

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made and entered into this 11th day of December, 2017 by and between the Fort Bragg Municipal Improvement District No. 1, a California Municipal Corporation, 416 N. Franklin Street, Fort Bragg, California, 95437 ("District"), and Synagro-WWT, Inc., a Maryland Corporation, 435 Williams Court, Suite 100, Baltimore, MD 21220 ("Consultant").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, District has determined that it requires the following professional services from a consultant: to haul City of Fort Bragg sludge from Waste Water Treatment Plant to land application; and

WHEREAS, Consultant represents and warrants that it is fully qualified to perform such professional services by virtue of specialized experience and training, education and expertise of its principals and employees. Consultant further represents that it is willing to accept responsibility for performing such services in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the legislative body of the District on December 11, 2017, by Resolution No. ID ____-2017 authorized execution of this Agreement on behalf of the District in accordance with Chapter 3.20 of the Fort Bragg Municipal Code and/or other applicable law;

NOW, THEREFORE, District and Consultant, for the consideration hereinafter described, mutually agree as follows:

1. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

This Agreement consists of the following documents, all of which are incorporated into and made a part of the Agreement:

- a. Professional Services Agreement;
- b. Consultant's Proposal (Exhibit 1)

2. DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES OR SCOPE OF WORK

The services to be performed under this Agreement ("Services") are as follows: Provide transportation of biosolids from Fort Bragg's Waste Water Treatment Plant to land application. The Services are further described in Consultant's proposal (the "Proposal"), which is attached to and made a part of this Agreement as Exhibit 1. Changes in the scope, character, or complexity of the Services, if such changes become desirable or necessary as the work progresses, shall be agreed upon by both

parties in a written change order. For special cases where it is essential that the extra work be performed immediately, execution of a change order or amendment to the Agreement covering the changes shall be completed as soon as possible.

3. TERM

The Agreement term will commence on January 3, 2018, and expire on January 3, 2021, unless the Agreement term is amended or the Agreement is terminated in accordance with its terms.

4. PAYMENT TERMS

a. District agrees to pay Consultant for Services that are actually performed in accordance with this Agreement. To be eligible for payment, Consultant invoices must be submitted not more often than monthly to the District and list the Services performed and the amounts to be paid according to the cost categories and prices in the Proposal; to wit, a Unit Rate of \$115.00 per wet ton; and \$900.00 per month for trailer rental

b. NOT TO EXCEED CONTRACT: In no event will the District's obligation to pay the Consultant under this Agreement exceed **One Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$140,000.00)** (the "Not to Exceed Amount") over the three-year term, unless this Agreement is first modified in accordance with its terms. The Not to Exceed Amount includes salary, fringe benefits, overhead, profit, and all other expenses incurred by the Consultant in completing its Services under this Agreement.

c. [SECTION REMOVED.]

d. In accordance with California Government Code § 8546.7, if this Agreement exceeds TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00), this Agreement and the Consultant's books and records related to this Agreement shall be subject to the examination and audit of the State Auditor, at the request of District or as part of any audit of the District, for a period of four (4) years after final payment under the Agreement.

e. COST PRINCIPLES. The Cost Principles and Procedures, 48 CFR, Federal Acquisition Regulations System, Chapter 1, Part 31 et seq., are the governing factors regarding allowable elements of cost. Also the administrative requirements set forth in 49 CFR, Part 18, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments are also included in this Agreement. This also applies to all subcontracts in excess of \$25,000.

5. TIME OF COMPLETION

Consultant must commence performance of the Services upon receipt of written direction to proceed from District. Consultant shall devote such time to the performance

of services pursuant to this Agreement as may be reasonably necessary to meet the standard of performance provided in Section 8 below and to satisfy Consultant's obligations hereunder. Consultant will complete the Services in accordance with this Agreement by **January 3, 2021** (the "Time of Completion"). The Time of Completion may only be modified by a written amendment of the Agreement signed by both the District and the Consultant and in accordance with its terms.

6. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

Consultant and District agree that the Consultant will perform the Services as an independent contractor and not as an employee or agent of the District. Persons employed or utilized by Consultant in the performance of the Services will not be employees or agents of the District. Consultant is solely responsible for the payment of employment taxes incurred under this Agreement and any similar federal or state taxes.

