

**NAP A COUNTY AGREEMENT NO. 250015B**

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT**

**THIS AGREEMENT** is made and entered into as of this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, by and between NAPA COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of California, hereinafter referred to as “COUNTY,” and ARBORICULTURAL SPECIALTIES INC, doing business as, THE PROFESSIONAL TREE CARE COMPANY, a California Corporation, whose mailing address is 2828 8<sup>TH</sup> Street, Berkeley, CA 94710, hereinafter referred to as “CONTRACTOR.”

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, COUNTY wishes to obtain specialized services, as authorized by Government Code section 31000, in order to perform as needed tree trimming and removal services within the boundaries of Napa County; and

**WHEREAS**, COUNTY published RFQ No. RDS042401 (“RFQ”) on April 16, 2024, seeking to pre-qualify a short list of contractors to perform tree trimming and removal services on an as-needed basis; and

**WHEREAS**, CONTRACTOR is one of several firms who responded to the RFQ, and COUNTY desires to place CONTRACTOR on the short list of firms eligible to bid on future work; and

**WHEREAS**, CONTRACTOR is willing to provide such specialized services to COUNTY under the terms and conditions set forth herein;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, COUNTY hereby engages the services of CONTRACTOR, and CONTRACTOR agrees to serve COUNTY in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth herein:

**TERMS**

1. **Term of the Agreement.** The term of this Agreement shall commence on July 1, 2024, and shall expire on June 30, 2027, unless terminated earlier in accordance with Paragraphs 9 (Termination for Cause), 10 (Other Termination) or 23(a) (Covenant of No Undisclosed Conflict); except that the obligations of the parties under Paragraphs 7 (Insurance) and 8 (Indemnification) shall continue in full force and effect after said expiration date or early termination in relation to acts or omissions occurring prior to such dates during the term of the Agreement, and the obligations of CONTRACTOR to COUNTY shall also continue after said expiration date or early termination in relation to the obligations prescribed by Paragraphs 6 (Warranty), 15 (Confidentiality), 20 (Taxes) and 21 (Access to Records/Retention). The term of this Agreement shall be automatically renewed for an additional year at the end of each fiscal

year, under the terms and conditions then in effect, not to exceed two additional years, unless either party gives the other party written notice of intention not to renew no less than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the then current term. For purposes of this Agreement, "fiscal year" shall mean the period commencing on July 1 and ending on June 30.

2. **Scope of Services.** From time to time, COUNTY will solicit proposals or quotes from the firms shortlisted pursuant to the RFQ, to which CONTRACTOR may respond. If CONTRACTOR submits the winning proposal or quote, CONTRACTOR shall perform the services described in the solicitation, which will generally be limited to those services set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and hereby incorporated by reference. The winning proposals or quotes submitted by CONTRACTOR shall be incorporated into this Agreement if the work is awarded to CONTRACTOR and authorized in writing by the Director of Public Works or their designee.

3. **Compensation.**

(a) Rates. In consideration of CONTRACTOR's fulfillment of the promised work, COUNTY shall pay CONTRACTOR at the fixed price(s) in CONTRACTOR's proposals or quotes, as may be clarified by the parties and agreed to in advance and authorized in writing by the Director of Public Works or their designee.

(b) Expenses. Travel or other expenses will not be separately reimbursed by COUNTY, and must be included in CONTRACTOR's proposals or quotes.

(c) Maximum Amount. Notwithstanding subparagraphs (a) and (b), the maximum payments under this Agreement shall not exceed a total of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000) per fiscal year; provided, however, that such amounts shall not be construed as guaranteed sums, and compensation shall be based upon services actually rendered.

4. **Method of Payment.**

(a) Professional Services. All payments for compensation and reimbursement for expenses shall be made only upon presentation by CONTRACTOR to COUNTY of an itemized billing invoice in a form acceptable to the Napa County Auditor which indicates, at a minimum, CONTRACTOR's name, address, Social Security or Taxpayer Identification Number, itemization of the hours worked, a detailed description of the tasks completed during the billing period, the names of person(s) performing the services and the position(s) held by such person(s), and the approved hourly or task rate.

(b) Expenses. If the Agreement provides for expense reimbursement, requests for reimbursement shall describe the nature and cost of the expense, the date incurred. With the exception of per diem reimbursements, receipts must be attached.

(c) Fixed Price. If the Agreement provides for a fixed price and if CONTRACTOR presents interim invoices, CONTRACTOR must state the percentage of work completed, which must be verified by COUNTY, i.e., 35% design, 95% design, draft report, et cetera, at which time CONTRACTOR shall be paid the equivalent percentage of the fixed price.

(d) CONTRACTOR shall submit invoices not more often than monthly to the PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER who, after review and approval as to form and content, shall submit the invoice to the Napa County Auditor no later than fifteen (15) calendar days following receipt.

