

Solid Waste and Recycling
Franchise Agreement
Between
The City of Huron
And
Mid Valley Disposal, Inc.
For
Solid Waste Collection,
Green Waste Collection,
And Recycling Services

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## SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING FRANCHISE AGREEMENT FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION, GREEN WASTE COLLECTION, AND RECYCLING SERVICES

#### RECITALS

This Agreement ("Agreement") is made and entered into as of the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011, by and between the City of Huron (the "City"), a general law municipal corporation and general law City and Mid Valley Disposal, Inc. (the "Contractor"), for Solid Waste Collection, Recyclable Materials Collection, Green Waste Collection, Recyclable Materials processing, and Green Waste processing services.

WHEREAS, City is a municipal corporation duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the State of California with the power to carry on its business as it is now being conducted under the statutes of the State of California and the Municipal Code of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of California, by enactment of the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 939), has declared that it is within the public interest to authorize and require local agencies to make adequate provisions for solid waste handling within their jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 40059(a)(21), the City has determined that public health, safety, and well being require that an exclusive franchise be awarded to a qualified contractor for the collection, transfer, transportation, recycling, processing and disposal of solid waste collected in the City and other services related to other requirements of the California Integrated Waste Management Act; and

WHEREAS, the City Council declares its intention of maintaining reasonable rates and high quality service for the collection, transfer and/or transportation, recycling, processing and disposal of solid waste and other related services; and

WHEREAS, the City's current solid waste agreement with Contractor will expire on February 28, 2011; and

WHEREAS, City and Contractor wish to extend and modify the current solid waste agreement entered into on January 8, 2001, and extended on September 14, 2004, which will expire on February 28, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Contractor agrees to and acknowledges that it shall arrange for the proper disposal of all solid waste and the processing of recyclable materials included in said solid waste collected in the City pursuant to this Agreement, and City is not directing Contractor on how to collect, process or dispose of these solid wastes; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement has been developed by and is satisfactory to the parties.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follow:

#### ARTICLE 1

#### **DEFINITIONS**

#### 1.1 AB 939

"AB 939" means the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (California Public Resources Code Section 40000, et seq.) as it may be amended from time to time.

## 1.2 Agreement

"Agreement" means this Franchise Agreement between City and Contractor for Collection, transportation, Recycling, processing and Disposal of Refuse, Recyclables Materials and Yard Waste, and other services related to meeting the goal and requirements of AB 939, including all exhibits and attachments, and any amendments thereto.

## 1.3 Billings

"Billings" means any and all statements of charges for services rendered, howsoever made, described or designated by City or Contractor, or others for City or Contractor, to owners or occupants of property, including Residential Property and Commercial and Industrial Property, served by Contractor for the Collection of Solid Waste.

## 1.4 Bulky Waste

"Bulky Waste" means, but is not limited to, discarded materials, such as large and small household appliances (including the removal of refrigerants), furniture, carpets, mattresses, white goods (i.e., discarded enameled household appliances), brown goods (i.e., discarded electronic equipment), clothing, tires, and oversized yard waste, such as tree trunks and large branches, and similar large items produced as refuse, excluding Construction and Demolition Debris.

## 1.5 California Integrated Waste Management Act

"California Integrated Waste Management Act" means Public Resources Code, Section 40000, et seq.

#### 1.6 City

"City" means the City of Huron, a general law municipal corporation, and all the territory lying within the municipal boundaries of the City as presently existing or as such boundaries may be modified during the Term.

## 1.7 City Manager

"City Manager" means the City of Huron City Manager or his/her designee.

## 1.8 CIWMB

"CIWMB" means California Integrated Waste Management Board the State of California governing board that sets the State waste and recycling regulations.

## 1.9 Change in Law

"Change in Law" means any of the following occurring after the effective date of this Agreement: (1) the adoption, promulgation, or modification or change in the interpretation of any federal, state, or local rule, law, regulation, ordinance, or administrative agency guidelines promulgated officially in writing for uniform application, and (2) the failure or refusal of any federal, state or local agency to issue, modify or renew a permit necessary to the performance of any obligation under this Agreement, if such failure or refusal is the result of a Change in Law described in clause (1) above occurring after the Effective Date of this Agreement; and in the case of each of (1) and (2), to the extent that the effect of such Change in Law could not be reasonably predicted or provided for and such Change in Law has a material adverse effect on the rights or obligations of any party to this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Change in Law does not include any (1) change in laws, regulations, or ordinances, or (2) the suspension, termination, interruption or failure to provide or renew any permit, license, consent, authorization or approval relating to: (a) the taxation of income of Contractor, or (b) the failure of Contractor to comply with any legal requirement. Notwithstanding other provisions of this definition, Change in Law shall not include such changes enacted or adopted prior to the Effective Date but which take effect after the Effective Date.

#### 1.10 Collect/Collection

"Collect" and/or "Collection" means to take physical possession, transport, and remove Solid Waste within and from City.

#### 1.11 Commercial and Industrial Premises

"Commercial and Industrial Premises" means property upon which business activity is conducted including, but not limited to, retail sales, wholesale operations, manufacturing and industrial operations, but excluding business conducted upon Residential Premises which is permitted under applicable zoning regulations and is not the primary use of the property.

## 1.12 Commercially Generated Recyclable Materials

"Commercially Generated Recyclable Materials" means Recyclable materials generated at Commercial and/or Industrial Property and separated by the Waste Generator for Collection in a manner different from Garbage or Refuse.

## 1.13 Compactor

"Compactor" means a mechanical apparatus that compresses Solid Waste.

#### 1.14 Contractor

"Contractor" means Mid Valley Disposal, Inc., a California corporation, or its successors or assigns.

## 1.15 Contractor Compensation

"Contractor Compensation" means the revenue received by Contractor from City in return for providing services in accordance with this Agreement and any amendments to this Agreement.

#### 1.16 Construction/Demolition Debris

"Construction/Demolition Debris" means used or discarded construction materials removed from a Premises during the construction, renovation, or razing of a structure.

#### 1.17 Containers

"Containers" means any and all types of Solid Waste receptacles.

#### 1.18 Debris Box

"Debris Box" means a container for the placement of large volumes of Solid Waste that may or may not have a Compactor attached and may also be known as a "drop box" or "roll-off box."

