

OPTION AND LEASE AGREEMENT

THIS OPTION AND LEASE AGREEMENT ("**Agreement**"), dated as of the latter of the signature dates below (the "**Effective Date**"), is entered into by [REDACTED] ("**Landlord**"), and C&S Waste Solutions of California, Inc., having a mailing address of P. O. Box 630, Ukiah, CA 95482 ("**Tenant**").

BACKGROUND

Landlord owns that certain plot, parcel or tract of land, as described on **Exhibit A**, and depicted in **Exhibit B**, together with all rights and privileges arising in connection therewith, located at [REDACTED] (the "**Property**"). Tenant desires to use a portion of the Property in connection with its waste management business. Landlord desires to grant to Tenant the right to use a portion of the Property in accordance with this Agreement.

The parties agree as follows:

1. OPTION TO LEASE.

(a) Landlord grants to Tenant an option (the "**Option**") to lease a certain portion of the Property as described on attached **Exhibit A**, containing approximately five (5) acres and depicted in **Exhibit B** (the "**Premises**"), and a single bay of the existing structure on the premises (the "**Building**") for the waste management operations (as defined in Section 3 below).

(b) During the Option Term (as defined in Section 1(c) below), and during the Term (as defined in Section 4(d) below) of this Agreement, Tenant and its agents, engineers, surveyors and other representatives will have the right to enter upon the Property to inspect, examine, conduct soil borings, drainage testing, material sampling, radio frequency testing and other geological or engineering tests or studies of the Property (collectively, the "**Tests**"), to apply for and obtain licenses, permits, approvals, or other relief required of or deemed necessary or appropriate for its use of the Premises and include, without limitation, applications for special use permits, and construction permits (collectively, the "**Government Approvals**"), initiate the ordering and/or scheduling of necessary utilities, and otherwise to do those things on or off the Property that to determine the physical condition of the Property, the environmental history of the Property, Landlord's title to the Property and the feasibility or suitability of the Property for Tenant's Permitted Use (as defined in Section 3 below), all at Tenant's expense. Tenant will not be liable to Landlord or any third party on account of any pre-existing defect or condition on or with respect to the Property, whether or not such defect or condition is disclosed by Tenant's inspection. Tenant will restore the Property to its condition as it existed at the commencement of the Option Term, reasonable wear and tear and loss by casualty or other causes beyond Tenant's control excepted.

(c) In consideration of Landlord granting Tenant the Option, Tenant agrees to pay Landlord the sum of [REDACTED] within ten (10) business days of the Effective Date. The Option will be for a term of six (6) months commencing on the Effective Date (the "**Option Term**")

(d) The Option may not be sold, assigned, or transferred without the written consent of Landlord.

(e) During the Option Term, Tenant may exercise the Option by notifying Landlord in writing. If Tenant exercises the Option then Landlord leases the Premises to Tenant subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement. If Tenant does not exercise the Option during the Initial Option Term or any extension thereof, this Agreement will terminate and the parties will have no further liability to each other.

(f) If Tenant exercises the Option within thirty (30) business days of the Effective Date, the option payment shall be credited towards the first month's lease payment.

(g) If during the Option Term, or during the Term of this Agreement the Option is exercised, Landlord decides to subdivide, sell, or change the status of the zoning of the Premises, Property or any of Landlord's contiguous, adjoining or surrounding property (the "**Surrounding Property**"), or in the event of foreclosure, Landlord shall immediately notify Tenant in writing. Landlord agrees that during the Option Term, or during the Term of this Agreement if the Option is exercised, Landlord shall not initiate or consent to any change in the zoning of the Premises, Property or Surrounding Property or impose or consent to any other use or restriction that would prevent or limit Tenant from using the Premises for the Permitted Use. Any and all terms and conditions of this Agreement that by their sense and context are intended to be applicable during the Option Term shall be so applicable.

