. Consultant shall not contract with any other entity to perform the Services required under this Agreement without the prior written consent of City. If Consultant is permitted to subcontract any part of this Agreement by City, Consultant shall be responsible to City for the acts and omissions of its subcontractor(s) in the same manner as it is for persons directly employed. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall create any contractual relationships between any subcontractor and City. All persons engaged in the Scope of Services will be considered employees of Consultant. City will deal directly with and will make all payments to Consultant. In addition, neither this Agreement nor any interest herein may be transferred, assigned, conveyed, hypothecated, or encumbered voluntarily or by operation of law, whether for the benefit of creditors or otherwise, without the prior written consent of City. Transfers restricted hereunder shall include the transfer to any person or group of persons acting in concert of more than twenty five percent (25%) of the present ownership and/or control of Consultant, taking all transfers into account on a cumulative basis. In the event of any such unapproved transfer, including any bankruptcy proceeding, this Agreement shall be void. No approved transfer shall release Consultant or any surety of Consultant from any liability hereunder without the express written consent of City.

#### **4.4 Independent Contractor.**

A. The legal relationship between the Parties is that of an independent contractor, and nothing herein shall be deemed to make Consultant a City employee. During the performance of this Agreement, Consultant and its officers, employees, and agents shall act in an independent capacity and shall not act as City officers or employees. The personnel performing the Services under this Agreement on behalf of Consultant shall at all times be under Consultant's exclusive direction and control. Neither City nor any of its officers, employees, or agents shall have control over the conduct of Consultant or any of its officers, employees, or agents, except as set forth in this Agreement. Consultant, its officers, employees, or agents shall not maintain an office or any other type of fixed business location at City's offices. City shall have no voice in the selection, discharge, supervision, or control of Consultant's employees, servants, representatives, or agents, or in fixing their number, compensation, or hours of service. Consultant shall pay all wages, salaries, and other amounts due its employees in connection with this Agreement and shall be responsible for all reports and obligations respecting them, including but not limited to social security income tax withholding, unemployment compensation, workers' compensation, and other similar matters. City shall not in any way or for any purpose be

deemed to be a partner of Consultant in its business or otherwise a joint venturer or a member of any joint enterprise with Consultant.

B. Consultant shall not incur or have the power to incur any debt, obligation, or liability against City, or bind City in any manner.

C. No City benefits shall be available to Consultant, its officers, employees, or agents in connection with any performance under this Agreement. Except for professional fees paid to Consultant as provided for in this Agreement, City shall not pay salaries, wages, or other compensation to Consultant for the performance of the Scope of Services under this Agreement. City shall not be liable for compensation or indemnification to Consultant, its officers, employees, or agents, for injury or sickness arising out of performing the Scope of Services hereunder.

## **5. INSURANCE**

**5.1 Types of Insurance.** Consultant shall procure and maintain, at its sole cost and expense, in a form and content satisfactory to City, the insurance described herein for the duration of this Agreement, including any extension thereof, or as otherwise specified herein, against claims which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the Scope of Services hereunder by Consultant, its agents, representatives, or employees. Consultant shall immediately substitute any insurer whose A.M. Best rating drops below the levels specified herein. Except as otherwise authorized below for professional liability (errors and omissions) insurance, all insurance provided pursuant to this Agreement shall be on an occurrence basis. The minimum amount of insurance required hereunder shall be as follows:

A. **Errors and Omissions Insurance.** Consultant shall obtain and maintain in full force and effect throughout the term of this Agreement, standard industry form professional liability (errors and omissions) insurance coverage in an amount of not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per claim and two-million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) annual aggregate, in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(2) If the policy of insurance is written on a "claims made" basis, the policy shall be continued in full force and effect at all times during the term of this Agreement, and for a period of three (3) years from the date of the completion of the Services provided hereunder. In the event of termination of the policy during this period, Consultant shall obtain continuing insurance coverage for the prior acts or omissions of Consultant during the course of performing Services under the terms of this Agreement. The coverage shall be evidenced by either a new policy evidencing no gap in coverage, or by obtaining separate extended "tail" coverage with the present or new carrier or other insurance arrangements providing for complete coverage, either of which shall be subject to the written approval by the City Administrator.