(e) Legal status. So that COUNTY may properly comply with its reporting obligations under federal and state laws pertaining to taxation, if CONTRACTOR is or becomes a corporation during the term of this Agreement, proof that such status is currently recognized by and complies with the laws of both the state of incorporation or organization and the State of California, if different, shall be provided to the PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER upon request in a form satisfactory to the Napa County Auditor. Such proof shall include, but need not be limited to, a copy of any annual or other periodic filings or registrations required by the state of origin or California, the current address for service of process on the corporation or limited liability partnership, and the name of any agent designated for service of process by CONTRACTOR within the State of California.

5. **Independent Contractor.** CONTRACTOR shall perform this Agreement as an independent contractor. CONTRACTOR and the officers, agents and employees of CONTRACTOR are not, and shall not be deemed, COUNTY employees for any purpose, including workers' compensation and employee benefits. CONTRACTOR shall, at CONTRACTOR's own risk and expense, determine the method and manner by which duties imposed on CONTRACTOR by this Agreement shall be performed; provided, however, that COUNTY may monitor the work performed by CONTRACTOR. COUNTY shall not deduct or withhold any amounts whatsoever from the compensation paid to CONTRACTOR, including, but not limited to amounts required to be withheld for state and federal taxes, unless required to do so by court order. As between the parties to this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall be solely responsible for all such payments.

6. **Warranty.** CONTRACTOR warrants to COUNTY that all services provided under this Agreement shall be performed in accordance with the standards customarily adhered to by an experienced and competent provider of the services called for under this Agreement using the degree of care and skill ordinarily exercised by reputable providers of such services. CONTRACTOR shall correct or redo any services not in conformance with this warranty at its own cost and expense, if notified by COUNTY within one year after completion of the services, unless a longer period is specified by the CONTRACTOR's proposal or quote.

7. **Insurance.** CONTRACTOR shall obtain and maintain in full force and effect throughout the term of this Agreement, and thereafter as to matters occurring during the term of this Agreement, the following insurance coverage:

(a) Workers' Compensation Insurance. To the extent required by law during the term of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall provide workers' compensation insurance for the performance of any of CONTRACTOR's duties under this Agreement, including but not limited to, coverage for workers' compensation and employer's liability and a waiver of subrogation, and shall provide COUNTY with certification of all such coverages upon request by COUNTY's Risk Manager.

(b) Liability Insurance. CONTRACTOR shall obtain and maintain in full force and effect during the term of this Agreement the following liability insurance coverages, **issued by a company admitted to do business in California and having an A.M. Best rating of A:VII or better, or equivalent self-insurance:**

(1) General Liability. Commercial general liability [CGL] insurance coverage (personal injury and property damage) of not less than ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000) combined single limit per occurrence, covering liability or claims for any personal injury, including death, to any person and/or damage to the property of any person arising from the acts or omissions of CONTRACTOR or any officer, agent, or employee of CONTRACTOR under this Agreement. If the coverage includes an aggregate limit, the aggregate limit shall be no less than twice the per occurrence limit.

(2) Professional Liability/Errors and Omissions. [RESERVED]

(3) Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance. Comprehensive automobile liability insurance (Bodily Injury and Property Damage) on owned, hired, leased and non-owned vehicles used in conjunction with CONTRACTOR's business of not less than ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000) combined single limit per occurrence. Coverage shall be business auto insurance coverage using Insurance Services Office (ISO) form number CA 0001 06 92 including symbol 1 (any Auto) or the exact equivalent. If CONTRACTOR owns no vehicles, this requirement may be satisfied by a non-owned auto endorsement to the General Liability Insurance described in subparagraph (b)(1) above. If CONTRACTOR or CONTRACTOR's employees, officers, or agents will use personal automobiles in any way in the performance of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall provide evidence of personal auto liability coverage for each such person upon request.

(c) Certificates of Coverage. All insurance coverages referenced in subparagraph 7(b), above, shall be evidenced by one or more certificates of coverage or, with the consent of COUNTY's Risk Manager, demonstrated by other evidence of coverage acceptable to COUNTY's Risk Manager, which shall be filed by CONTRACTOR with the DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS prior to commencement of performance of any of CONTRACTOR's duties.

(1) The certificate(s) or other evidence of coverage shall reference this Agreement by its COUNTY number or title and department; shall be kept current during the term of this Agreement; shall provide that COUNTY shall be given no less than thirty (30) days prior written notice of any non-renewal, cancellation, other termination, or material change, except that only ten (10) days prior written notice shall be required where the cause of non-renewal or cancellation is non-payment of premium; and shall provide that the inclusion of more than one insured shall not operate to impair the rights of one insured against another insured, the coverage afforded applying as though separate policies had been issued to each insured, but the inclusion of more than one insured shall not operate to increase the limits of the company's liability.

(2) Waiver of Subrogation and Additional Insured Endorsements. For the commercial general liability insurance coverage referenced in subparagraph 7(b)(1) and, for the comprehensive automobile liability insurance coverage referenced in subparagraph 7(b)(3) where the vehicles are covered by a commercial policy rather than a personal policy, CONTRACTOR shall also file with the evidence of coverage an endorsement from the insurance provider naming COUNTY, its officers, employees, agents and volunteers as additional insureds and waiving subrogation. For the Workers Compensation insurance coverage, CONTRACTOR shall file an endorsement waiving subrogation with the evidence of coverage.