7. SUBCONTRACTING

a. The Consultant shall perform the work contemplated with resources available within its own organization; and no portion of the work pertinent to this Agreement shall be subcontracted out without written authorization by the District's Contract Manager, except that, which is expressly identified in the approved Cost Proposal.

b. Any subcontract in excess of \$25,000 entered into by the Consultant relating to this Agreement shall incorporate by reference all of the provisions of this Agreement and make them applicable to said subcontractor.

c. Consultant will be solely responsible for payment of such subcontracted Services.

d. Any substitution of subcontractors must be approved in writing by the District's Contract Manager.

e. Subcontractors are bound to Consultant and District in the same manner and to the same extent as Consultant is bound to District under the Agreement. Subcontractor further must agree to include the same requirements and provisions of this Agreement, including the indemnity and insurance requirements, with any sub-subcontractor to the extent they apply to the scope of the sub-subcontractor's work. A copy of the District indemnity and insurance provisions will be furnished to the subcontractor upon request.

f. If the Consultant uses subcontractors, it must comply with Civil Code § 8814 and all other California law relating to the prompt payment of subcontractors.

8. RECORD RETENTION

For the purpose of determining compliance with Public Contracts Code §§ 10115, *et seq.* and Title 21, California Code of Regulations, Chapter 21, §§ 2500 *et seq.*, when applicable, and other matters connected with the performance of the Agreement pursuant to Government Code § 8546.7, the Consultant, subcontractors, and the District shall maintain all books, documents, papers, accounting records, and other evidence pertaining to the performance of this Agreement, including but not limited to, the costs of administering the Agreement. All parties shall make such materials available at their respective offices at all reasonable times during the Agreement period and for three (3) years from the date of final payment under the Agreement. The State, the State Auditor, District, Federal Highway Administration ("FHWA"), or any duly authorized representative of the federal government shall have access to any books, records, and documents of the Consultant and its subcontractors that are pertinent to the Agreement for audit, examination, excerpts, and transactions, and copies thereof shall be furnished if requested.

9. STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE

a. Consultant will perform the Services in the manner and according to the standards observed by a competent practitioner of the profession in which Consultant is engaged in the geographical area in which Consultant practices its profession and will prepare all work products required by this Agreement in accordance with such standards. Consultant will comply with federal, state, and local laws and regulations applicable to performance of the Services, including, but not limited to, the California Building Standards Code as in effect in the District, the Americans with Disabilities Act, any air pollution control laws and regulations applicable to Consultant, and any laws and regulations related to any copyright, patent, trademark, or other intellectual property right involved in performance of the services. Consultant's failure to comply with any law(s) or regulation(s) applicable to the performance of the services hereunder shall constitute a material breach of this agreement.

b. The Consultant should not substitute key personnel (Project Manager and others listed by name in the cost proposal) or subcontractors without prior written approval from the District. The Consultant must request and justify the need for the substitution and obtain approval from the District prior to use of a different subcontractor on the Agreement. The proposed substituted person or subcontractor must be as qualified as the original, and at the same or lower cost.

c. If this Agreement includes engineering services, the Consultant's Project Manager must be a registered Engineer in the State of California.

d. Consultant shall assign only competent personnel to perform services pursuant to this Agreement. In the event that District, in its sole discretion, at any time during the term of this Agreement, desires the reassignment of any such persons,

Consultant shall, immediately upon receiving notice from District of such desire of District, reassign such person or persons.

10. OTHER GOVERNMENTAL REGULATIONS

To the extent that this Agreement may be funded by fiscal assistance from another governmental entity, Consultant and any subcontractors shall comply with all applicable rules and regulations to which District is bound by the terms of such fiscal assistance program.

11. USE OF RECYCLED PRODUCTS

Consultant shall endeavor to prepare and submit all reports, written studies, and other printed material on recycled paper to the extent it is available at equal or less cost than virgin paper.

12. INDEMNITY

To the maximum extent permitted by law, Consultant shall, at its own expense, indemnify, defend with counsel acceptable to the District (which acceptance will not be unreasonably withheld), and hold harmless District and its officers, officials, employees, agents, and volunteers ("Indemnitees") from and against any and all liability, loss, damage, claims, suits, actions, arbitration proceedings, administrative proceedings, regulatory proceedings, civil penalties and fines, expenses and costs (including, without limitation, claims expenses, attorneys' fees and costs and litigation costs) (collectively, "Liability") of every nature, to the extent in connection with the Services, or Consultant's failure to comply with any of the terms of this Agreement, except for actions caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of the Indemnitees.