(3) In the event the policy of insurance is written on an "occurrence" basis, the policy shall be continued in full force and effect during the term of this Agreement, or until completion

of the Services provided for in this Agreement, whichever is later. In the event of termination of the policy during this period, new coverage shall immediately be obtained to ensure coverage during the entire course of performing the Services under the terms of this Agreement.

- B. **Workers' Compensation Insurance.** Consultant shall obtain and maintain, in full force and effect throughout the term of this Agreement, workers' compensation insurance in at least the minimum statutory amounts, and in compliance with all other statutory requirements, as required by the State of California. Consultant agrees to waive and obtain endorsements from its workers' compensation insurer waiving subrogation rights under its workers' compensation insurance policy against the City and to require each of its subcontractors, if any, to do likewise under their workers' compensation insurance policies. If Consultant has no employees, Consultant shall complete the City's Request for Waiver of Workers' Compensation Insurance Requirement form.
- C. **Commercial General Liability Insurance.** Consultant shall obtain and maintain, in full force and effect throughout the term of this Agreement, a policy of commercial general liability insurance written on a per occurrence basis with a combined single limit of at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) and two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) general aggregate for bodily injury and property damage including coverages for contractual liability, personal injury, independent contractors, broad form property damage, products and completed operations.
- D. **Business Automobile Insurance.** Consultant shall obtain and maintain, in full force and effect throughout the term of this Agreement, a policy of business automobile liability insurance written on a per occurrence basis with a single limit liability in the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) bodily injury and property damage. The policy shall include coverage for owned, non-owned, leased, and hired cars.
- E. **Employer Liability Insurance.** Consultant shall obtain and maintain, in full force and effect throughout the term of this Agreement, a policy of employer liability insurance written on a per occurrence basis with a policy limit of at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for bodily injury or disease.

**5.2 Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions.** Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by the City Administrator prior to commencing any work or services under this Agreement. Consultant guarantees payment of all deductibles and self-insured retentions. City reserves the right to reject deductibles or self-insured retentions in excess of \$10,000, and the City Administrator may require evidence of pending claims and claims history as well as evidence of Consultant's ability to pay claims for all deductible amounts and self-insured retentions proposed in excess of \$10,000.

**5.3 Other Insurance Requirements.** The following provisions shall apply to the insurance policies required of Consultant pursuant to this Agreement:

5.3.1 For any claims related to this Agreement, Consultant's coverage shall be primary insurance as respects City and its officers, council members, officials, employees, agents, and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the City and its officers, council members, officials, employees, agents, and volunteers shall be in excess of Consultant's insurance and shall not contribute with it.

5.3.2 Any failure to comply with reporting or other provisions of the policies, including breaches of warranties, shall not affect coverage provided to City and its officers, council members, officials, employees, agents, and volunteers.

5.3.3 All insurance coverage and limits provided by Consultant and available or applicable to this Agreement are intended to apply to each insured, including additional insureds, (if applicable) against whom a claim is made or suit is brought to the full extent of the policies. Nothing contained in this Agreement or any other agreement relating to the City or its operations shall limit the application of such insurance coverage.

5.3.4 None of the insurance coverages required herein will be in compliance with these requirements if they include any limiting endorsement which substantially impairs the coverages set forth herein (e.g., elimination of contractual liability or reduction of discovery period), unless the endorsement has first been submitted to the City Administrator and approved in writing.

5.3.5 Consultant agrees to require its insurer to modify insurance endorsements to delete any exculpatory wording stating that failure of the insurer to mail written notice of cancellation imposes no obligation, or that any party will "endeavor" (as opposed to being required) to comply with the requirements of the endorsements. Certificates of insurance will not be accepted in lieu of required endorsements, and submittal of certificates without required endorsements may delay commencement of the Project. It is Consultant's obligation to ensure timely compliance with all insurance submittal requirements as provided herein.