(3) The certificate or other evidence of coverage shall provide that if the same policy applies to activities of CONTRACTOR not covered by this Agreement, then the limits in

the applicable certificate relating to the additional insured coverage of COUNTY shall pertain only to liability for activities of CONTRACTOR under this Agreement, and that the insurance provided is primary coverage to COUNTY with respect to any insurance or self-insurance programs maintained by COUNTY. The additional insured endorsements for the general liability coverage shall use Insurance Services Office (ISO) Form No. CG 20 09 11 85 or CG 20 10 11 85, or equivalent, including (if used together) CG 2010 10 01 and CG 2037 10 01; but shall not use the following forms: CG 20 10 10 93 or 03 94.

(4) Upon request by COUNTY's Risk Manager, CONTRACTOR shall provide or arrange for the insurer to provide within thirty (30) days of the request, certified copies of the actual insurance policies or relevant portions thereof.

(d) Deductibles/Retentions. Any deductibles or self-insured retentions shall be declared to, and be subject to approval by, COUNTY's Risk Manager, which approval shall not be denied unless the COUNTY's Risk Manager determines that the deductibles or self-insured retentions are unreasonably large in relation to compensation payable under this Agreement and the risks of liability associated with the activities required of CONTRACTOR by this Agreement. At the option of and upon request by COUNTY's Risk Manager if the Risk Manager determines that such deductibles or retentions are unreasonably high, either the insurer shall reduce or eliminate such deductibles or self-insurance retentions as respects COUNTY, its officers, employees, agents and volunteers or CONTRACTOR shall procure a bond guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigations, claims administration and defense expenses.

(e) Inclusion in Subcontracts. CONTRACTOR agrees to require all subcontractors and any other entity or person who is involved in providing services under this Agreement to comply with the Workers Compensation and General Liability insurance requirements set forth in this Paragraph 7.

#### **8. Hold Harmless/Defense/Indemnification.**

(a) In General. To the full extent permitted by law, CONTRACTOR shall defend at its own expense, indemnify, and hold harmless COUNTY and its officers, agents, employees, volunteers, or representatives from and against any and all liability, claims, actions, proceedings, losses, injuries, damages or expenses of every name, kind, and description, including litigation costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred in connection therewith, brought for or on account of personal injury (including death) or damage to property, arising from all acts or omissions of CONTRACTOR or its officers, agents, employees, volunteers, contractors and subcontractors in rendering services under this Agreement, excluding, however, such liability, claims, actions, losses, injuries, damages or expenses arising from the active or sole negligence or willful misconduct of COUNTY or its officers, agents, employees, volunteers, representatives, or other contractors or their subcontractors. Each party shall notify the other party immediately in writing of any claim or damage related to activities performed under this Agreement. The parties shall cooperate with each other in the investigation and disposition of any claim arising out of the activities under this Agreement, providing that nothing shall require either party to disclose any documents, records or communications that are protected under peer review privilege, attorney-client privilege, or attorney work product privilege.

(b) Employee Character and Fitness. CONTRACTOR accepts responsibility for determining and approving the character and fitness of its employees (including volunteers, agents or representatives) to provide the services required of CONTRACTOR under this

Agreement, including completion of a satisfactory criminal/background check and period rechecks to the extent permitted by law. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Paragraph, CONTRACTOR shall hold COUNTY and its officers, agents and employees harmless from any liability for injuries or damages resulting from a breach of this provision or CONTRACTOR's actions in this regard.

9. **Termination for Cause.** If either party shall fail to fulfill in a timely and proper manner that party's obligations under this Agreement or otherwise breach this Agreement and fail to cure such failure or breach within ten (10) days of receipt of written notice from the other party describing the nature of the breach, the non-defaulting party may, in addition to any other remedies it may have, terminate this Agreement by giving five (5) days prior written notice to the defaulting party in the manner set forth in Paragraph 13 (Notices). The Napa County Purchasing Agent or designee pursuant to Napa County Code section 2.36.050 is hereby authorized to make all decisions and take all actions required under this Paragraph to terminate this Agreement on behalf of COUNTY for cause.

10. **Other Termination.** This Agreement may be terminated by either party for any reason and at any time by giving prior written notice of such termination to the other party specifying the effective date thereof at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date, as long as the date the notice is given and the effective date of the termination are in the same fiscal year; provided, however, that no such termination may be effected by COUNTY unless an opportunity for consultation is provided prior to the effective date of the termination. COUNTY hereby authorizes the Napa County Executive Officer to make all decisions and take all actions required under this Paragraph to terminate this Agreement on behalf of COUNTY for the convenience of COUNTY.

11. **Disposition of, Title to and Payment for Work Upon Expiration or Termination.**

(a) Upon expiration of this Agreement or termination for cause under Paragraph 9 or termination for convenience of a party under Paragraph 10:

(1) To the extent CONTRACTOR has provided services through Software and Applications materials licensed to COUNTY, COUNTY shall promptly return the Software and Application materials to CONTRACTOR. In addition, to the extent CONTRACTOR maintains COUNTY data on those portions of digital software hosted by CONTRACTOR and not controlled by COUNTY ("County data"), CONTRACTOR shall promptly return County data to COUNTY Information Technology Department (ITS) in a format designated by ITS and shall subsequently purge County data from CONTRACTOR's systems upon confirmation from COUNTY that the copy of the data provided to COUNTY is comprehensive of the data previously hosted by CONTRACTOR.