## 1.19 Delivery

"Delivery" of Solid Waste or Recyclable Materials by a Waste Generator shall be deemed to occur when Solid Waste or Recyclable Materials are deposited in a receptacle or at a location that is designated for collection pursuant to the Selma Municipal Code.

#### 1.20 Designated Waste

"Designated Waste" means non-hazardous waste which may pose special disposal problems because of its potential to contaminate the environment and which may be disposed of only in Class II disposal sites, or Class III disposal sites pursuant to a variance issued by the Cal EPA, Department of Toxic Substances Control. Designated Waste consists of those substances classified as designated waste by the State or California, in Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 2522.

## 1.21 Disposal

"Disposal" means the final disposition of Solid Waste collected by the Contractor at a Landfill or other facility approved by the City.

## 1.22 Disposal Site(s)

"Disposal Site(s)" means the Solid Waste facility or facilities approved by the City for the ultimate disposal (by Contractor) of Solid Waste collected by the Contractor. The American Avenue Landfill shall be the designated Disposal Site as of the effective date of this Agreement.

## 1.23 Drop Box

"Drop Box" means a container for the placement of large volumes of Solid Waste that may or may not have a Compactor attached and may also be known as a "debris box" or "roll-off box."

## 1.24 Effective Date

"Effective Date" means March 1, 2011.

#### 1.25 Facility

"Facility" means any plant or site, owned or leased and maintained, operated or used by Contractor for purposes of performing under this Agreement.

#### 1.26 Fiscal Year

"Fiscal Year" means the period commencing January 1 of one (1) year and concluding December 31 of that same year for Contractor. For City, it means the period commencing July1 of one (1) year and concluding June 30 of the subsequent year.

## 1.27 Force Majeure

"Force Majeure" means any acts of God, such as landslides, lightning, fires, storms, floods, pestilence, freezing, and earthquakes; explosions, sabotage, civil disturbances, acts of a public enemy, wars, blockades, riots, eminent domain, condemnation or other taking, or other events of a similar nature, not caused or maintained by the City or Contractor, which event is not reasonably within the control of the party claiming the excuse from its obligations due to such event, to the extent such event has a material adverse effect on the ability of a party to perform its obligations thereunder. Force Majeure shall include a Change in Law if such Change in Law substantially affects a party's performance hereunder. Notwithstanding the foregoing, (i) no event relating to the Primary Disposal Facility or the delivery of Solid Waste and/or other materials to that Facility shall constitute a Force Majeure under this Agreement unless (and then only to the extent) that such event prevents the delivery of Solid Waste to that Facility; (ii) no failure of performance by any subcontractor of the Contractor shall be a Force Majeure unless such failure was itself caused by a Force Majeure; (iii) no event which merely increases Contractor's cost of performance shall be a Force Majeure if such increased cost is eligible for recovery through Special Interim Rate Review and recovering the increased cost is approved by City; and (iv) no event, the effects of which could have been prevented by reasonable precautions, including compliance with agreements and applicable laws, shall be a Force Majeure.

#### 1.28 Franchise

"Franchise" means the special right granted by City to operate a public utility for Solid Waste services within the City.

#### 1.29 Franchise Fee

"Franchise Fee" means the fee paid by Contractor to City for the right to hold the Franchise for Solid Waste services granted by this Agreement.

## 1.30 Full Regulatory Compliance

"Full Regulatory Compliance" means compliance with all applicable permits for any facility utilized by Contractor, such that the Contractor will at all times maintain the ability to fully comply with its obligations under this Agreement.

## 1.31 Garbage

"Garbage" means putrescible animal, fish, food, fowl, fruit or vegetable matter (excluding green waste), or any portion thereof, resulting from the preparation, storage, handling or consumption of such substances.

#### 1.32 Green Waste

"Green Waste" means untreated and unpainted wood, prunings, brush, leaves, or grass clippings, Christmas trees and such other types of Waste that may be specified by City in its reasonable discretion for collection and processing.

#### 1.33 Gross Revenues

"Gross Revenues" means any and all revenue including Recyclable Materials sales revenue or compensation in any form of Contractor or subsidiaries, parent companies or other affiliates of Contractor, for the Collection and transportation of Solid Waste pursuant to this Agreement, in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, including, but not limited to, monthly customer fees for Collection of Solid Waste, without subtracting Franchise Fees or any other cost of doing business.

#### 1.34 Hazardous Waste

"Hazardous Waste" means all substances defined as Hazardous Waste, acutely Hazardous Waste, or extremely Hazardous Waste by the State of California in Health and Safety Code Sections 25110.02, 25114, and 25117 or in future amendments to or recodifications of such statutes, or identified and listed as Hazardous Waste by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, pursuant to the Federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (42 USC Section 6901, et seq.), and all future amendments thereto.

## 1.35 Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

"Household Hazardous Waste" means Hazardous Waste generated at residential Premises within the City and delivered by the Owner or occupant of such Premises to a drop-off site, to be specified by the City.

## 1.36 Industrial and Commercial Property

See Section 1.11 hereof.

#### 1.37 Infectious Waste

"Infectious Waste" means biomedical Waste generated at hospitals, public or private medical clinics, dental offices, research laboratories, pharmaceutical industries, blood banks, mortuaries, veterinary facilities and other similar establishments which are identified in Health and Safety Code Section 25117.5.

#### 1.38 Landfill

"Landfill" means the American Avenue Landfill in Fresno County or such other landfill site approved by Contractor and City.

## 1.39 Legislation

"Legislation" means any code, ordinance, resolution, or any other formal enactment of the governing body of City, which now exists or which may hereafter be adopted, which constitutes law or regulation governing the operation of the Contractor.

## 1.40 Material Recovery Facility

"Material Recovery Facility" (MRF) means any plant or site used for the purpose of sorting, cleansing, treating or reconstituting Recyclable Materials and returning them to the economy.

## 1.41 Multi-Family Residential Premises

"Multi-Family Residential Premises" means a complex of dwelling units the residents of which place their Solid Waste in a container or containers of at least one (1) cubic yard capacity, with a lid, that is serviced by a truck with a hydraulic lifting device as of the Effective Date of this Agreement.