During the term of the Contract, Consultant shall not be liable for damages during any calendar year in excess of the fees paid to Consultant during such calendar year; provided, however, that insurance proceeds shall not apply to this limitation of liability (deductibles paid shall apply); and provided, further, that such limitation shall not apply to (i) Consultant's indemnification obligations related to third party claims or (ii) any liability related to an environmental condition to the extent caused by Consultant. Neither party shall be liable for consequential or punitive damages on any claims arising out of the performance or non-performance of obligations under the Contract.

Neither Party shall be liable to the other Party for breach or for failure or delay in the performance of its obligations hereunder caused by any act or occurrence beyond its reasonable control, including, but not limited to: fires; floods; strikes (except any strikes involving a Party's personnel); a change in Federal, State, or local law or ordinance; orders or judgments of any Federal, State or local court, administrative agency or governmental body; accidents; extreme weather conditions including, for example, hurricanes, tornadoes, unusually high amounts of precipitation, unusual extremes of temperature or wind, or unusually extended periods of adverse weather conditions; acts of war, aggression or terrorism (foreign or domestic); equipment failure (other than due

to the inadequate maintenance thereof); and acts of God. It is specifically understood that, without limitation, none of the following acts, events or circumstances shall constitute an act or occurrence beyond a Party's reasonable control: (i) reasonably anticipated weather conditions normal for the region in which the work is performed or (ii) any failure to pay any sums in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. Whenever the provisions of this Section are believed to apply, the Party relying thereon shall give prompt notice to the other Party of the circumstances, the basis for applicability of this Section and the time required to cure such breach or delay. Consultant shall promptly provide notice of the need, if any, for additional compensation or for renegotiation of terms in order to mitigate the effects of such event or to comply with a change in law or regulation or interpretation thereof. Consultant shall be entitled to additional time and compensation if such event delays performance into a season different from that assumed when this Agreement was executed. Consultant and District shall use reasonable best efforts to agree on appropriate mitigating actions under the circumstances.

The Consultant's obligation to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless under this provision shall not be excused because of the Consultant's inability to evaluate Liability, or because the Consultant evaluates Liability and determines that the Consultant is not or may not be liable. The Consultant must respond within 30 calendar days to any tender for defense and indemnity by the District, unless the time for responding is extended by an authorized representative of the District in writing. If the Consultant fails to accept tender of defense and indemnity within 30 calendar days, in addition to any other remedies authorized by law, so much of the money due or that may become due the Consultant under this Agreement as shall reasonably be considered necessary by the District, may be retained by the District until disposition has been made of the matter subject to tender, or until the Consultant accepts the tender, whichever occurs first.

The Consultant waives any and all rights to express or implied indemnity against the Indemnitees concerning any Liability of the Consultant arising out of or in connection with the Services or Consultant's failure to comply with any of the terms of this Agreement.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, to the extent this Agreement is a "construction contract" as defined by California Civil Code § 2783, as may be amended from time to time, Consultant's duty to indemnify under this provision shall not apply when to do so would be prohibited by California Civil Code § 2782, as may be amended from time to time.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, to the extent that the Services include design professional services subject to Cal. Civil Code § 2782.8, as amended from time to time, Consultant's duty to indemnify shall only be to the maximum extent permitted by Civil Code § 2782.8.

In the event that Consultant or any employee, agent, or subcontractor of Consultant providing services under this Agreement is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction or the California Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) to be eligible for enrollment in PERS as an employee of District, Consultant shall indemnify, defend,

and hold harmless District for the payment of any employee and/or employer contributions for PERS benefits on behalf of Consultant or its employees, agents, or subcontractors, as well as for the payment of any penalties and interest on such contributions, which would otherwise be the responsibility of District.

The defense and indemnification obligations of this agreement are undertaken in addition to, and shall not in any way be limited by, the insurance obligations contained in this agreement.

Consultant/subcontractor's responsibility for such defense and indemnity obligations shall survive the termination or completion of this Agreement for the full period of time allowed by law.