(2) All finished or unfinished documents and other materials, if any, and all rights therein shall become, at the option of COUNTY, the property of and shall be promptly returned to COUNTY, although CONTRACTOR may retain a copy of such work for its personal records only, except as otherwise provided under Paragraph 15 (Confidentiality) of this Agreement. Unless otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, any copyrightable or patentable work created by CONTRACTOR under this Agreement shall be deemed a "work made for hire" for purposes of copyright or patent law and only COUNTY shall be entitled to

claim or apply for the copyright or patent thereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing and to the extent services under this Agreement involve the development of previously patented inventions or copyrighted software, then upon expiration or termination of this Agreement, title to, ownership of, and all applicable patents, copyrights and trade secrets in the products developed or improved under this Agreement, shall remain with CONTRACTOR or any other person or entity if such person previously owned or held such patents, copyrights, and trade secrets, and such persons shall retain complete rights to market such product; provided, however, that COUNTY shall receive, at no additional cost, a perpetual license to use such products for its own use or the use of any consortium or joint powers agency to which COUNTY is a party. If the product involves a source code, CONTRACTOR shall either provide a copy of the source code to COUNTY or shall place the source code in an escrow account, at CONTRACTOR's expense, from which the source code may be withdrawn and used by COUNTY for the sole purpose of maintaining and updating the system dependent upon such code when such use is necessary to prevent loss of service to COUNTY.

(b) CONTRACTOR shall be entitled to receive compensation for any satisfactory work completed prior to expiration or receipt of the notice of termination or commenced prior to receipt of the notice of termination and completed satisfactorily prior to the effective date of the termination; except that CONTRACTOR shall not be relieved of liability to COUNTY for damages sustained by COUNTY by virtue of any breach of the Agreement by CONTRACTOR whether or not the Agreement expired or otherwise terminated, and COUNTY may withhold any payments not yet made to CONTRACTOR for purpose of setoff until such time as the exact amount of damages due to COUNTY from CONTRACTOR is determined.

12. **No Waiver.** The waiver by either party of any breach or violation of any requirement of this Agreement shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any such breach in the future, or of the breach of any other requirement of this Agreement.

13. **Notices.** All notices required or authorized by this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be delivered in person or by deposit in the United States mail, by certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested. Any mailed notice, demand, request, consent, approval or communication that either party desires to give the other party shall be addressed to the other party at the address set forth below. Either party may change its address by notifying the other party of the change of address. Any notice sent by mail in the manner prescribed by this paragraph shall be deemed to have been received on the date noted on the return receipt or five days following the date of deposit, whichever is earlier.

COUNTY

Napa County Department of Public Works  
1195 Third Street, Suite 101  
Napa, CA 94558

CONTRACTOR

Arboricultural Specialties Inc., dba,  
The Professional Tree Care Company  
2828 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
Berkeley, CA 94710

14. **Compliance with COUNTY Policies on Waste, Harassment, Drug/Alcohol-Free Workplace, and Computer Use.** CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to comply, and require its employees and subcontractors to comply, with the following policies, copies of which are on file

with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and incorporated by reference herein. CONTRACTOR also agrees that it shall not engage in any activities, or permit its officers, agents and employees to do so, during the performance of any of the services required under this Agreement, which would interfere with compliance or induce violation of these policies by COUNTY employees or contractors.

(a) Napa County "Waste Source Reduction and Recycled Product Content Procurement Policy" which is found in the Napa County Policy Manual Part I, Section 8D.

(b) Napa County "Discrimination, Harassment and Retaliation Prevention Policy," which is found in the Napa County Policy Manual Part I, Section 37K.

(c) Napa County "Drug and Alcohol Policy," which is found in the Napa County Policy Manual Part I, Section 37O.

(d) "Napa County Information Technology Use and Security Policy" which is found in the Napa County Policy Manual Part I, Section 31A.

(e) Napa County "Workplace Violence Policy," which is found in the Napa County Policy Manual Part I, Section 37U.

15. **Confidentiality.** Confidential information is defined as all information disclosed to CONTRACTOR which relates to COUNTY's past, present, and future activities, as well as activities under this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall hold all such information as CONTRACTOR may receive, if any, in trust and confidence, except with the prior written approval of COUNTY, expressed through its DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS. Upon cancellation or expiration of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall return to COUNTY all written and descriptive matter which contains any such confidential information, except that CONTRACTOR may retain for its files a copy of CONTRACTOR's work product if such product has been made available to the public by COUNTY.

16. **No Assignments or Subcontracts.**

(a) In General. A consideration of this Agreement is the personal reputation of CONTRACTOR; therefore, CONTRACTOR shall not assign any interest in this Agreement or subcontract any of the services CONTRACTOR is to perform hereunder without the prior written consent of COUNTY, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. The inability of the assignee to provide personnel equivalent in experience, expertise, and numbers to those provided by CONTRACTOR, or to perform any of the remaining services required under this Agreement within the same time frame required of CONTRACTOR shall be deemed to be reasonable grounds for COUNTY to withhold its consent to assignment. For purposes of this subparagraph, the consent of COUNTY may be given by the DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.