## 1.42 Overage

"Overage" means an amount of Solid Waste in excess of the capacity of the Solid Waste containers for which a Solid Waste customer has subscribed, and set out by single-family dwelling Solid Waste customers in accordance with requirements for the collection of Overages.

#### 1.43 Owner

"Owner" means the Person holding the legal title to the real property constituting the Premises to which Solid Waste Collection service is to be provided under this Agreement or the person holding legal title to the Disposal Site.

## 1.44 Person

"Person" means any individual, firm, association, organization, partnership, corporation, business trust, joint venture, the United States, the State of California, the County of Fresno, towns, cities, and special purpose districts.

#### 1.45 Premises

"Premises" means any land or building in the City where Solid Waste is generated or accumulated.

## 1.46 Processing Facility

"Processing Facility" means a permitted Facility where Green Waste is sorted, mulched or separated for the purpose of Recycling, reuse or composting.

## 1.47 Processing Residue

"Processing Residue" means materials remaining after the processing of Recyclables and/or Green Waste, which cannot be recycled, composted, marketed, or otherwise utilized.

#### 1.48 Rate Year

"Rate Year" means the twelve (12)-month period, commencing July 1, of one (1) year and concluding June 30 of the subsequent year, for which Contractor Compensation is calculated.

## 1.49 Recyclable

"Recyclable" means a material which can be processed into a form suitable for reuse through reprocessing or re-manufacture consistent with the requirements of the California Integrated Waste Management Act.

#### 1.50 Recyclable Materials

"Recyclable Materials" means domestic, commercial or industrial by-products of economic value separated, set aside, handled, packaged or offered for collection by the Waste Generator in a manner different from Solid Waste and specifically includes, but is not limited to, glass, paper, plastic, metal and Green Waste.

## 1.51 Recycled

"Recycled" means the act of having processed Recyclable Materials into a form suitable for reuse and having marketed those processed materials for use consistent with the requirements of the California Integrated Waste Management Act for Recycled materials. The act of marketing does not require that revenue is generated from the processed materials.

#### 1.52 Recycling

"Recycling" means the process of collecting, sorting, cleansing, treating and reconstituting Recyclable Materials which might otherwise be disposed of in a Landfill and returning them to the economy in the form of raw materials for new,

reused or reconstituted products. The collection, transportation or disposal of Solid Waste not intended for, or capable of, reuse is not Recycling.

#### 1.53 Refuse

"Refuse" includes both Garbage and Rubbish and means putrescible and nonputrescible Solid Waste or debris, except sewage, whether combustible or noncombustible.

#### 1.54 Residential Premises

"Residential Premises" means property used for residential purposes, irrespective of whether such dwelling units are rental units or are owner-occupied.

#### 1.55 Residual

"Residual" means any Solid Waste remaining after the processing of Recyclable Materials which is to be disposed of by Contractor.

#### 1.56 Rubbish

"Rubbish" means all waste wood, wood products, printed materials, paper, pasteboard, rags, straw, used and discarded clothing, packaging materials, ashes, floor sweepings, glass, and other Waste materials not included in the definition of Garbage, Designated Waste, Hazardous Waste, Green Waste, or Recyclable Materials.

## 1.57 Single-Family Residence

"Single-Family Residence" means a detached or attached residence designed or used for occupancy by one family, which may include a part of a condominium complex, or a townhouse complex, provided that such residence can be serviced feasibly as a single unit, based on historical Waste collection practices in the City.

#### 1.58 Solid Waste

"Solid Waste" means all putrescible and non-putrescible solid, semi-solid and liquid Waste accumulated or delivered for collection and disposal within the City and includes but is not limited to Garbage, Construction Debris, Demolition Debris, Rubbish, and Bulky Waste. Solid Waste does not include Hazardous Waste or Household Hazardous Waste, Designated Waste, Infectious Waste, Recyclable Materials when recycled, sewage, or abandoned automobiles. Materials shall be deemed "solid waste" within the meaning of California Public Resources Code §40101, and for the purposes of this agreement shall be regarded by the City as such, whether or not they may potentially recyclable, if the material is mixed or comingled with other types of solid waste.

## 1.59 Source Reduction Program

"Source Reduction Program" means any program that reduces the amount of Refuse that would otherwise be disposed of in a landfill, including without limitation Recycling, processing, salvaging and waste-to-energy projects.

#### 1.60 Source Separation

"Source Separation" means the segregation into separate Containers by the Waste Generator of individual components of material which otherwise would become Refuse or Garbage, such as glass bottles, metal cans, newspapers, plastic containers, etc., for the sole purpose of Recycling, to be picked up by Contractor.

## 1.61 State

"State" means State of California.

#### 1.62 Term

"Term" means the term of this Agreement, as provided for herein.

#### 1.63 Transfer Station

"Transfer Station" means the site/location where collection vehicles authorized/owned by Contractor consolidate or reload/unload for purposes of effecting transfer of initially Collected Solid Waste to effect more efficient and/or economical disposal at a final location other than the Transfer Station.

#### 1.64 Waste

"Waste" means the useless, unused, unwanted, or discarded material resulting from normal community activities, or materials which by their presence may injuriously affect the health, safety and comfort of persons and depreciated property values in the vicinity thereof.

## 1.65 Waste Generator

"Waste Generator" means the owner or occupant of premises, including businesses, which initially produce Solid Waste.

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#### **ARTICLE 2**

#### REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF CONTRACTOR

#### 2.1 Corporate Status

Contractor is a corporation duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of California. It is qualified to transact business in the State of California and has the corporate power to own its properties and to carry on its business as now owned and operated and as required by this Agreement.

## 2.2 Corporate Authorization

Contractor has the authority to enter into and perform its obligations under this Agreement. The Board of Directors of Contractor (or the shareholders, if necessary) have taken all actions required by law, its articles of incorporation, its bylaws or otherwise to authorize the execution of this Agreement. The person(s) signing this Agreement on behalf of Contractor have authority to do so.

## 2.3 Agreement Duly Executed

The person(s) signing this Agreement on behalf of Contractor have been authorized by Contractor to do so, and this Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by Contractor in accordance with the authorization of its Board of Directors or shareholders, if necessary, and enforceable against Contractor in accordance with its terms.