13. INSURANCE

a. Before commencing performance of the Services, Consultant, at its own cost and expense, must: (1) procure "occurrence coverage" insurance of the kinds and in the amounts specified below against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property that may arise from or in connection with the performance of the Services hereunder by the Consultant or its agents, representatives, employees, or subcontractors; and (2) submit to the District certificates of insurance and endorsements evidencing insurance coverage that meets the requirements of this section. Consultant must maintain the insurance policies required by this section throughout the Agreement term. The cost of such insurance must be included in the Consultant's proposal.

Consultant agrees to include with all subcontractors in their subcontract the same requirements and provisions of this Agreement including the indemnity and insurance requirements to the extent they apply to the scope of the subcontractor's work. The Consultant shall require all subcontractors to provide a valid certificate of insurance and the required endorsements included in this Agreement prior to commencement of any work and Consultant will provide proof of compliance to the District.

Consultant may not allow any subcontractor to commence work on the Services until Consultant and/or the subcontractor have obtained all insurance required by this Agreement for the subcontractor(s) and submitted certificates of insurance and endorsements evidencing such coverage to District.

b. **Workers Compensation Insurance.** Consultant must, at its sole cost and expense, maintain Workers' Compensation Insurance and Employer's Liability Insurance for any and all persons employed directly or indirectly by Consultant. Workers' Compensation Insurance as required by the State of California, with coverage providing Statutory Limits, and Employer's Liability Insurance with limits of not less than ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence must be provided. The insurance must be endorsed to waive all rights of subrogation against District and its officials, officers, employees, and volunteers for loss arising from or related to the Services.

c. For the Term of this Agreement, Consultant, at its own cost and expense, must maintain: (1) commercial general liability insurance in an amount not less than TWO MILLION DOLLARS (\$2,000,000.00) per occurrence, FOUR MILLION DOLLARS (\$4,000,000.00) aggregate, combined single limit coverage for risks associated with Services; and (2) automobile liability insurance in an amount not less than ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000.00) combined single limit coverage. If a Commercial General Liability Insurance or an Automobile Liability form or other form with a general aggregate limit is used, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to the Services or the general aggregate limit shall be at least twice the required occurrence limit. Such coverage shall include, but shall not be limited to, protection against claims arising from bodily and personal injury, including death resulting therefrom, and damage to property resulting from activities contemplated under this Agreement, including the use of owned and non-owned automobiles.

d. Except for Workers' Compensation insurance and Professional Liability insurance, all other insurance coverages required pursuant to this Agreement must include or be endorsed to include the following:

(1) District and its officials, officers, employees, agents, and volunteers ("Additional Insured") shall be covered as insureds with respect to each of the following: liability arising out of activities performed by or on behalf of Consultant; products and completed operations of Consultant; premises owned, occupied, or used by Consultant; and automobiles owned, leased, or used by Consultant. The coverage may contain no special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to District or its officials, officers, employees, agents, or volunteers.

(2) The Additional Insured coverage under the Consultant's policy shall be "primary and non-contributory" and Consultant's coverage will not seek contribution from the District's insurance or self-insurance and shall be at least as broad as CG 20 01 04 13.

e. It shall be a requirement under this Agreement that any available insurance proceeds broader than or in excess of the specified minimum insurance coverage requirements and/or limits shall be available to the Additional Insured. Furthermore, the requirements for coverage and limits shall be (1) the minimum coverage and limits specified in this Agreement; or (2) the broader coverage and maximum limits of coverage of any insurance policy or proceeds available to the named Insured; whichever is greater.

f. The limits of insurance required in this Agreement may be satisfied by a combination of primary and umbrella or excess insurance. Any umbrella or excess insurance shall contain or be endorsed to contain a provision that such coverage shall also apply on a primary and non-contributory basis for the benefit of District (if agreed to in a written contract or agreement) before the District's own insurance or self-insurance shall be called upon to protect it as a named insured.

g. Insurance coverage required pursuant to this Agreement must include or be endorsed to include the following:

(1) Any failure of Consultant to comply with reporting provisions of the policy shall not affect coverage provided to District and its officers, employees, agents, and volunteers.