(b) Effect of Change in Status. If CONTRACTOR changes its status during the term of this Agreement from or to that of a corporation, limited liability partnership, limited liability company, general partnership, or sole proprietorship, such change in organizational status shall be viewed as an attempted assignment of this Agreement by CONTRACTOR. Failure of CONTRACTOR to obtain approval of such assignment under this Paragraph shall be viewed as a material breach of this Agreement.

17. **Amendment/Modification.** Except as specifically provided herein, this Agreement may be modified or amended only in writing and with the prior written consent of both parties.

Failure of CONTRACTOR to secure such authorization in writing in advance of performing any extra or changed work shall constitute a waiver of any and all rights to adjustment in the contract price or contract time and no compensation shall be paid for such extra work.

**18. Interpretation; Venue.**

(a) Interpretation. The headings used herein are for reference only. The terms of the Agreement are set out in the text under the headings. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California without regard to the choice of law or conflicts.

(b) Venue. This Agreement is made in Napa County, California. The venue for any legal action in state court filed by either party to this Agreement for the purpose of interpreting or enforcing any provision of this Agreement shall be in the Superior Court of California, County of Napa, a unified court. The venue for any legal action in federal court filed by either party to this Agreement for the purpose of interpreting or enforcing any provision of this Agreement lying within the jurisdiction of the federal courts shall be the Northern District of California. The appropriate venue for arbitration, mediation or similar legal proceedings under this Agreement shall be Napa County, California; however, nothing in this sentence shall obligate either party to submit to mediation or arbitration any dispute arising under this Agreement.

**19. Compliance with Laws.** CONTRACTOR shall observe and comply with all applicable Federal, State and local laws, ordinances, and codes. Such laws shall include, but not be limited to, the following, except where prohibited by law:

(a) Non-Discrimination. During the performance of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR and its subcontractors shall not deny the benefits thereof to any person on the basis of race, color, ancestry, national origin or ethnic group identification, religion or religious creed, gender or self-identified gender, sexual orientation, marital status, age, mental disability, physical disability, genetic information, or medical condition (including cancer, HIV and AIDS), or political affiliation or belief, nor shall they discriminate unlawfully against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, ancestry, national origin or ethnic group identification, religion or religious creed, gender or self-identified gender, sexual orientation, marital status, age (over 40), mental disability, physical disability, genetic information, or medical condition (including cancer, HIV and AIDS), use of family care leave, or political affiliation or belief. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that the evaluation and treatment of employees and applicants for employment are free of such discrimination or harassment. In addition to the foregoing general obligations, CONTRACTOR shall comply with the provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Government Code section 12900, et seq.), the regulations promulgated thereunder (Title 2, California Code of Regulations, section 7285.0, et seq.), the provisions of Article 9.5, Chapter 1, Part 1, Division 3, Title 2 of the Government Code (sections 11135-11139.5) and any state or local regulations adopted to implement any of the foregoing, as such statutes and regulations may be amended from time to time. To the extent this Agreement subcontracts to CONTRACTOR services or works required of COUNTY by the State of California pursuant to agreement between COUNTY and the State, the applicable regulations of the Fair Employment and Housing Commission implementing Government Code section 12990 (a) through (f), set forth in Chapter 5 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations are expressly incorporated into this Agreement by reference and made a part hereof as if set forth in full, and CONTRACTOR and any of its subcontractors shall give written notice

of their obligations thereunder to labor organizations with which they have collective bargaining or other agreements.

(b) Documentation of Right to Work. CONTRACTOR agrees to abide by the requirements of the Immigration and Control Reform Act pertaining to assuring that all newly-hired employees of CONTRACTOR performing any services under this Agreement have a legal right to work in the United States of America, that all required documentation of such right to work is inspected, and that INS Form 1-9 (as it may be amended from time to time) is completed and on file for each employee. CONTRACTOR shall make the required documentation available upon request to COUNTY for inspection.

(c) Inclusion in Subcontracts. To the extent any of the services required of CONTRACTOR under this Agreement are subcontracted to a third party, CONTRACTOR shall include all of the provisions of this Paragraph 19 in all such subcontracts as obligations of the subcontractor.

(d) Prevailing Wages. The scope of services includes "public works" as defined in the California Labor Code. Contractor shall comply with all State prevailing wage requirements, including but not limited to those set forth in Exhibit "B."

20. **Taxes.** CONTRACTOR agrees to file federal and state tax returns or applicable withholding documents and to pay all applicable taxes or make all required withholdings on amounts paid pursuant to this Agreement and shall be solely liable and responsible to make such withholdings and/or pay such taxes and other obligations including, without limitation, state and federal income and FICA taxes. CONTRACTOR agrees to indemnify and hold COUNTY harmless from any liability it may incur to the United States or the State of California as a consequence of CONTRACTOR's failure to pay or withhold, when due, all such taxes and obligations. In the event that COUNTY is audited for compliance regarding any withholding or other applicable taxes or amounts, CONTRACTOR agrees to furnish COUNTY with proof of payment of taxes or withholdings on those earnings.