2. EXPANSION OPTION. In the event Tenant desires to expand the Waste Transfer Facility, in a manner that requires an additional portion of the Property (the "Additional Premises"), Landlord agrees to lease to Tenant the Additional Premises, of approximately to six (6) acres immediately adjacent to the Premises, upon the same terms and conditions set forth herein, except that the Rent shall increase, in conjunction with the lease of the Additional Premises by the amount indicated in Section 5d. If the Landlord vacates its portion of the Building Landlord agrees to lease to Tenant the entire Building upon the same terms and conditions set forth herein, except that the Rent shall increase by the amount indicated in Section 5e.

3. PERMITTED USE. Tenant may use the Premises for fleet parking, mechanic shop, equipment/material storage, direct transfer of waste streams (between trucks), recycling center (open to the public) and fencing and any other items necessary to the successful and secure use of the Premises (collectively, the "**Waste Transfer Facility**"), as well as the right to test, survey and review title on the Property (collectively, the "**Permitted Use**"). Tenant will be allowed to make such alterations to the Property in order to ensure that Tenant's waste transfer facility complies with all applicable federal, state or local laws, rules or regulations, upon written consent and approval by Landlord. Tenant's use of the Premises shall not interfere with any groundwater monitoring and remediation programs currently existing or required in the future and Landlord reserves the right to access the monitoring infrastructure at any time.

4. **TERM.**

(a) The initial lease term will be five (5) years (the "**Initial Term**"), commencing on the effective date of written notification by Tenant to Landlord of Tenant's exercise of the Option (the "**Term Commencement Date**"). The Initial Term will terminate on the fifth (5th) anniversary of the Term Commencement Date.

(b) This Agreement will automatically renew for four (4) additional five (5) year term(s) (each five (5) year term shall be defined as an "**Extension Term**"), upon the same terms and conditions unless Tenant notifies Landlord in writing of Tenant's intention not to renew this Agreement at least sixty (60) days prior to the expiration of the Initial Term or then-existing Extension Term.

(c) Unless (i) Landlord or Tenant notifies the other in writing of its intention to terminate this Agreement at least six (6) months prior to the expiration of the final Extension Term, or (ii) the Agreement is terminated as otherwise permitted by this Agreement prior to the end of the final Extension Term, then upon the expiration of the final Extension Term, this Agreement shall continue in force upon the same covenants, terms and conditions for a further term of one (1) year, and for annual terms thereafter ("**Annual Term**") until terminated by either party by giving to the other written notice of its intention to so terminate at least six (6) months prior to the end of any such Annual Term. Monthly rental during such Annual Terms shall be equal to the Rent paid for the last month of the final Extension Term. If Tenant remains in possession of the Premises after the termination of this Agreement, then Tenant will be deemed to be occupying the Premises on a month-to-month basis (the "**Holdover Term**"), subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

(d) The Initial Term, any Extension Terms, any Annual Terms and any Holdover Term are collectively referred to as the Term (the "**Term**").

5. **RENT.**

[REDACTED]



6. APPROVALS.

(a) Landlord agrees that Tenant's ability to use the Premises is contingent upon the suitability of the Premises and Property for Tenant's Permitted Use and Tenant's ability to obtain and maintain all Government Approvals. Landlord authorizes Tenant to prepare, execute and file all required applications to obtain Government Approvals for Tenant's Permitted Use under this Agreement and agrees to reasonably assist Tenant with such applications and with obtaining and maintaining the Government Approvals.

(b) Tenant has the right to obtain a title report or commitment for a leasehold title policy from a title insurance company of its choice and to have the Property surveyed by a surveyor of its choice.

(c) Tenant may also perform and obtain, at Tenant's sole cost and expense, soil borings, percolation tests, engineering procedures, environmental investigation or other tests or reports on, over, and under the Property, necessary to determine if Tenant's use of the Premises will be compatible with Tenant's engineering specifications, system, design, operations or Government Approvals.

7. TERMINATION. This Agreement may be terminated, without penalty or further liability, as follows:

(a) by either party on thirty (30) days prior written notice, if the other party remains in default under Section 15 of this Agreement after the applicable cure periods;

(b) by Tenant upon written notice to Landlord, if Tenant is unable to obtain or maintain, any required approval(s) or the issuance of a license or permit by any agency, board, court or other governmental authority necessary for the construction or operation of the Waste Management Facility as now or hereafter intended by Tenant.