## 2.4 No Conflict with Applicable Law or Other Documents

Neither the execution and delivery by Contractor of this Agreement nor the performance by Contractor of its obligations hereunder:

- A. conflicts with, violates or will result in a breach or default under any term or condition of any existing judgment, order or decree of any court, administrative agency or other governmental authority, or of any existing agreement or instrument to which Contractor is a party, or by which Contractor or any of Contractor's properties or assets is bound; or
- B. will result in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance of any nature whatsoever upon any of the properties or assets of Contractor which will interfere materially with Contractor's performance hereunder.

## 2.5 No Litigation

There is no action, suit, proceeding or action at law or equity, or to the best of Contractor's knowledge, any investigation before or by any court or governmental entity, pending or threatened against Contractor or otherwise affecting Contractor, wherein an unfavorable decision, ruling or finding, in any single case or in the aggregate, would materially adversely affect Contractor's performance hereunder, or which, in any way, would adversely affect the validity or enforceability of this

Agreement, or which would have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of Contractor or its parent company.

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#### **ARTICLE 3**

#### **TERM OF AGREEMENT**

#### 3.1 Effective Date

The Effective Date of this Agreement shall be March 1, 2011 ("Effective Date");

## 3.2 Term

The initial term of this Agreement shall be five (5) years commencing June 1, 2011, through May 30, 2016. This Agreement will be extended automatically for five (5) additional years unless either party gives notice of intent to terminate said automatic renewal on or before six (6) months prior to May 30, 2016. Thereafter, if extended pursuant to the foregoing provision for the period from June 1, 2016, to May 30, 2021, then this Agreement will be extended an additional five (5) year term unless either party gives notice of intent not to renew six (6) months prior to May 30, 2021. Should either party desire that said automatic renewal and extension provision be terminated, such party shall give the other written notice of nonrenewal on or before December 1, 2015.

Any such notice, properly given, shall serve to terminate the automatic five (5) year renewal and this Agreement shall remain in effect for the balance of the term then outstanding. In the event that either party exercises its right to terminate the automatic renewal provision under this paragraph, the parties may subsequently reinstate the automatic extension and renewal provision by mutual written agreement.

The foregoing notwithstanding, this Agreement remains terminable for cause in accordance with the procedures elsewhere provided herein.

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#### **ARTICLE 4**

#### WASTE COLLECTION AND RECYCLING SERVICES

#### 4.1 Solid Waste - General

The work to be done by Contractor pursuant to this Agreement shall include the furnishing of all labor, supervision, equipment, materials, supplies, and all other items necessary to perform the services required. The enumeration of, and specification of requirements for, particular items of labor or equipment shall not relieve Contractor of the duty to furnish all others, as may be required, whether enumerated or not. The work to be done by Contractor pursuant to this Agreement shall be accomplished in a thorough and professional manner so that the residents and businesses within the City are provided reliable, courteous and high-quality Solid Waste and Recyclable Collection at all times. The enumeration of, and specification of requirements for, particular aspects of service quality shall not relieve Contractor of the duty of accomplishing all other aspects in the manner provided in this section, whether such other aspects are enumerated elsewhere in the Agreement or not. In the performance of its duties pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement, Contractor shall apply with all applicable laws, including but not limited to the City's Municipal Code and regulations adopted by the City Manager or City Council pursuant to State and Federal law. The provisions of the City's Municipal Code, as they exist on the Effective Date of this Agreement, shall be deemed to be a part of this Agreement as if set forth in full. Within six months of the effective date, the City shall initiate proceedings to amend its Municipal Code and/or any ordinance relating to solid waste collection and recycling, as necessary, to conform to the provisions of this Agreement.

## A. Residential Solid Waste Collection Services

Contractor shall collect and dispose of all solid waste generated at Single-Family Residences within the City from the Containers delivered for Collection by the Waste Generator at curbside or in an approved alley from Contractor-provided Containers, not less than once per week. Standard Collection service shall be automated Collection unless another method is approved by the City.

Special handling (walk in service) shall be provided to elderly or handicapped persons who have obtained certification from the City that they are incapable of participating in the automated curbside/alley collection program. The City provides a reduction in solid waste rates to elderly families. The Contractor may provide a smaller container for automated collection to serve these eligible families consistent with the City's rate reduction policy.

City and Contractor have established and maintain a regular collection schedule for solid waste, green waste and recyclable collection services with respect to single family residences within the City as follows:

## Collection Time & Day of Week Location/Limits

Friday 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Residential Areas West of Lassen

Avenue

Tuesday 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Residential Areas East of Lassen

Avenue

Any modification to the foregoing schedule must be approved by the City. City may increase or expand the area covered by the solid waste contract due to new developments or annexations to the City. City will notify Contractor in writing of any such increase.

The Contractor may provide extra collection for Residential Premises at the customer's request as per the current rate schedule.

B. Commercial, Industrial and Multi-Family Residential Collection Services
Contractor shall Collect Solid Waste from Contractor-provided Solid Waste
Containers and customer-provided Compactor Containers of a size and
shape acceptable to Contractor, not less than once per week. Special
consideration shall be given when determining the pick up area for
Commercial, Industrial, and/or Multi-Family accounts to ensure that the flow
of traffic is not impeded and that it does not result in aesthetic degradation
of an area. The designated pick up area, if disputed by customer or
Contractor, shall be determined by City. Additionally, if in the City's opinion
the location of an existing pick up area is inappropriate, City may require the
customer or Contractor to relocate the pick up area.

Contractor shall collect and dispose of all waste generated at Commercial and Industrial Premises within the City and delivered for collection to a bin or debris box as scheduled with each generator.

## C. City Facilities Collection of Solid Waste

Contractor shall collect and dispose of all Solid Waste generated at Premises owned and/or operated by City at no charge to City. Contractor shall make collections from cans Monday through Friday or on Saturdays following non-working holidays. Commercial (bin) and Industrial (debris box) collections shall be scheduled at a time mutually agreed upon by Contractor and City. The facilities to be provided service initially, together with the type and frequency of service, are listed on Exhibit A, which may be modified or expanded by City. Contractor shall also provide, maintain, and replace all containers and receptacles required for the Collection service.

Contractor shall provide, at the City's direction, additional waste Collection and Disposal and consulting services entailing:

Collection of Solid Waste from all sidewalk litter containers:

- Collection of Solid Waste from City-sponsored special events listed in Exhibit A;
- Collection of Solid Waste from litter containers in City parks;
- Drop box or container services to the City; and
- Review of plans for new development with regard to Solid Waste service issues.