5.3.6 Consultant agrees to ensure that subcontractors, and any other parties involved with the Project who are brought onto or involved in the Project by Consultant, provide the same minimum insurance coverage required of Consultant. Consultant agrees to monitor and review all such coverage and assumes all responsibility for ensuring that such coverage is provided in conformity with the requirements of this section. Consultant agrees that upon request, all agreements with subcontractors and others engaged in the Project will be submitted to the City for review.

5.3.7 Consultant acknowledges and agrees that any actual or alleged failure on the part of the City to inform Consultant of non-compliance with any insurance requirement in no way imposes any additional obligations on the City nor does it waive any rights hereunder in this or any other regard.

5.3.8 Consultant shall provide proof that policies of insurance required herein expiring during the term of this Agreement have been renewed or replaced with other policies providing at least the same coverage. Proof that such coverage has been ordered shall be submitted prior to expiration. Endorsements as required in this Agreement applicable to the renewing or new coverage shall be provided to City no later than ten (10) days prior to expiration of the lapsing coverage.

5.3.9 Requirements of specific insurance coverage features or limits contained in this section are not intended as limitations on coverage, limits, or other requirements nor as a waiver of any coverage normally provided by any given policy. Specific reference to a given coverage feature is for purposes of clarification only as it pertains to a given issue, and is not intended by any party or insured to be limiting or all-inclusive.

5.3.10 The requirements in this section supersede all other sections and provisions of this Agreement to the extent that any other section or provision conflicts with or impairs the provisions of this section.

5.3.11 Consultant agrees to provide immediate notice to City of any claim or loss against Consultant arising out of the Scope of Services performed under this Agreement and for any other claim or loss which may reduce the insurance available to pay claims arising out of this Agreement. City assumes no obligation or liability by such notice, but has the right (but not the duty) to monitor the handling of any such claim or claims if they are likely to involve City, or to reduce or dilute insurance available for payment of potential claims.

5.3.12 Consultant agrees that the provisions of this section shall not be construed as limiting in any way the extent to which the Consultant may be held responsible for the payment of damages resulting from the Consultant's activities or the activities of any person or person for which the Consultant is otherwise responsible.

**5.4 Sufficiency of Insurers.** Insurance required herein shall be provided by authorized insurers in good standing with the State of California. Coverage shall be provided by insurers admitted in the State of California with an A.M. Best's Key Rating of B++, Class VII, or better, unless such requirements are waived in writing by the City Administrator or his designee due to unique circumstances.

**5.5 Verification of Coverage.** Consultant shall furnish City with both certificates of insurance and endorsements, including additional insured endorsements, affecting all of the coverages required by this Agreement. The certificates and endorsements are to be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. All proof of insurance is to be received and approved by the City before work commences. City reserves the right to require Consultant's insurers to provide complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies at any time. Additional insured endorsements are not required for Errors and Omissions and Workers' Compensation policies.

Verification of Insurance coverage may be provided by: (1) an approved General and/or Auto Liability Endorsement Form for the City of Rialto or (2) an acceptable Certificate of

Liability Insurance Coverage with an approved Additional Insured Endorsement with the following endorsements stated on the certificate:

1. *"The City of Rialto, its officials, employees, and agents are named as an additional insured..." ("as respects City of Rialto Contract No. \_\_\_\_\_" or "for any and all work performed with the City" may be included in this statement).*
2. *"This General Liability insurance is primary and non-contributory over any insurance or self-insurance the City may have..." ("as respects City of Rialto Contract No. \_\_\_\_\_" or "for any and all work performed with the City" may be included in this statement).*
3. *"Should any of the above described policies be canceled before the expiration date thereof, the issuing company will mail 30 days written notice to the Certificate Holder named." Language such as, "endeavor to" mail and "but failure to mail such notice shall impose no obligation or liability of any kind upon the company, its agents or representative" is not acceptable and must be crossed out.*
4. Both the Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability policies shall contain the insurer's waiver of subrogation in favor of City, its elected officials, officers, employees, agents, and volunteers. In addition to the endorsements listed above, the City of Rialto shall be named the certificate holder on the policies. All certificates of insurance and endorsements are to be received and approved by the City before work commences. All certificates of insurance must be authorized by a person with authority to bind coverage, whether that is the authorized agent/broker or insurance underwriter. Failure to obtain the required documents prior to the commencement of work shall not waive the Consultant's obligation to provide them.