8. INSURANCE.

(a) During the Term, Tenant will carry, at its own cost and expense, the following insurance: (i) workers' compensation insurance as required by law; and (ii) commercial general liability (CGL) insurance with respect to its activities on the Property, such insurance to afford protection of up to Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) per occurrence and Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000) general aggregate, based on Insurance Services Office (ISO) Form CG 00 01 or a substitute form providing substantially equivalent coverage. Tenant's CGL insurance shall contain a provision including Landlord as an additional insured. Such additional insured coverage:

(i) shall be limited to bodily injury, property damage or personal and advertising injury caused, in whole or in part, by Tenant, its employees, agents or independent contractors;

(ii) shall not extend to claims for punitive or exemplary damages arising out of the acts or omissions of Landlord, its employees, agents or independent contractors or where such coverage is prohibited by law or

to claims arising out of the gross negligence of Landlord, its employees, agents or independent contractors; and

(iii) shall not exceed Tenant's indemnification obligation under this Agreement, if any.

(b) Notwithstanding the foregoing, Tenant shall have the right to self-insure the coverages required in subsection (a). In the event Tenant elects to self-insure its obligation to include Landlord as an additional insured, the following provisions shall apply (in addition to those set forth in subsection (a)):

(i) Landlord shall promptly and no later than thirty (30) days after notice thereof provide Tenant with written notice of any claim, demand, lawsuit, or the like for which it seeks coverage pursuant to this Section and provide Tenant with copies of any demands, notices, summonses, or legal papers received in connection with such claim, demand, lawsuit, or the like;

(ii) Landlord shall not settle any such claim, demand, lawsuit, or the like without the prior written consent of Tenant; and

(iii) Landlord shall fully cooperate with Tenant in the defense of the claim, demand, lawsuit, or the like.

9. INDEMNIFICATION.

(a) Tenant agrees to indemnify, defend and hold Landlord harmless from and against any and all injury, loss, damage or liability (or any claims in respect of the foregoing), costs or expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs) arising directly from the installation, use, maintenance, repair or removal of the Waste Management Facility or Tenant's breach of any provision of this Agreement, except to the extent attributable to the negligent or intentional act or omission of Landlord, its employees, agents or independent contractors.

(b) Landlord agrees to indemnify, defend and hold Tenant harmless from and against any and all injury, loss, damage or liability (or any claims in respect of the foregoing), costs or expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs) arising directly from the actions or failure to act of Landlord, its employees or agents, or Landlord's breach of any provision of this Agreement, except to the extent attributable to the negligent or intentional act or omission of Tenant, its employees, agents or independent contractors.

(c) The indemnified party: (i) shall promptly provide the indemnifying party with written notice of any claim, demand, lawsuit, or the like for which it seeks indemnification pursuant to this Section and provide the indemnifying party with copies of any demands, notices, summonses, or legal papers received in connection with such claim, demand, lawsuit, or the like; (ii) shall not settle any such claim, demand, lawsuit, or the like without the prior written consent of the indemnifying party; and (iii) shall fully cooperate with the indemnifying party in the defense of the claim, demand, lawsuit, or the like. A delay in notice shall not relieve the indemnifying party of its indemnity obligation, except (1) to the extent the indemnifying party can show it was prejudiced by the delay; and (2) the indemnifying party shall not be liable for any settlement or litigation expenses incurred before the time when notice is given.

10. WARRANTIES.

(a) Tenant and Landlord each acknowledge and represent that it is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing and has the right, power and authority to enter into this Agreement and bind itself hereto through the party set forth as signatory for the party below.