The services required by this section, except as otherwise indicated, shall be provided at no charge to the City. However, the City shall reimburse to contractor the full amount of any charge incurred by contractor in disposing of material collected from any of the foregoing City facilities.

## D. Temporary Bins/Roll-off Service

Contractor shall provide temporary bins/roll-off service for the purpose of Collection of non-hazardous Solid Waste. Contractor shall deliver and Collect bins at the direction of the customer. Bins shall be free of graffiti and in good repair. Bins must be clearly marked and identifiable as belonging to Contractor. Special consideration shall be given when determining the pick up area for temporary bins/roll-off service accounts to ensure that the flow of traffic is not impeded and that it does not result in aesthetic degradation of an area. The designated pick up area, if disputed by customer or Contractor, shall be determined by City. Additionally, if in City's opinion the location of an existing pick up area is inappropriate, City may require the customer or Contractor to relocate the pick up area.

## E. City Cleanups

Contractor shall provide service for Solid Waste cleanups as directed by the City Code Enforcement Officer within five (5) working days of a request by such officer. If the City determines that the public health or safety is threatened, Contractor shall provide clean up service within twenty-four (24) hours of a request to do so by City. Contractor shall pick up authorized cleanup items and transport such items to a Transfer Station, Disposal Site, Processing Facility or MRF. Services shall be provided at the City's sole cost and expense and for which the City shall bill the recipients thereof for the service.

## F. Cleanup Days

Contractor agrees, at Contractor's sole cost and expense, to participate in two (2) "Community Cleanup Days" annually. Community Cleanup Days shall be at a time and location designated by City. Contractor shall furnish necessary roll-off boxes and all labor and equipment necessary to operate designated site. As part of the Community Cleanup Day, Contractor shall accept any and all Solid Waste, delivered in vehicles up to the capacity of a half-ton pickup truck, including used appliances or other materials which may be legally disposed of. Tires will be accepted, but only upon payment of the existing landfill Disposal rate. Contractor shall have cleanup items sorted

into appropriate recycling containers as delivered and transport such items to a Transfer Station, Disposal Site, Processing Facility or MRF as appropriate.

Contractor shall record by class and weight (in tons) the Solid Waste collected during the cleanup events. Contractor shall maximize the Solid Waste diverted and record the kinds and weights (in tons) of Solid Waste diverted, if any, during these cleanups from the landfill through Recycling, reuse, transformation and other means of approved diversion.

## 4.2 Recycling - General

Contractor shall Collect and remove all Recyclable Materials placed in Recycling Containers at the designated Collection locations for Single- Family Residences, Multi-Family Residential Premises and commercial accounts. Contractor shall keep separate records on all Recyclable Materials Collected from Single-Family and Multi-Family residences separately from Commercial and Industrial Premises. Such records shall be made available for inspection by City upon request during normal hours of operation.

## A. Single-Family Residential Recycling

Contractor shall provide a single-family curbside Recycling program. Contractor shall supply each Single-Family Residence with a 96-gallon roll-out Container (or other Container approved by City), for mixed Recyclables. The Contractor shall also provide, maintain, and replace all Containers and receptacles required for the provision of Recyclable Collection services. Contractor shall collect all Recyclable Materials once each week on the regularly scheduled Solid Waste Collection day from each participating residence. Contractor shall transport Recyclable Materials to a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) and none of this material may be disposed of at a Landfill, Transfer Station, or any other location in lieu of Recycling the material without the express written approval of the City Manager, except for Processing Residue. Recyclable Containers shall be collected from curbside or alleys, as appropriate, except that walk-in Collection shall be provided for "disabled" individuals with physical limitations (at no additional charge).

The following type of Recyclables Materials shall include, but not be limited to, for collection, processing and marketing under this Agreement:

- 1. Newspaper (including inserts, coupon and store advertisements).
- 2. Mixed paper (including, but not limited to, junk mail, magazines, catalogs, craft bags and paper, paperboard, egg cartons, office ledger, phone books, brown paper grocery bags, colored paper, computer paper, construction paper, envelopes, legal back binding backing and shoe boxes).

- 3. Glass containers (including brown, clear and green glass bottles and jars).
- 4. Aluminum and tin cans.
- 5. Narrow neck plastics.
- 6. Corrugated cardboard.
- 7. Aseptic containers.

## B. <u>Multi-Family Residential Recycling</u>

Contractor shall provide a multi-family Recycling program that involves the same list of recyclables as the single-family program. Contractor, upon request, will supply the initial two (2) one-gallon containers per unit for used motor oil collection, if City receives funding for such a program. Contractor shall supply each trash enclosure area in participating multi-family complexes in the City with two (2) 96-gallon Containers or other larger Containers as agreed upon with the complex manager. Contractor shall also provide Christmas tree Recycling to multi-family complexes who choose the optional Green Waste Collection program. The cost of said Christmas tree Recycling is to be borne by the Contractor.

Contractor shall instruct multi-family residential managers and multi-family residents as to any necessary preparation, separation, and placement of Recyclable Materials. Contractor shall instruct multi-family residential complex managers as to the placement of Containers and shall notify the City of such managers who fail, or whose residents fail to follow those instructions.

Contractor shall collect all Recyclable Materials once each week from each participating multi-family complex. The Contractor shall transport Recyclable Materials to an MRF and none of this material may be disposed of in a Landfill, Transfer Station, or any other location in lieu of an MRF without the express written permission of the City Manager or his/her designee, except Processing Residue. The written permission of the City Mayor to transport to other than an MRF shall not be unreasonably withheld.

## C. <u>Commercial/Industrial Recycling</u>

Contractor shall develop for the City's approval a program to strongly encourage commercial/industrial Recycling. City shall promptly notify Contractor of its approval or disapproval of such program. In the event that City does not approve such program, City shall provide a written explanation of the reasons for its failure to approve such program. Contractor shall collect and process Recyclables from subscribing businesses as scheduled with the customer.

## D. <u>City Facilities Collection of Recyclables</u>

Contractor shall Collect and process Recyclables from the Premises owned and/or operated by the City as listed in <u>Exhibit A</u>. Contractor shall also provide, maintain, and replace all Containers and receptacles required for the provision of Recyclable Collection service. All Recyclables shall be Collected and processed by the Contractor.