(2) Required insurance coverage may not be suspended, voided, canceled, reduced in coverage or in limits, except after thirty (30) days' prior written notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, has been given to District.

h. [SECTION REMOVED.]

i. All insurance required under this Agreement must be placed with insurers with a Best's rating of no less than A:VII unless otherwise approved by the District.

j. The District may approve a variation in the foregoing insurance requirements, upon a determination that the coverages, scope, limits, and forms of such insurance are either not commercially available, or that the District's interests are otherwise fully protected.

k. All self-insured retentions (SIR) must be disclosed to District for approval and shall not reduce the limits of liability. Policies containing any self-insured retention (SIR) provision shall provide or be endorsed to provide that the SIR may be satisfied by either the named Insured or by the District. District reserves the right to obtain a full certified copy of any Insurance policy and endorsements. Failure to exercise this right shall not constitute a waiver of right to exercise later.

l. To the extent this Agreement is a "construction contract" as defined by California Civil Code § 2783, as may be amended from time to time, Consultant shall maintain insurance as required by this contract to the fullest amount allowed by law and shall maintain insurance for a minimum of five years following completion of the Services. In the event Consultant fails to obtain or maintain completed operations coverage as required by this Agreement, the District at its sole discretion may purchase the coverage required and the cost will be paid by Consultant.

14. NON DISCRIMINATION

During the performance of this Agreement, Consultant will not discriminate against any employee of the Consultant or applicant for employment because of race, religion, creed, color, national origin, sex, or age. Consultant will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, religion, creed, color, national origin, sex or age.

15. FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES ADDENDUM AND NON-DISCRIMINATION ASSURANCES

The Consultant shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The Consultant shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR, Part 26 in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts. Failure by the Consultant to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this Agreement, which may result in the termination of this Agreement, or such other remedy as recipient deems appropriate.

16. [SECTION REMOVED.]

17. LICENSES & PERMITS

a. BUSINESS LICENSE

Before the District will issue a notice to proceed with the Services, Consultant and any subcontractors must acquire, at their expense, a business license from the City of Fort Bragg in accordance with Chapter 5.04 of the Fort Bragg Municipal Code. Such licenses must be kept valid throughout the Agreement term.

b. OTHER LICENSES AND PERMITS

Consultant represents and warrants to District that Consultant and its employees, agents, and any subcontractors have all licenses, permits, qualifications, and approvals of whatsoever nature that are legally required to practice their respective professions.

18. CONSULTANT REPORTS AND/OR MEETINGS

a. The Consultant shall submit progress reports at least once a month. The report should be sufficiently detailed for the Contract Manager to determine, if the Consultant is performing to expectations, or is on schedule; to provide communication of interim findings, and to sufficiently address any difficulties or special problems encountered, so remedies can be developed.

b. The Consultant's Project Manager shall meet with the District's Contract Manager, as needed, to discuss progress on the contract.

19. [SECTION REMOVED]

20. DISPUTES

a. Any dispute, other than an audit, concerning a question of fact arising under this Agreement that is not disposed of by agreement shall be decided by a committee consisting of the District's Contract Manager and the District Manager, who may consider written or verbal information submitted by the Consultant.

b. Not later than thirty (30) days after completion of all work under the Agreement, the Consultant may request review by the District Council of unresolved claims or disputes, other than audit. The request for review will be submitted in writing.

c. Neither the pendency of a dispute, nor its consideration by the committee will excuse the Consultant from full and timely performance in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

d. Should a dispute not be resolved by the procedures set forth above, then the parties must mediate the dispute before a mutually agreed upon neutral within ninety (90) days of the completion of all Services under the Agreement. If mediation is not successful, the Consultant and District may pursue all rights and remedies available under California law.

21. TERMINATION AND REMEDIES

a. District or Consultant may terminate this Agreement for convenience by giving at least 30 days written notice to the other party specifying the termination effective date. Upon receipt of such notice from District, Consultant may continue performance of the Services through the date of termination. District shall pay Consultant for all Services actually performed in accordance with this Agreement through the termination effective date.

b. If Consultant materially breaches any term of this Agreement, in addition to any other remedies the District may have at law or equity, the District may:

(1) Terminate the Agreement by notice to the Consultant specifying the termination effective date;

(2) Retain, and/or recover from the Consultant at no additional cost to the District, the plans, specification, drawings, reports, and other design documents and work products prepared by Consultant, whether or not completed;

(3) Complete the unfinished Services itself or have the unfinished Services completed, and/or;

(4) Charge Consultant, or deduct from monies that may be due or become due the Consultant under this Agreement, the difference between the cost of completing the unfinished Services pursuant to this Agreement and the amount that would otherwise be due Consultant had Consultant completed the Services in accordance with this Agreement.