(b) Landlord represents, warrants and agrees that: (i) Landlord solely owns the Property as a legal lot in fee simple; (ii) the Property is not and will not be encumbered by any liens, restrictions, mortgages, covenants, conditions, easements, leases, or any other agreements of record or not of record, which would adversely affect Tenant's Permitted Use and enjoyment of the Premises under this Agreement; (iii) as long as Tenant is not in default then Landlord grants to Tenant sole, actual, quiet and peaceful use, enjoyment and possession of the Premises without hindrance or ejection by any persons lawfully claiming under Landlord; (iv) Landlord's execution and performance of this Agreement will not violate any laws, ordinances, covenants or the provisions of any mortgage, lease or other agreement binding on Landlord; and (v) if the Property is or becomes encumbered by a deed to secure a debt, mortgage or other security interest, Landlord will use commercially reasonable best efforts to provide to Tenant a mutually agreeable subordination, non-disturbance and attornment agreement executed by Landlord and the holder of such security interest.

11. ENVIRONMENTAL.

(a) Landlord agrees to hold harmless and indemnify Tenant from, and to assume all duties, responsibilities and liabilities at the sole cost and expense of Landlord for, payment of penalties, sanctions, forfeitures, losses, costs or damages, and for responding to any Claims, to the extent arising from subsurface or other contamination of the Property with hazardous substances prior to the effective date of this Agreement or from such contamination caused by the acts or omissions of Landlord during the Term. Tenant agrees to hold harmless and indemnify Landlord from, and to assume all duties, responsibilities and liabilities at the sole cost and expense of Tenant for, payment of penalties, sanctions, forfeitures, losses, costs or damages, and for responding to any Claims, to the extent arising from hazardous substances brought and or released onto the Property by Tenant.

(b) The indemnifications of this Section 11 specifically include reasonable costs, expenses and fees incurred in connection with any investigation of Property conditions or any clean-up, remediation, removal or restoration work required by any governmental authority. The provisions of this Section 11 will survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

(c) In the event Tenant becomes aware of any hazardous substances on the Property, or any environmental, health or safety condition or matter relating to the Property, that renders the condition of the Premises or Property unsuitable for Tenant's use, or if Tenant believes that the leasing or continued leasing of the Premises would expose Tenant to undue risks of liability to a government agency or other third party, Tenant will have the right, in addition to any other rights it may have at law or in equity, to terminate this Agreement upon written notice to Landlord.

12. ACCESS. At all times throughout the Term of this Agreement, and at no additional charge to Tenant, Tenant and its employees, agents, and subcontractors, will have twenty-four (24) hour per day, seven (7) day per week pedestrian and vehicular access ("**Access**") to and over the Property, from an open and improved public road

to the Premises, for the installation, maintenance and operation of the Waste Management Facility and any utilities serving the Premises. As may be described more fully in **Exhibit A**, Landlord grants to Tenant an easement for such Access and Landlord agrees to provide to Tenant such codes, keys and other instruments necessary for such Access at no additional cost to Tenant.

13. REMOVAL/RESTORATION. Any property that Tenant does not remove within forty-five (45) days after the later of the end of the Term and cessation of Tenant's operations at the Premises shall be deemed abandoned and owned by Landlord. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Tenant will not be responsible for the replacement of any trees, shrubs or other vegetation.

14. MAINTENANCE/UTILITIES.

(a) Tenant will keep and maintain the Premises in good condition, reasonable wear and tear and damage from the elements excepted. Landlord will maintain and repair the Property and access thereto and all areas of the Premises where Tenant does not have exclusive control, in good and tenantable condition, subject to reasonable wear and tear and damage from the elements.

(b) Tenant will be responsible for paying on a monthly or quarterly basis all utilities charges for electricity, telephone service or any other utility used or consumed by Tenant on the Premises.

15. DEFAULT AND RIGHT TO CURE.

(a) The following will be deemed a default by Tenant and a breach of this Agreement: (i) non-payment of Rent if such Rent remains unpaid for more than thirty (30) days after written notice from Landlord of such failure to pay; or (ii) Tenant's failure to perform any other term or condition under this Agreement within forty-five (45) days after written notice from Landlord specifying the failure. No such failure, however, will be deemed to exist if Tenant has commenced to cure such default within such period and provided that such efforts are prosecuted to completion with reasonable diligence. Delay in curing a default will be excused if due to causes beyond the reasonable control of Tenant. If Tenant remains in default beyond any applicable cure period, Landlord will have the right to exercise any and all rights and remedies available to it under law and equity.