## E. <u>Warning Notice</u>

Contractor may refuse to Collect Recyclable Materials and shall not be obligated to continue to provide any Recycling Container to any Waste Generator in any Recycling program who, after reasonable warning, fails to sort properly and set out Recyclable Materials. Contractor shall report monthly to City any warning notices issued.

## 4.3 Green Waste Program - General

Contractor agrees to develop, implement, operate and participate (locally and regionally) in mulching, composting, alternative daily cover, transformation or other programs to achieve City's Green Waste diversion requirements. In particular, Contractor agrees to accomplish the programs set out in this Agreement and to be aggressive in the pursuit of new opportunities to divert Green Waste from Disposal.

## A. Residential Green Waste

Contractor shall provide weekly curbside Collection of Green Waste on the same day and on the same terms as Refuse Collection from City's Single-Family Residences utilizing 96-gallon Containers provided by Contractor.

## B. Multi-Family and Commercial Green Waste

Contractor shall provide similar Green Waste Collection service for Multi-Family and commercial customers, upon request of such accounts, as is provided to Single-Family Residential customers.

## C. Christmas Tree Collection Program

Contractor shall operate an annual Christmas tree Collection program. The program shall include curbside and drop-off (if necessary) Collection and target all Residential Properties in the City. Contractor shall reasonably cooperate with City in the scheduling and operation of the Christmas tree Collection program.

#### D. End Uses for Green Waste

Contractor shall divert Green Waste materials Collected through curbside Collection, Christmas tree Collection and mixed waste processing (if applicable) from Disposal. Contractor must use its best efforts to provide end uses for Green Waste that maximize diversion credits for City according to regulations established by CIWMB.

#### 4.4 Removal of Hazardous Waste

If Contractor determines that Waste placed in any Container for Collection or delivered to any Facility of the Contractor is Hazardous Waste, Designated Waste, or other Waste that may not legally be disposed of at the Disposal Site or Material Recovery Facility or presents a hazard to Contractor's employees, the Contractor shall have the right to refuse to accept such Waste. The Waste Generator will be contacted by the Contractor and requested to arrange proper Disposal. If the Waste Generator cannot be reached immediately, the Contractor shall, prior to leaving the Premises, leave a tag at least 2" x 6" which lists the phone number for the Fresno County Household Hazardous Waste program, indicating the reason for refusing to collect the Waste. If the Waste could possibly result in imminent danger to people or property, the Contractor shall notify the City as soon as possible.

The Contractor will notify the City of any Hazardous Waste left at any premises for fourteen (14) days or more. If the Waste is delivered to the Disposal Site before its presence is detected and the Waste Generator cannot be identified or fails to remove the Waste after being requested to do so, the Contractor shall arrange for its proper Disposal.

#### 4.5 Transportation of Solid Waste

Contractor shall transport all Solid Waste collected under the terms of this Agreement to the Disposal Site approved by the City. Contractor agrees to make all reasonable efforts to separate Recyclable Materials from Refuse for diversion from Landfill Disposal. Contractor shall maintain accurate records of the quantities of Solid Waste transported to the Disposal Site and will cooperate with City in any audit or investigations of such quantities.

#### 4.6 Vehicles

#### A. General

Contractor shall provide a fleet of Collection vehicles sufficient in number and capacity to efficiently perform the work required by the Agreement in strict accordance with its terms. Contractor shall have available on Collection days sufficient back-up vehicles for each type of Collection vehicle used (i.e., rear loader, front loader, and roll-off) to respond to complaints and emergencies.

## B. Specifications

All vehicles used by Contractor in providing Solid Waste and Recyclables Collection services shall be registered with the California Department of Motor Vehicles. All such vehicles shall have water-tight bodies designed to prevent leakage, spillage or overflow. All such vehicles shall comply with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency noise remission regulations and other applicable noise control regulations.

## C. Vehicle Identification

Contractor's name, local telephone number, and a unique vehicle identification number designed by Contractor for each vehicle shall be prominently displayed on all vehicles, in letters and numbers no less than two and one-half (2 1/2) inches high. Contractor shall not place the City's logo on its vehicles.

## D. <u>Equipment Inventory</u>

Contractor shall furnish sufficient equipment to provide all service required under this Agreement.

#### E. Operation

Vehicles shall be operated in compliance with the California Vehicle Code, and all applicable safety and local ordinances. Contractor shall not load vehicles in excess of the manufacturer's recommendations or limitations imposed by State or local weight restrictions on vehicles.

## 4.7 Solid Waste and Recycling Containers

#### A. Residential Containers

Container sizes for Single-Family Residential service shall be 96 gallons. A 96-gallon Recycling Container shall also be provided to each Single-Family Residence for Green Waste service and Contractor shall supply each Single-Family Residence with a 96-gallon Container for all other Recyclables. Additional bins and/or Containers shall be provided by the Contractor to Single-Family Residential customers, at the customer's expense, where the bin and/or Containers overflow on a consistent basis. Contractor shall also provide Solid Waste and Recycling Containers to Multi-Family complexes as determined through separate negotiations with each of those complexes. The color of both Solid Waste and Recycling Containers shall be subject to the review and approval of the City Council. Specially designed one-gallon plastic containers shall also be given, free of charge, to each Single-Family Resident, upon request, for used motor oil Collection.

## B. <u>Non-Residential Containers</u>

Contractor shall provide bins and Drop Boxes for storage of Solid Waste and Recyclables, which shall be designed and constructed to be water tight so as to prevent the leakage of liquids. All Containers with the capacity of one cubic yard or more shall meet applicable federal regulations regarding Solid Waste bin safety. All Containers shall be painted the Contractor's standard color (subject to City Council approval) and shall prominently display the name and telephone number of the Contractor. All Recycling Containers shall be clearly marked to indicate what specific items are contained within.

## C. <u>Cleaning, Painting and Maintenance</u>

Contractor shall steam clean and repaint all Containers (other than Containers for Single-Family Residential services) on a regular basis so as to present a clean appearance. All Containers shall be maintained in a functional condition.

## D. Repair and Replacement

Contractor shall provide and maintain Containers in good repair for use by customers. Contractor shall repair or replace all Containers damaged by Collection operations.