## **6. INDEMNIFICATION**

To the fullest extent permitted by law, Consultant shall indemnify, defend (at consultant's sole cost and expense) protect and hold harmless City and its officers, council members, officials, employees, and volunteers and all other public agencies whose approval of the Project is required, (individually "Indemnified Party"; collectively "Indemnified Parties") against all liabilities, claims, judgments, arbitration awards, settlements, costs, demands, orders, and penalties (collectively "Claims"), including but not limited to Claims arising from injuries or death of persons (Consultant's employees included) and damage to property, which Claims arise out of, pertain to, or are related to the negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct of Consultant, its agents, employees, or subcontractors, or arise from Consultant's negligent, reckless, or willful performance of or failure to perform any term, provision, covenant, or condition of this Agreement ("Indemnified Claims"), but Consultant's liability for Indemnified Claims shall

be reduced to the extent such Claims arise from the negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct of the City, its officers, council members, officials, employees, or agents.

Consultant shall reimburse the Indemnified Parties for any reasonable expenditures, including reasonable attorneys' fees, expert fees, litigation costs, and expenses that each Indemnified Party may incur by reason of Indemnified Claims. Upon request by an Indemnified Party, Consultant shall defend with legal counsel reasonable acceptable to the Indemnified Party all claims against the Indemnified Party that may arise out of, pertain to. Or relate to Indemnified whether or not Consultant is named as a party to the Claim proceeding. The determination whether a Claim "may arise out of, pertain to or relate to Indemnified Claims" shall be based on the allegations made in the claim and the facts known or subsequently discovered by the parties.

In the event a final judgment, arbitration award, order, settlement, or other final resolution expressly determines that did not arise out of or pertain nor relate to the negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct of Consultant to any extent then City shall reimburse consultant for the reasonable costs of defending the Indemnified Parties against such Claims, except City shall not reimburse Consultant for Attorney fees expert fees litigation costs and expenses that were incurred defending Consultant or any parties other than Indemnified Parties against such Claims.

Consultant's indemnification obligation hereunder shall survive the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement until all actions against the Indemnified Parties for such matters indemnified hereunder are fully and finally barred by the applicable statute of limitations or, if an action is timely filed, until such action is final. This provision is intended for the benefit of third party Indemnified Parties not otherwise a party to this Agreement.

## **7. REPORTS AND RECORDS**

**7.1 Accounting Records.** Consultant shall keep complete, accurate, and detailed accounts of all time, costs, expenses, and expenditures pertaining in any way to this Agreement. Consultant shall keep such books and records as shall be necessary to properly perform the Services required by this Agreement and to enable the Contract Officer to evaluate the performance of such Services. The Contract Officer shall have full and free access to such books and records at all reasonable times, including the right to inspect, copy, audit, and make records and transcripts from such records.

**7.2 Reports.** Consultant shall periodically prepare and submit to the Contract Officer such reports concerning the performance of the Services required by this Agreement as the Contract Officer shall require. Consultant hereby acknowledges that the City is greatly concerned about the cost of the Scope of Services to be performed pursuant to this Agreement. For this reason, Consultant agrees that if Consultant becomes aware of any facts, circumstances, techniques, or events that may or will materially increase or decrease the cost of the Scope of Services contemplated herein or, if Consultant is providing design services, the cost of the project being designed, Consultant shall promptly notify the Contract Officer of such fact, circumstance, technique, or event and

the estimated increased or decreased cost related thereto and, if Consultant is providing design services, the estimated increased or decreased cost estimate for the project being designed.