(b) Landlord's failure to perform any term, condition or breach of any warranty or covenant under this Agreement within forty-five (45) days after written notice from Tenant specifying the failure will be deemed a default by Landlord. No such failure, however, will be deemed to exist if Landlord has commenced to cure the default within such period and provided such efforts are prosecuted to completion with reasonable diligence. Delay in curing a default will be excused if due to causes beyond the reasonable control of Landlord. If Landlord remains in default beyond any applicable cure period, Tenant will have: (i) the right to cure Landlord's default and to deduct the costs of such cure from any monies due to Landlord from Tenant, and (ii) any and all other rights available to it under law and equity.

16. ASSIGNMENT/SUBLEASE. Tenant will not have the right to assign this Agreement or sublease the Premises and its rights herein, in whole or in part, without Landlord's consent, which consent may be withheld at its discretion. Upon approval by Landlord

of such assignment, Tenant will not be relieved of all future performance, liabilities and obligations under this Agreement to the extent of such assignment.

17. NOTICES. All notices, requests and demands hereunder will be given by first class certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, or by a nationally recognized overnight courier, postage prepaid, to be effective when properly sent and received, refused or returned undelivered. Notices will be addressed to the parties as follows:

If to Tenant: C&S Waste Solutions of California, Inc.
PO Box 630
Ukiah, CA 95482

If to Landlord:



Either party hereto may change the place for the giving of notice to it by thirty (30) days' prior written notice to the other as provided herein.

18. CONDEMNATION. In the event Landlord receives notification of any condemnation proceedings affecting the Property, Landlord will provide notice of the proceeding to Tenant within forty-eight (48) hours. If a condemning authority takes all of the Property, or a portion sufficient, to render the Premises unsuitable for Tenant, this Agreement will terminate as of the date the title vests in the condemning authority. The parties will each be entitled to pursue their own separate awards in the condemnation proceeds.

19. CASUALTY. Landlord will provide notice to Tenant of any casualty or other harm affecting the Property within forty-eight (48) hours of the casualty or other harm. If any part of the Waste Management Facility or Property is damaged by casualty or other harm as to render the Premises unsuitable, then Tenant may terminate this Agreement by providing written notice to Landlord, which termination will be effective as of the date of such casualty or other harm. Upon such termination, Tenant will be entitled to collect all insurance proceeds payable to Tenant on account thereof and to be reimbursed for any prepaid Rent on a prorata basis. If Landlord or Tenant undertakes to rebuild or restore the Premises and/or the Waste Management Facility, as applicable, Landlord agrees that the Rent shall be abated until the Property and/or the Premises are rebuilt or restored, unless Tenant places temporary facilities on the Property.

20. WAIVER OF LANDLORD'S LIENS. Landlord waives any and all lien rights it may have, statutory or otherwise, concerning the Waste Management Facility or any portion thereof.

21. TAXES.

(a) Landlord shall be responsible for timely payment of all taxes and assessments levied upon the lands, improvements and other property of Landlord, including any such taxes that may be calculated by the taxing authority using any

method, including the income method. Tenant shall be responsible for any taxes and assessments attributable to and levied upon Tenant's leasehold improvements on the Premises if and as set forth in this Section 21. Nothing herein shall require Tenant to pay any inheritance, franchise, income, payroll, excise, privilege, rent, capital stock, stamp, documentary, estate or profit tax, or any tax of similar nature, that is or may be imposed upon Landlord.

(b) In the event Landlord receives a notice of assessment with respect to which taxes or assessments are imposed on Tenant's leasehold improvements on the Premises, Landlord shall provide Tenant with copies of each such notice immediately upon receipt, but in no event later than thirty (30) days after the date of such notice of assessment. Tenant shall reimburse Landlord for the tax or assessments identified on the notice of assessment on Tenant's leasehold improvements, which has been paid by Landlord.