21. **Access to Records/Retention.** COUNTY, any federal or state grantor agency funding all or part of the compensation payable hereunder, the State Controller, the Comptroller General of the United States, or the duly authorized representatives of any of the above, shall have access to any books, documents, papers and records of CONTRACTOR which are directly pertinent to the subject matter of this Agreement for the purpose of making audit, examination, excerpts and transcriptions. Except where longer retention is required by any federal or state law, CONTRACTOR shall maintain all required records for at least seven (7) years after COUNTY makes final payment for any of the work authorized hereunder and all pending matters are closed, whichever is later.

22. **Authority to Contract.** CONTRACTOR and COUNTY each warrant hereby that they are legally permitted and otherwise have the authority to enter into and perform this Agreement.

23. **Conflict of Interest.**

(a) Covenant of No Undisclosed Conflict. The parties to the Agreement acknowledge that they are aware of the provisions of Government Code section 1090, et seq., and section 87100, et seq., relating to conflict of interest of public officers and employees. CONTRACTOR

hereby covenants that it presently has no interest not disclosed to COUNTY and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any material manner or degree with the performance of its services or confidentiality obligation hereunder, except as such as COUNTY may consent to in writing prior to the acquisition by CONTRACTOR of such conflict. CONTRACTOR further warrants that it is unaware of any financial or economic interest of any public officer or employee of County relating to this Agreement. CONTRACTOR agrees that if such financial interest does exist at the inception of this Agreement, COUNTY may terminate this Agreement immediately upon giving written notice without further obligation by COUNTY to CONTRACTOR under this Agreement.

(b) Statements of Economic Interest. CONTRACTOR acknowledges and understands that COUNTY has developed and approved a Conflict of Interest Code as required by state law which requires CONTRACTOR to file with the Elections Division of the Napa County Assessor-Clerk Recorder “assuming office”, “annual”, and “leaving office” Statements of Economic Interest as a “consultant”, as defined in section 18701(a)(2) of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, unless it has been determined in writing that CONTRACTOR has been hired to perform a range of duties so limited in scope as to not be required to fully comply with such disclosure obligation. By executing this Agreement, the COUNTY hereby determines in writing that CONTRACTOR has been hired to perform a range of duties so limited in scope as to not be required to comply with such disclosure obligation.

24. **Third Party Beneficiaries.** Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed to create any rights in third parties and the parties do not intend to create such rights.

25. **Attorney's Fees.** In the event that either party commences legal action of any kind or character to either enforce the provisions of this Agreement or to obtain damages for breach thereof, the prevailing party in such litigation shall be entitled to all costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred in connection with such action.

26. **Severability.** If any provision of this Agreement, or any portion thereof, is found by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unenforceable or invalid for any reason, such provision shall be severable and shall not in any way impair the enforceability of any other provision of this Agreement.

27. **Entirety of Contract.** This Agreement, including any documents expressly incorporated by reference whether or not attached hereto, constitutes the entire agreement between the parties relating to the subject of this Agreement and supersedes all previous agreements, promises, representations, understandings and negotiations, whether written or oral, among the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof.

28. **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, which when taken together, shall constitute a single signed original as though all parties had executed the same page.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, this Agreement is executed by COUNTY, acting by and through the Chair of the Board of Supervisors, and by CONTRACTOR through its duly authorized officer(s).

ARBORICULTURAL SPECIALTIES INC., dba,  
THE PROFESSIONAL TREE CARE COMPANY

By   
\_\_\_\_\_  
CHARLES SLESINGER, BID COORDINATOR

NAPA COUNTY, a political subdivision of  
the State of California

By \_\_\_\_\_  
JOELLE GALLAGHER, Chair  
Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM Office of County Counsel  By: <u>Thomas C. Zelery</u> Deputy County Counsel  Date: <u>June 11, 2024</u>	APPROVED BY THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  Date: _____ Processed By: _____  _____ Deputy Clerk of the Board	ATTEST: NEHA HOSKINS Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  By: _____
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## EXHIBIT "A"

### SCOPE OF WORK

CONTRACTOR shall provide COUNTY with the following services related to tree trimming and removal:

#### I. DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

- CONTRACTOR to perform tree trimming and removal services as required on County property and along roadsides in unincorporated areas of Napa County;
- CONTRACTOR to provide lane closures, including signage, fences, barricades, directional signs and warning devices necessary to complete work in a safe manner when the COUNTY roads crew is not available for assistance;
- CONTRACTOR to provide stump-grinding service;
- CONTRACTOR shall supply all labor, tools and equipment required to perform services in a professional manner; and
- CONTRACTOR shall perform services with minimal obstruction and inconvenience to the public.
- CONTRACTOR shall be capable of:
  - Evaluating trees and making recommendations to COUNTY;
  - Supervising trimming and removal of trees as directed by the COUNTY;
  - and
  - Supervising all work performed for the COUNTY.
- CONTRACTOR shall supply all labor and equipment necessary to appropriately and safely complete the required tasks;
- Services shall be performed in a manner to protect tree health and growth. Services will be performed with particular attention to the following:
  - All tree removal shall be done in a manner to protect surrounding property, vegetation, etc.:
  - Tree Trunks shall be removed to ground level, or to a specific height as directed by COUNTY; or
  - Stumps shall be ground as directed by the COUNTY.