22. BINDING EFFECT AND ASSIGNMENT PROHIBITION

This Agreement is binding upon District, Consultant, and their successors. Except as otherwise provided herein, neither District nor Consultant may assign, sublet, or transfer

their interest in this Agreement or any part thereof without the prior written consent of the other, and any purported assignment without such consent will be void.

23. REPRESENTATIVES

a. District representative for purposes of this Agreement will be John Smith, Assistant Director of Public Works. Consultant's representative for purposes of this Agreement will be Tameka Gray. The parties' designated representatives will be the primary contact persons regarding the performance of the Services. The parties intend that their designated representatives will cooperate in all matters regarding this Agreement and in such manner so as to achieve performance of the Services in a timely and expeditious fashion.

b. Notices:

Any written notice to Consultant shall be sent to:

Tameka Gray (with a copy to Legal)
Synagro-WWT, Inc.
435 Williams Court, Suite 100
Baltimore, MD 21220

Any written notice to District shall be sent to:

John Smith, Assistant Director of Public Works
Fort Bragg Municipal Improvement District No. 1
c/o City of Fort Bragg
416 N. Franklin Street
Fort Bragg, California 95437

24. INTEGRATION AND AMENDMENT

This Agreement represents the entire and integrated agreement between District and Consultant and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations, or agreements between the parties, whether written or oral. If a discrepancy, disagreement, ambiguity, inconsistency, or difference in interpretation of terms arises as to terms or provisions of this Agreement and any Exhibit(s) attached to this Agreement, this Agreement shall control and shall be deemed to reflect the intent of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof. This Agreement may only be amended by a writing signed by a representative authorized to bind the Consultant and a representative authorized to bind the District.

25. COVENANT AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES, REBATES, KICKBACKS, OR OTHER UNLAWFUL CONSIDERATION

a. The Consultant warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working for the consultant, to

solicit or secure this agreement; and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any company or person other than a bona fide employee any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift, or any other consideration, contingent upon or resulting from the award, or formation of this agreement. For breach or violation of this covenant, the District shall have the right to annul this agreement without liability, or at its discretion, to deduct from the Agreement price or consideration, or otherwise recover the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift, or contingent fee.

b. The Consultant warrants that this Agreement was not obtained or secured through rebates, kickbacks, or other unlawful consideration, either promised or paid to any District employee. For breach or violation of this warranty, District shall have the right in its discretion, to terminate the Agreement without liability, to pay only for the value of the work actually performed, or to deduct from the Agreement price, or otherwise recover the full amount of such rebate, kickback, or other unlawful consideration.

c. The Consultant warrants and represents that it has not participated in any lobbying activities.

26. CONFLICT OF INTEREST PROHIBITION

District and Consultant will comply with the requirements of the District's Conflict of Interest Code adopted pursuant to California Government Code § 87300 *et seq.*, the Political Reform Act (California Government Code § 81000 *et seq.*), the regulations promulgated by the Fair Political Practices Commission (Title 2, § 18110 *et seq.* of the California Code of Regulations), California Government Code § 1090 *et seq.*, and any other ethics laws applicable to the performance of the Services and/or this Agreement. Consultant may be required to file with the District Clerk a completed Form 700 before commencing performance of the Services unless the District Clerk determines that completion of a Form 700 is not required, pursuant to District's Conflict of Interest Code. Form 700 forms are available from the District Clerk.

Consultant may not perform Services for any other person or entity that, pursuant to any applicable law or regulation, would result in a conflict of interest or would otherwise be prohibited with respect to Consultant's obligations pursuant to this Agreement. Consultant agrees to cooperate fully with District and to provide any necessary and appropriate information requested by District or any authorized representative concerning potential conflicts of interest or prohibitions concerning Consultant's obligations pursuant to this Agreement.