**7.3 Ownership of Documents.** All drawings, specifications, reports, records, documents, memoranda, correspondence, computations, and other materials prepared by Consultant, its employees, subcontractors, and agents in the performance of this Agreement shall be the property of City upon payment in full for services provided and shall be promptly delivered to City upon request of the Contract Officer or upon the termination of this Agreement, and Consultant shall have no claim for further employment or additional compensation as a result of the exercise by City of its full rights of ownership of the documents and materials hereunder. Any use of such completed documents for other projects and/or use of incomplete documents without specific written authorization by the Consultant will be at the City's sole risk and without liability to Consultant, and the City shall indemnify the Consultant for all damages resulting therefrom. Consultant may retain copies of such documents for its own use. Consultant shall have an unrestricted right to use the concepts embodied therein. Consultant shall ensure that all its subcontractors shall provide for assignment to City of any documents or materials prepared by them, and in the event Consultant fails to secure such assignment, Consultant shall indemnify City for all damages resulting therefrom.

**7.4 Release of Documents.** All drawings, specifications, reports, records, documents, and other materials prepared by Consultant in the performance of services under this Agreement shall not be released publicly without the prior written approval of the Contract Officer. All information gained by Consultant in the performance of this Agreement shall be considered confidential and shall not be released by Consultant without City's prior written authorization.

**7.5 Audit and Inspection of Records.** After receipt of reasonable notice and during the regular business hours of City, Consultant shall provide City, or other agents of City, such access to Consultant's books, records, payroll documents, and facilities as City deems necessary to examine, copy, audit, and inspect all accounting books, records, work data, documents, and activities directly related to Consultant's performance under this Agreement. Consultant shall maintain such books, records, data, and documents in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and shall clearly identify and make such items readily accessible to such parties during the term of this Agreement and for a period of three (3) years from the date of final payment by City hereunder.

## **8. ENFORCEMENT OF AGREEMENT**

**8.1 California Law and Venue.** This Agreement shall be construed and interpreted both as to validity and as to performance of the Parties in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

**8.2 Interpretation.** This Agreement shall be construed as a whole according to its fair language and common meaning to achieve the objectives and purposes of the Parties.

The terms of this Agreement are contractual and the result of negotiation between the Parties. Accordingly, any rule of construction of contracts (including, without limitation, California Civil Code Section 1654) that ambiguities are to be construed against the drafting party, shall not be employed in the interpretation of this Agreement. The caption headings of the various sections and paragraphs of this Agreement are for convenience and identification purposes only and shall not be deemed to limit, expand, or define the contents of the respective sections or paragraphs.

#### **8.4 Default of Consultant.**

A. Consultant's failure to comply with any provision of this Agreement shall constitute a default.

B. If the City Administrator, or his designee, determines that Consultant is in default in the performance of any of the terms or conditions of this Agreement, he/she shall notify Consultant in writing of such default. Consultant shall have ten (10) days, or such longer period as City may designate, to cure the default by rendering satisfactory performance. In the event Consultant fails to cure its default within such period of time, City shall have the right, notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, to terminate this Agreement without further notice and without prejudice of any remedy to which City may be entitled at law, in equity, or under this Agreement. Consultant shall be liable for any and all reasonable costs incurred by City as a result of such default. Compliance with the provisions of this section shall not constitute a waiver of any City right to take legal action in the event that the dispute is not cured, provided that nothing herein shall limit City's right to terminate this Agreement without cause pursuant to Section 3.5.

C. If termination is due to the failure of the Consultant to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement, City may, after compliance with the provisions of Section 8.4B, take over the Scope of Services and prosecute the same to completion by contract or otherwise, and the Consultant shall be liable to the extent that the total cost for completion of the Scope of Services required hereunder exceeds the Maximum Contract Amount (provided that the City shall use reasonable efforts to mitigate such damages), and City may withhold any payments to the Consultant for the purpose of set-off or partial payment of the amounts owed the City as previously stated. The withholding or failure to withhold payments to Consultant shall not limit Consultant's liability for completion of the Services as provided herein.

**8.5 Waiver.** No waiver of any provision of this Agreement shall be effective unless in writing and signed by a duly authorized representative of the Party against whom enforcement of a waiver is sought. Any waiver by the Parties of any default or breach of any covenant, condition, or term contained in this Agreement, shall not be construed to be a waiver of any subsequent or other default or breach, nor shall failure by the Parties to require exact, full, and complete compliance with any of the covenants, conditions, or terms contained in this Agreement be construed as changing the terms of this Agreement in any manner or preventing the Parties from enforcing the full provisions hereof.