#### II. EQUIPMENT AND SAFETY SPECIFICATIONS

CONTRACTOR shall supply all labor and equipment necessary to appropriately and safely complete the required task;

CONTRACTOR shall ensure Services are performed safely and in accordance with all applicable federal, state, local laws and regulations.

Chain saws used by CONTRACTOR shall be maintained in good and operable condition throughout CONTRACTOR's term of Service. The chain shall be sufficient size and design for the task;

All equipment shall be suitable, appropriate, and properly maintained by the CONTRACTOR while performing Services; and

CONTRACTOR personnel shall be experienced and trained to safely operate equipment to perform Services.

CONTRACTOR shall perform Services with minimal obstruction and inconvenience to the public

CONTRACTOR shall be capable of proving and maintaining fences, barriers directional lights and flag person as are necessary to give adequate warning to the public at all times of any dangerous conditions to be encountered as a result of the work and to give directions to the public when COUNTY Roads crew is unavailable.

COUNTY has the right to suspend any work assignments for any reason, including adverse weather conditions, at no cost to the COUNTY;

COUNTY may order CONTRACTOR to stop working whenever any safety violation is observed and/or evidenced. The CONTRACTOR shall comply with the stop work order and shall not resume work until the safety violation is corrected to the satisfaction of the COUNTY. CONTRACTOR shall not be entitled to any compensation for time during the period of the work stoppage.

CONTRACTOR is responsible for identification and location of all utility or power lines. The CONTRACTOR shall:

Proceed with sufficient caution to preclude damaging any utilities known or unknown. In the event unidentified utilities are encountered, the CONTRACTOR shall notify the COUNTY immediately.

In the event utilities are damaged during tree trimming or removal process, temporary services and/or repairs shall be made immediately, at the CONTRACTOR'S expense, to maintain continuity of services and permanent repairs shall be made in a timely manner at the CONTRACTOR'S expense.

Any damage caused by CONTRACTOR shall be repaired at CONTRACTORS expense.

CONTRACTOR to include training of COUNTY staff as necessary.

CONTRACTOR shall work with COUNTY personnel to achieve the best results for each project.

### **III. SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS**

CONTRACTOR must remain licensed, bonded and possess all permits and professional credentials necessary to perform tree trimming and removal services;

CONTRACTOR shall arrive onsite within twenty-four (24) hours notice from the COUNTY under normal conditions unless otherwise agreed upon. Once a job is started, all work shall be completed in a timely manner without delay;

CONTRACTOR shall respond to COUNTY under storm and/or emergency requests on two (2) hours' notice. The COUNTY will be considered a first priority under these conditions;

CONTRACTOR must have the ability to remove trees up to 96" DBA and 200' high;

CONTRACTOR to comply with quarantine regulations set by the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA); work with COUNTY Agriculture Commissioner's Office to determine any restrictions or compliance requirements;

#### **Additional Insurance Review:**

For any work requiring the use of a lift or crane, CONTRACTOR will need to work with COUNTY Risk Manager to ensure appropriate Insurance Coverage is provided prior to the initiation of work.

**II. COMPLIANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 7550.** Every document or report prepared by CONTRACTOR for or under the direction of COUNTY pursuant to this Agreement shall contain the numbers and dollar amounts of all contracts and subcontracts relating to the preparation of the document or written report if the total cost for the work performed by nonemployees of COUNTY exceeds five thousand dollars (\$5,000). The contract and subcontract numbers and dollar amounts shall be contained in a separate section of the document or written report. If multiple documents or written reports are the subject or product of this Agreement, the disclosure section may also contain a statement indicating that the total contract amount represents compensation for multiple documents or written reports.

**EXHIBIT “B”**  
**CALIFORNIA PREVAILING WAGE REQUIREMENTS**

Pursuant to California Labor Code sections 1720 and 1771, construction, alteration, demolition, installation, repair and maintenance work performed under this Agreement is “public works” subject to State prevailing wage laws. State prevailing wage laws require certain provisions be included in all contracts for public works. Contractor and any subcontractors shall comply with State prevailing wage laws including but not limited to the requirements listed below.

**B.1 Payment of Prevailing Wages.** Contractor and all subcontractors shall ensure that all workers who perform work under this Agreement are paid not less than the prevailing rate of per diem wages as determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations (DIR). This includes work performed during the design, site assessment, feasibility study, and other preconstruction phases of construction, including but not limited to inspection and land surveying work, regardless of whether any further construction work is conducted, and work performed during the post-construction phases of construction, including but not limited to all cleanup work at the jobsite.