Consultant may not employ any District official, officer, or employee in the performance of the Services, nor may any official, officer, or employee of District have any financial interest in this Agreement that would violate California Government Code § 1090 *et seq.* Consultant hereby warrants that it is not now, nor has it been in the previous twelve (12) months, an employee, agent, appointee, or official of District. If Consultant was an employee, agent, appointee, or official of District in the previous twelve months,

Consultant warrants that it did not participate in any manner in the forming of this Agreement. Consultant understands that, if this Agreement is made in violation of Government Code § 1090 *et seq.*, the entire Agreement is void and Consultant will not be entitled to any compensation for Consultant's performance of the Services, including reimbursement of expenses, and Consultant will be required to reimburse District for any sums paid to Consultant under this Agreement. Consultant understands that, in addition to the foregoing, penalties for violating Government Code § 1090 *et seq.* may include criminal prosecution and disqualification from holding public office in the State of California.

Any violation by Consultant of the requirements of this provision will constitute a material breach of this Agreement, and the District reserves all its rights and remedies at law and equity concerning any such violations.

27. APPLICABLE LAW AND VENUE

The laws of the State of California shall govern the rights, obligations, duties and liabilities of the parties to this Agreement and the interpretation of this Agreement. Any action or proceeding that is initiated or undertaken to enforce or interpret any provision, performance, obligation or covenant set forth in this Agreement shall be brought in a state court in Mendocino County.

28. SEVERABILITY

If a court of competent jurisdiction finds or rules that any provision of this Agreement is invalid, void, or unenforceable, the provisions of this Agreement not so adjudged will remain in full force and effect. The invalidity in whole or in part of any provision of this Agreement shall not void or affect the validity of any other provision of this Agreement.

29. COUNTERPARTS

This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which together shall constitute one agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused their authorized representative to execute this Agreement on the date first written above.

DISTRICT

By: _____
Linda Ruffing
Its: District Manager

CONSULTANT

By:  _____
Matt deWitt
Its: Sr. Contract Manager

[Attach Notary Acknowledgment Page]

ATTEST:

By: _____
June Lemos, CMC
District Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

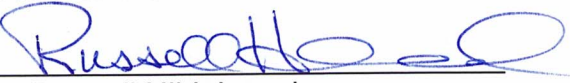
By:  _____
Russell Hildebrand
District General Counsel

Exhibit 1: Consultant's Proposal

435 Williams Court, Suite 100
Baltimore, MD 21220
WWW.synagro.com

SYNAGRO

SEPTEMBER 8, 2017

Mr. James Goekler

City of Fort Bragg
416 N Franklin St.
Fort Bragg, CA 95437

Re: Ft. Bragg WWTP Biosolids Loading and Transportation

Dear Mr. Goekler:

Synagro WWT, Inc. (SYNAGRO) is pleased to submit this proposal for transportation and land application biosolids from Ft. Bragg, CA WWTP. Synagro will provide an end dump for the City to load. Biosolids will be hauled to land application. Proposal is based on a 3 year contract for services. Key points of our proposal are detailed below:

Synagro to provide:

- Biosolids management services that include removal, transportation and land application or other beneficial reuse of Customer's biosolids which constitute primarily (16% solids or more) dewatered biosolids generated from City of Fort Bragg municipal Wastewater Treatment Facility.
- Obtain authorizations and landowner agreements required for land application services.
- Apply biosolids as required by all governmental agencies.
- Develop and implement monitoring, record keeping and reporting programs as required by legal requirements.
- Compliance sampling, land permitting, removal, hauling and land application of residuals.
- End dump to remain on site for the duration of the contract.

Owner to provide:

- Synagro with 100% of the volume of biosolids generated at the plant for off-site beneficial reuse.
- Non-hazardous biosolids which meet all land application standards.
- Notify Synagro of any changes or conditions which could reasonably affect Synagro's operation for land application.
- Dewatered sludge loaded evenly into the trailer.



EXHIBIT 1

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This is a twice monthly removal and land application of dewatered class B sludge.

Pricing:

- Unit rate \$115.00 per wet ton
- Trailer rental \$900.00 per month

Our proposal is delivered in good faith and we are prepared to enter into a mutually acceptable contract. Please note that this proposal is based on Synagro's standard terms and conditions and shall be strictly non-binding upon Synagro until all parties negotiate and execute a binding contract. This proposal shall not obligate Synagro to negotiate an agreement and any of the terms of the contract shall be subject to Synagro's approval, at its discretion. Pricing may vary until the final contract is negotiated.

I appreciate the opportunity to submit this proposal for your consideration and look forward to the opportunity to provide our services. Should you have any questions, please contact me at 443-489-9165 or tgray@synagro.com. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Tameka Gray

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Inside Sales Representative