City and Contractor also acknowledge that from time to time Containers may be stolen from the customer. When notified of such occurrence, Contractor shall replace the stolen Container(s), at no charge to the customer, not more than one (1) time within any twelve (12) month period.

## 4.8 Processing Residue; End-Uses

Contractor is solely responsible for the proper and lawful Disposal of all Processing Residue. In no event shall Contractor's selection of a Facility for the Disposal of Processing Residue result in the imposition of a host fee, or otherwise cause a higher rate to be charged to Customers than would be charged were Processing Residues disposed of at the originally agreed upon Disposal Site.

City shall have no responsibility for the availability of markets for recycled products, nor shall it have any liability associated with or resulting from the markets for, or end-uses of, recycled products, and Contractor shall indemnify and hold City harmless from same.

## 4.9 Inspection by City

The designated representatives of the City shall have the right to observe and review Contractor operations and enter premises for the purposes of such observation and review at all reasonable business hours with reasonable notice.

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#### **ARTICLE 5**

## OTHER COLLECTION RELATED SERVICES, STANDARDS AND AGREEMENTS

## 5.1 Billing

City has established, by resolution, rates for the various types of services provided by Contractor. The City will process as soon as practicable a rate increase or adjustment resolution. Controller or City shall bill and collect at the rates established by latest resolution establishing rates as follows:

## A. Non-residential billings

City shall perform the billing and collection service to all non-residential customers within the City's boundaries. After the City has made a good faith effort to collect a bill from a non-residential customer, if the bill is still not paid, the Contractor shall suspend Collection service after written authorization by the City. Further collection action shall be taken, as the City sees fit, including but not limited to the imposition of a lien on that customer's real property. Any funds collected from a customer by the City less the City's costs of collection, including all costs related to the imposition of the lien, and any amounts owing to the City under this Agreement shall be surrendered by the City to the Contractor or credited to the Contractor's account against any sums owed by the Contractor to the City.

## B. Residential customers

City shall perform the billing and collection service to all residential customers within the City's boundaries. City may, but is not required to, place the Solid Waste Collection fee due from each residential customer as a special assessment charge on their real property tax bill. In that event, the billing information shall be given to the Fresno County Auditor's Office annually for placement on the Fresno County Property Tax Roll. Contractor shall not be responsible for or participate in the collection of charges for these services. Any funds collected from a residential customer by the City, less the City's costs of collection, including all costs related to the calculation of the rate and less the Franchise Fee payable to the City, shall be surrendered by the City to the Contractor or credited to the Contractor's account against any sums owed by the Contractor to the City.

## C. Roll Off

Franchise shall arrange for and perform the billing and collection service for all solid waste and recycling for customers requesting service by roll off bin.

## 5.2 Public Customer Service and Accessibility

#### A. Office Location

Contractor shall maintain an office in the City of Huron, or such other location as the City approves, for purposes of carrying out its obligations under this Agreement, such approval not to be unreasonably withheld. Contractor must ensure that telephone calls to it from locations within the City are either "local" or "toll free" by all telephone companies.

## B. Office Hours

Contractor's office shall be open to the public as below:

Administrative Offices 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (M-F)

The office may be closed on Sundays and those holidays listed on Exhibit B.

## C. Availability of Representatives

A representative of Contractor shall be available at a local site during office hours to communicate with the public in person and by telephone.

#### D. <u>Telephone</u>

Contractor shall maintain a telephone system in operation at its office during business hours. Contractor shall install telephone equipment sufficient to handle the volume of calls typically experienced on the busiest days. Contractor shall have a representative, answering or message providing/receiving (voice-mail) service available at said number for afterhours calls.

## E. Consumer Information

City may direct Contractor to prepare information cards containing information about the amounts of Solid Waste which will be collected, types of Recyclable Materials to be collected, times for special Collection events, curbside Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste drop-off programs, Collection schedules, rates and complaint procedures. Contractor will submit proofs of the information cards to City prior to distribution and will incorporate City's comments in the final version distributed to the public. Contractor shall distribute such information cards to the occupants of all residential and commercial Premises. Information cards shall be revised and distributed, if there is any material change in the information and, in any event, at least once each six (6) months of the Term. Information cards shall also be given to all new customers when they request service and mailed to City residents upon request.

## 5.3 Service Complaints

Contractor shall be responsible for the prompt and courteous attention to, and prompt and reasonable solution of, all customer complaints. Contractor shall notify

customers in writing of its complaint procedure at the time customers apply for or are provided service.

#### 5.4 Non-Discrimination

Contractor shall not discriminate in the provision of service or the employment of persons engaged in performance of this Agreement on account of race, color, religion, sex, age, physical handicap or medical condition in violation of any applicable federal or State law.

## 5.5 Change in Collection Schedule

Contractor shall notify City forty-five (45) days prior to, and residential customers not later than thirty (30) days prior to, any change in residential Collection operation which results in a change in the day on which Solid Waste or Recyclables Collection occurs for twenty percent (20%) or more of the residents on a route on a day. Contractor will not permit any customer to go more than seven (7) days without service in connection with a Collection schedule change. City's approval of any change in Residential Collection is required prior to such change, and such approval will not be withheld unreasonably.

## 5.6 Report of Accumulation of Solid Waste: Unauthorized Dumping

Contractor shall direct its drivers to note (1) the addresses of any Premises at which they observe that Solid Waste is accumulating and is not being delivered for Collection; and (2) the address, or other location description, at which Solid Waste has been dumped in an apparently unauthorized manner. Contractor shall deliver the address or description to City within five (5) working days of such observation.

## 5.7 Emergency Services

Contractor shall provide emergency services (i.e., special Collections, transport, processing) at City's request in the event of major accidents, disruptions, or natural calamities. Contractor shall be capable of providing emergency services within twenty-four (24) hours of notification by City or as soon thereafter as is reasonably practical in light of the circumstances.

#### 5.8 Community Events

At the direction of City, Contractor shall participate in and promote Recycling and other diversion techniques at community events and local activities. Such participation shall include providing, without cost, Collection, education and publicity information promoting the goals of the City's Solid Waste program.