**8.6 Rights and Remedies Cumulative.** Except with respect to rights and remedies expressly declared to be exclusive in this Agreement, the rights and remedies of the Parties are cumulative and the exercise by either Party of one or more of such rights or remedies shall not preclude the exercise by it, at the same or different times, of any other rights or remedies for the same default or any other default by the other Party.

**8.7 Legal Action.** In addition to any other rights or remedies, either Party may take legal action, in law or in equity, to cure, correct or remedy any default, to recover damages for any default, to compel specific performance of this Agreement, to obtain declaratory or injunctive relief, or to obtain any other remedy consistent with the purposes of this Agreement.

## **9. CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES: NON-DISCRIMINATION**

**9.1 Non-liability of City Officers and Employees.** No officer or employee of the City shall be personally liable to the Consultant, or any successor-in-interest, in the event of any default or breach by the City or for any amount which may become due to the Consultant or to its successor, or for breach of any obligation of the terms of this Agreement.

**9.2 Conflict of Interest.** No officer or employee of the City shall have any financial interest, direct or indirect, in this Agreement nor shall any such officer or employee participate in any decision relating to the Agreement which effects his financial interest or the financial interest of any corporation, partnership, or association in which he/she is, directly or indirectly, interested in violation of any state statute or regulation. Consultant warrants that it has not paid or given and will not pay or give any third party any money or other consideration in exchange for obtaining this Agreement.

**9.3 Covenant Against Discrimination.** In connection with its performance under this Agreement, Consultant shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, age, marital status, ancestry, or national origin. Consultant shall ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during their employment, without regard to their race, religion, color, sex, age, marital status, ancestry, or national origin. Such actions shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship.

## **10. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

### **10.1 Patent and Copyright Infringement.**

A. To the fullest extent permissible under law, and in lieu of any other warranty by City or Consultant against patent or copyright infringement, statutory or otherwise, it is agreed that Consultant shall defend at its expense any claim or suit against City on account of any allegation that any item furnished under this Agreement, or the normal

use or sale thereof arising out of the performance of this Agreement, infringes upon any presently existing U.S. letters patent or copyright and Consultant shall pay all costs and damages finally awarded in any such suit or claim, provided that Consultant is promptly notified in writing of the suit or claim and given authority, information and assistance at Consultant's expense for the defense of same, and provided such suit or claim arises out of, pertains to, or is related to the negligence, recklessness or willful misconduct of Consultant. However, Consultant will not indemnify City if the suit or claim results from: (1) City's alteration of a deliverable, such that City's alteration of such deliverable created the infringement upon any presently existing U.S. letters patent or copyright; or (2) the use of a deliverable in combination with other material not provided by Consultant when it is such use in combination which infringes upon an existing U.S. letters patent or copyright.

- B. Consultant shall have sole control of the defense of any such claim or suit and all negotiations for settlement thereof, Consultant shall not be obligated to indemnify City under any settlement made without Consultant's consent or in the event City fails to cooperate in the defense of any suit or claim, provided, however, that such defense shall be at Consultant's expense. If the use or sale of such item is enjoined as a result of the suit or claim, Consultant, at no expense to City, shall obtain for City the right to use and sell the item, or shall substitute an equivalent item acceptable to City and extend this patent and copyright indemnity thereto.

**10.2 Notices.** All notices or other communications required or permitted hereunder shall be in writing, and shall be personally delivered, sent by pre-paid First Class U.S. Mail, registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, or delivered or sent by facsimile with attached evidence of completed transmission, and shall be deemed received upon the earlier of (i) the date of delivery to the address of the person to receive such notice if delivered personally or by messenger or overnight courier; (ii) five (5) business days after the date of posting by the United States Post Office if by mail; or (iii) when sent if given by facsimile. Any notice, request, demand, direction, or other communication sent by facsimile must be confirmed within forty-eight (48) hours by letter mailed or delivered. Other forms of electronic transmission such as e-mails, text messages, instant messages are not acceptable manners of notice required hereunder. Notices or other communications shall be addressed as follows:

To City: Sean Grayson, Interim City Administrator,  
City of Rialto  
Development Services Department  
150 S. Palm Avenue  
Rialto, CA 92376  
Telephone: (909) 820-8088

Attention: City Administrator  
150 S. Palm Avenue  
Rialto, CA 92376  
Telephone: (909) 820-2689

Facsimile: (909) 820-2527

To Consultant: Rocks Biological Consulting Services  
2621 Denver Street, Suite B  
San Diego, CA 92110-3300  
(619) 701-6798  
Info@Rocksbio.com

**10.3 Entire Agreement.** This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties and supersedes all prior negotiations, arrangements, agreements, representations, and understandings, if any, made by or among the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof. No amendments or other modifications of this Agreement shall be binding unless executed in writing by both Parties hereto, or their respective successors, assigns, or grantees.

**10.4 Severability.** Whenever possible, each provision of this Agreement shall be interpreted in such a manner as to be effective and valid under applicable law, but if any provision of this Agreement shall be determined to be invalid by a final judgment or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be ineffective only to the extent of such prohibition or invalidity, without invalidating the remainder of that provision, or the remaining provisions of this Agreement unless the invalid provision is so material that its invalidity deprives either Party of the basic benefit of their bargain or renders this Agreement meaningless.

**10.5 Successors in Interest.** This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties' successors and assignees.

**10.6 Third Party Beneficiary.** Except as may be expressly provided for herein, nothing contained in this Agreement is intended to confer, nor shall this Agreement be construed as conferring, any rights, including, without limitation, any rights as a third-party beneficiary or otherwise, upon any entity or person not a party hereto.

**10.7 Recitals.** The above-referenced Recitals are hereby incorporated into the Agreement as though fully set forth herein and each Party acknowledges and agrees that such Party is bound, for purposes of this Agreement, by the same.

**10.8. Corporate Authority.** Each of the undersigned represents and warrants that (i) the Party for which he or she is executing this Agreement is duly authorized and existing, (ii) he or she is duly authorized to execute and deliver this Agreement on behalf of the Party for which he or she is signing, (iii) by so executing this Agreement, the Party for which he or she is signing is formally bound to the provisions of this Agreement, and (iv) the entering into this Agreement does not violate any provision of any other Agreement to which the Party for which he or she is signing is bound

**10.9. Sole Corporate Remedy.** It is intended by the parties to this Agreement that Consultant's services in connection with the project shall not subject Consultant's

individual employees, officers or directors to any personal legal exposure for the risks associated with this project. Therefore, and notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the City agrees that as the City's sole and exclusive remedy, any claim, demand or suit shall be directed and/or asserted only against Innovative Planning, a California corporation, and not against any Consultant's employees, officers, directors, or principals.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, the parties have caused their authorized representative to execute this agreement on 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.

**CITY OF RIALTO, CALIFORNIA**

**ROCKS BILOGICAL CONSULTING  
SRVCS.**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deborah Robertson  
Mayor

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jim Rocks, Principal

**ATTEST:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Barbara McGee  
City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fred Galante, ESQ.  
City Attorney

**RECOMMENDED:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sean Grayson, Interim City Administrator

**EXHIBIT "A"**  
**SCOPE OF SERVICES**

**END OF EXHIBIT "A"**



October 30, 2018

Gina Gibson, Planning Manager  
City of Rialto  
249 S. Willow Avenue  
Rialto, CA 92376

**Subject: Scope and Cost for Biological Services, Rialto Gateway Plaza Parcel, City of Rialto, San Bernardino County, California**

Ms. Gibson:

Rocks Biological Consulting (RBC) is pleased to submit this proposal to provide biological services for the Rialto Gateway Plaza Parcel (project) in Rialto, California. The following tasks would be performed for the not-to-exceed without authorization cost shown below.

#### **Site Visit & Biological Constraints Memo Report**

A detailed vegetation map showing habitat types within the project site will be created in the field. General surveys for plant and wildlife species and an assessment of the potential of the project site to support sensitive plants, animals, and/or habitats will be conducted. Prior to visiting the project site, RBC will query the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, California Natural Diversity Database, and California Native Plant Society database to prepare for the field survey. No focused or protocol surveys for sensitive plants or animals will be conducted, but the location of sensitive species, if observed, will be documented.