(c) Any tax-related notices shall be sent to Tenant in the manner set forth in Section 17.

22. MISCELLANEOUS.

(a) **Amendment/Waiver.** This Agreement cannot be amended, modified or revised unless done in writing and signed by Landlord and Tenant. No provision may be waived except in a writing signed by both parties. The failure by a party to enforce any provision of this Agreement or to require performance by the other party will not be construed to be a waiver, or in any way affect the right of either party to enforce such provision thereafter.

(b) **Limitation of Liability.** Except for the indemnity obligations set forth in this Agreement, and otherwise notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, Tenant and Landlord each waives any claims that each may have against the other with respect to consequential, incidental or special damages, however caused, based on any theory of liability.

(c) **Compliance with Law.** Tenant agrees to comply with all federal, state and local laws, orders, rules and regulations ("**Laws**") applicable to Tenant's use of the Waste Management Facility on the Property. Landlord agrees to comply with all Laws relating to Landlord's ownership and use of the Property and any improvements on the Property.

(d) **Bind and Benefit.** The terms and conditions contained in this Agreement will run with the Property and bind and inure to the benefit of the parties, their respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns.

(e) **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement and the exhibits attached hereto, all being a part hereof, constitute the entire agreement of the parties hereto and will supersede all prior offers, negotiations and agreements with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement. Exhibits are numbered to correspond to the Section wherein they are first referenced. Except as otherwise stated in this Agreement, each party shall bear its own fees and expenses (including the fees and expenses of its agents, brokers, representatives, attorneys, and accountants) incurred in connection with the negotiation, drafting, execution and performance of this Agreement and the transactions it contemplates.

(f) **Governing Law.** This Agreement will be governed by the laws of the state in which the Premises are located, without regard to conflicts of law.

(g) **Interpretation.** Unless otherwise specified, the following rules of construction and interpretation apply: (i) captions are for convenience and reference only and in no way define or limit the construction of the terms and conditions hereof; (ii) use of the term "including" will be interpreted to mean "including but not limited to"; (iii) whenever a party's consent is required under this Agreement, except as otherwise stated in this Agreement or as same may be duplicative, such consent will not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed; (iv) exhibits are an integral part of this Agreement and are incorporated by reference into this Agreement; (v) use of the terms "termination" or "expiration" are interchangeable; (vi) reference to a default will take into consideration any applicable notice, grace and cure periods; (vii) to the extent there is any issue with respect to any alleged, perceived or actual ambiguity in this Agreement, the ambiguity shall not be resolved on the basis of who drafted the Agreement; (viii) the singular use of words includes the plural where appropriate and (ix) if any provision of this Agreement is held invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force if the overall purpose of the Agreement is not rendered impossible and the original purpose, intent or consideration is not materially impaired.

(h) **Survival.** Any provisions of this Agreement relating to indemnification shall survive the termination or expiration hereof. In addition, any terms and conditions contained in this Agreement that by their sense and context are intended to survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement shall so survive.

(i) **Attorneys' Fees.** In the event that any dispute between the parties related to this Agreement should result in litigation, the prevailing party in such litigation shall be entitled to recover from the other party all reasonable fees and expenses of enforcing any right of the prevailing party, including without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses. Prevailing party means the party determined by the court to have most nearly prevailed even if such party did not prevail in all matters. This provision will not be construed to entitle any party other than Landlord, Tenant and their respective Affiliates to recover their fees and expenses.

(j) **WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL.** EACH PARTY, TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, KNOWINGLY, VOLUNTARILY AND INTENTIONALLY WAIVES ITS RIGHT TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING UNDER ANY THEORY OF LIABILITY ARISING OUT OF OR IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH THIS AGREEMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS IT CONTEMPLATES.

[SIGNATURES APPEAR ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be effective as of the last date written below.

"LANDLORD"

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"TENANT"

C&S Waste Solutions of California, Inc.

By: *Dave Carroll*
Dave Carroll, President

Date: 1-6, 2021