**B.1.1** Copies of such prevailing rate of per diem wages are on file at the Napa County Public Works Department and are available for inspection to any interested party on request. Copies of the prevailing rate of per diem wages also may be found at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/OPRL/DPreWageDetermination.htm>. Contractor and all subcontractors shall post a copy of the prevailing rate of per diem wages determination at each job site and shall make them available to any interested party upon request.

**B.1.2** The wage rates determined by the DIR refer to expiration dates. If the published wage rate does not refer to a predetermined wage rate to be paid after the expiration date, then the published rate of wage shall be in effect for the life of this Agreement. If the published wage rate refers to a predetermined wage rate to become effective upon expiration of the published wage rate and the predetermined wage rate is on file with the DIR, such predetermined wage rate shall become effective on the date following the expiration date and shall apply to this Agreement in the same manner as if it had been published in said publication. If the predetermined wage rate refers to one or more additional expiration dates with additional predetermined wage rates, which expiration dates occur during the life of this Agreement, each successive predetermined wage rate shall apply to this Agreement on the date following the expiration date of the previous wage rate. If the last of such predetermined wage rates expires during the life of this Agreement, such wage rate shall apply to the balance of the Agreement.

**B.2 Penalties for Violations.** Contractor and all subcontractors shall comply with California Labor Code section 1775 in the event a worker is paid less than the prevailing wage rate for the work or craft in which the worker is employed. This is in addition to any other applicable penalties allowed under the California Labor Code.

**B.3 Payroll Records.** Contractor shall comply with California Labor Code section 1776, which generally requires keeping accurate payroll records, verifying and certifying payroll records, and making them available for inspection. Contractor shall require all subcontractors to also comply with section 1776 to the extent they are performing public works. Contractor and all subcontractors shall furnish records specified in section 1776 on a monthly basis directly to the Labor Commissioner in the manner required by California Labor Code section 1771.4. Contractor and all subcontractors shall also furnish the records to County at County's request. Contractor shall ensure its subconsultants and subcontractors prepare and submit payroll records to the DIR and County as required by this paragraph.

**B.3.1** If Contractor and any subcontractors are exempt from the DIR registration requirement pursuant to paragraph B.9.3 below, then Contractor and any subcontractors are not required to furnish payroll records directly to the Labor Commissioner but shall retain the records for at least three years after completion of the work, pursuant to California Labor Code section 1771.4(a)(4).

**B.3.2** County may require Contractor and its subcontractors to prepare and submit records specified in section 1776 to County and the Labor Commissioner on a weekly basis, at no additional cost to County.

**B.4 Apprentices.** Contractor and all subcontractors shall comply with California Labor Code sections 1777.5, 1777.6 and 1777.7 concerning the employment and wages of apprentices on public works projects. Contractor is responsible for compliance for all apprenticeable occupations pursuant to California Labor Code section 1777.5(n), and could be penalized for violations of its subcontractors pursuant to California Labor Code section 1777.7.

**B.5 Working Hours.** Contractor and all subcontractors shall comply with California Labor Code sections 1810 through 1815. Contractor and all subcontractors shall restrict the time of service of any worker on a public works project to eight hours during any one calendar day and forty hours during any one calendar week, unless all hours worked in excess of 8 hours per day are compensated at not less than 1½ times the basic rate of pay. Violations are subject to penalties of \$25 per worker per day pursuant to California Labor Code section 1813.

**B.6 Required Provisions for Subcontracts.** Contractor shall include, at a minimum, a copy of the following provisions in any contract they enter into with a subcontractor: California Labor Code sections 1771, 1771.1, 1775, 1776, 1777.5, 1813, and 1815.

**B.7 Labor Code Section 1861 Certification.** In accordance with California Labor Code section 3700, Contractor is required to secure the payment of compensation of its employees. By signing the Agreement to which this is an exhibit, Contractor certifies that:

"I am 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

I will comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of the work of this contract.”

**B.8 Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement.** This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the DIR. County must withhold contract payments from Contractor as directed by the DIR, pursuant to California Labor Code section 1727.

**B.9 Registration Requirements.** Contractor and any subcontractors shall not engage in the performance of any contract for public work, unless currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to California Labor Code section 1725.5.

**B.9.1** By signing the Agreement to which this is an Exhibit, Contractor is certifying that it has verified that all subcontractors used on this project are registered with the DIR in compliance with California Labor Code sections 1771.1 and 1725.5.

**B.9.2** County may ask Contractor for the most current list of subcontractors (regardless of tier), along with their DIR registration numbers, utilized on this project at any time during performance of this Agreement, and Contractor shall provide the list within ten (10) working days of County’s request.

**B.9.3** The registration requirement does not apply on a public works project of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) or less when the project is for construction, alteration, demolition, installation, or repair work, or on a public works project of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) or less when the project is for maintenance work, pursuant to California Labor Code sections 1725.5(f) and 1771.1(n).

**B.10 Stop Order.** Where a contractor or subcontractor engages in the performance of any public work contract without having been registered in violation of California Labor Code sections 1725.5 or 1771.1, the Labor Commissioner must issue and serve a stop order prohibiting the use of the unregistered contractor or subcontractor on all public works until the unregistered contractor or subcontractor is registered. Failure to observe a stop order is a misdemeanor.