An assessment of the project site to support state or federal jurisdictional wetlands and/or Waters of the US will also be conducted, and the approximate boundaries of such areas will be mapped. Note that this cost includes constraints-level and habitat assessment wetland mapping only; formal wetland delineation per U.S. Army Corps of Engineers protocol is not included in this cost. A scope and cost for a formal jurisdictional delineation can be provided at a later date if impacts to such resources are proposed.

RBC will produce a letter constraints report detailing biological conditions on site and any constraints to future site development. The City of Rialto has negative survey results for the Delhi Sands Flower-loving Fly at the Rialto Gateway Parcel for 2016 and 2017. Therefore, the RBC site visit will to confirm that site conditions are unchanged since the negative surveys. The letter report will also detail outstanding biology items on the site related to CEQA and make recommendations for next steps..

#### **As Needed Consulting with the City of Rialto**

RBC will consult with the City of Rialto regarding outstanding biology items for the parcel. This scope and cost assumes up to 20 hours of consultation work from RBC and additional consultation with the City of Rialto from Jennifer Harry of Kimley-Horn.

***Total Cost of all Tasks (including Other Direct Costs, Overhead, etc.) = \$13,000***

### **Optional Task A: Biotic Resources Report**

Using the results from the initial constraints field visit, a CEQA-compliant biotic resources report that summarizes the current biological site conditions will be prepared in accordance with the County of San Bernardino's Biotic Resources Report requirements. The report will also address *City of Rialto General Plan* requirements for biological resources. The report will detail the special-status plants and animals on site, if applicable and the ability of the site to support special-status species. The report will describe impacts that will result from the development of the site and mitigation options, if applicable.

***Optional Task B not-to-exceed without authorization = \$7,800***

### **Optional Task B: USFWS protocol Delhi Sands flower-loving Fly**

Delhi Sands flower-loving Fly (*Rhaphiomidas terminatus abdominalis*) surveys in summer 2019. The protocol surveys will be conducted twice weekly from July 1 to September 20 by a USFWS permitted biologist. Cost includes all surveys, mileage, project management, GIS, and a report.

***Optional Task B not-to-exceed without authorization = \$21,400***

Note that this scope and cost does not include protocol burrowing owl surveys and report or a stand-alone formal jurisdictional determination report. This scope and cost includes necessary staff time to perform the work outlined herein; all overhead expenditures including general liability, professional liability, and professional automobile insurance; routine project contract administration; and all equipment usage costs. Note that if administrative work beyond routine services is required (e.g., waivers, releases, notarization of documents, project-specific COIs, etc.), such services can be provided at \$100/hour and are not included in the above total project cost.

Thank you very much for requesting a proposal from RBC. The terms and conditions in this proposal are valid for 90 days from the date of this letter. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns at (619) 843-6640.

Sincerely,



Jim Rocks  
Owner/Principal Biologist

Agreement for Professional Services

THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into this Nov day of 1, 2018, by and between, ROCKS BIOLOGICAL CONSULTING referred to as "Consultant," and, CITY OF RIALTO hereinafter referred to as "Client."

Client and Consultant agree as follows:

Consultant shall perform the services described in the Scope and Cost for Biological Services for Rialto Gateway Plaza 18.5-acre parcel in Rialto, California for the not-to-exceed without authorization fee of \$13,000.

Consultant shall submit progress invoices for costs incurred and shall indicate the work accomplished for the period addressed by the invoice. Invoices shall be paid by Client within four (4) weeks of receipt.

Client, with five days' written notice to Consultant, may terminate this Agreement without cause at any time. Consultant may terminate this Agreement with five days' written notice to Client upon any breach of this agreement by Client, including the failure to pay timely compensation.

Consultant warrants that the services to be rendered pursuant to this Agreement shall be performed in accordance with the standards customarily provided by an experienced and competent professional rendering the same or similar services.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be duly executed:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

Title: \_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_  
Rocks Biological Consulting

\_\_\_\_\_ October 31, 2018

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

Name: Melanie Rocks

Title: President