#### 5.9 Waste Generation/Characterization Studies

Contractor acknowledges that City must perform Solid Waste generation and Disposal characterization studies periodically to comply with AB 939 requirements. Contractor agrees to participate and cooperate with City and its agents and to accomplish studies and data collection and prepare reports, as needed, to determine weights and volumes of Solid Waste and characterize Solid Waste

generated, disposed, transformed, diverted or otherwise handled/processed to satisfy AB 939 requirements.

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#### **ARTICLE 6**

#### **FRANCHISE**

#### 6.1 Scope

Subject to Section 6.2, the Franchise granted to Contractor shall be exclusive for Residential, Commercial and Industrial Solid Waste, except where otherwise precluded by State law or where other current programs provide for Collection and Disposal of HHW. Recyclables and Green Waste shall be Collected by Contractor as described in this Agreement under the limitations described in Section 6.2.

## 6.2 Limitations to Scope

Subject to the requirements and conditions of this Agreement, City hereby grants Contractor the exclusive franchise, privilege and duty during the term of this Agreement to collect and transport to the Solid Waste facilities or MRF designated under this Agreement all Solid Waste and Recyclables that are required to be accumulated and set out for Collection by customers in accordance with City legislation, or which is otherwise legally set out for Collection by the customers. The granting of this franchise shall not preclude the following from being delivered to and/or collected by third parties, other than Contractor:

## A. Recyclable Materials Sold

Recyclable materials separated from Solid Waste by the Waste Generator and which Waste Generator sells, donates or is otherwise compensated for by a collector in a manner resulting in a net payment to the Waste Generator for such Recycling or related services.

## B. Recyclable Materials Transported

Recyclable materials which are separated at any premises and which are transported personally by the owner or occupant of such premises (or by his or her employee) to a processing or Disposal Facility.

## C. Recyclable Materials Donated

Recyclable materials which are source separated at any premises by the Waste Generator and donated to youth, civic, or charitable organizations.

## D. Recycling Containers

Recycling containers delivered for Recycling under the California Beverage Container Recycling Litter Reduction Act, Section 14500, et. seq., California Public Resources Code.

## E. Green Waste

Green Waste removed from Premises by a gardening, landscaping, or tree trimming Company as an incidental part of a total service offered by that Company rather than as a hauling service.

## F. Construction and Demolition debris

Inert construction and demolition debris generated during the construction, renovation or razing of structures and removed by the owner or his construction contractor, but not a subcontractor, and provided the construction contractor is not a hauling service or a solid waste enterprise, does not separately or additionally charge for the incidental service of removing, transporting, recycling or otherwise disposing of the materials, and utilizes only his or her own employees and equipment to collect, transport and recycle or dispose of same.

## G. Animal waste

Animal waste and remains from slaughterhouse or butcher shops for use as tallow.

## H. By-products

By-products of sewage treatment, including sludge, sludge ash, grit and screenings.

## I. Hazardous Waste

Hazardous Waste and Designated Waste regardless of its source.

Paragraphs A through I of this Section 6.2 describe exceptions to the exclusive franchise granted to Contractor hereunder. As such, the parties acknowledge that Persons other than Contractor may engage in limited collection activities of the sort described above without infringing upon Contractor's franchise rights. However, in no event shall any Person be authorized to engage in "fee-for-service" recycling, whether alone or in combination with others, and regardless of the form of consideration exchanged.

This grant to Contractor of an exclusive Franchise, right and privilege to Collect, transport, or process and Dispose of Solid Waste shall be interpreted to be consistent with State and federal laws, now and during the term of the Franchise, and the scope of this exclusive Franchise shall be limited by current and developing State and federal laws with regard to Solid Waste handling, exclusive Franchise, control of Recyclables, Solid Waste flow control, and related doctrines. In the event that future interpretations of current law, enactment or developing legal trends limit the ability of City to lawfully provide for the scope of Franchise services as specifically set forth herein, Contractor agrees that the scope of the Franchise will be limited to those services and materials which may be lawfully provided for under this Agreement, and that City shall not be responsible for any lost profits claimed by Contractor to arise out of such limitation of the scope of the Agreement set forth herein. In such an event, it shall be the responsibility of Contractor to minimize the financial impact to other services being provided as much as possible.

#### 6.3 Franchise Fee Amount

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In consideration of the exclusive franchise provided for in this Agreement, Contractor shall pay to City twelve percent (12%), or another amount as provided in Section 6.4, of the gross revenue, net of taxes, uncollected amounts, rebates or any other amounts Contractor is required to refund, derived by the Contractor from services provided in the City. Such franchise fee shall be considered a "pass-through" cost in future rate determinations.

# 6.4 Time and Method of Payment

City shall calculate an amount due Contractor by subtracting from the amount of the calculated gross revenues, revenues from Contractor-billed accounts and the amount of fees due the City.

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### SERVICE RATES AND REVIEW

#### 7.1 Contractor's Rates: General

Contractor shall perform the responsibilities and duties described in this Agreement in consideration of the right to charge and collect from Waste Generators for Solid Waste Collection and Disposal and Recyclable Collection, processing and marketing services rendered, at rates fixed by the City from time to time.

The rates are those established by the City's Resolution No.\_\_\_\_\_\_, unless amended in accordance with this Agreement. A copy of City Resolution No.\_\_\_\_\_ is attached hereto as <a href="Exhibit C">Exhibit C</a>. Unless and until the rates set forth on <a href="Exhibit C">Exhibit C</a> are adjusted by the City, Contractor shall provide the services required by this Agreement, charging no more and no less than the rates authorized by <a href="Exhibit C">Exhibit C</a>. The rates contain all costs associated with the provision of Solid Waste and/or Recycling Collection, processing and marketing, including but not limited to, disposal costs on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

In addition to the revenues authorized by the rates on <u>Exhibit C</u>, Contractor may charge and receive fees for performing special services for which rates are not set by <u>Exhibit C</u>, as agreed upon in separate contracts between Contractor and each customer requesting such special services.

# 7.2 Annual Rate Adjustment

An annual rate adjustment will be made each year starting on the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the agreement and shall be conducted strictly in accordance with the following formula. For each succeeding year, beginning with the Rate Year beginning July 1, 2003, the rate shall be calculated by multiplying the prior year's rate by one (1) plus seventy-five percent (75%) of the percentage change in the "Consumer Price Index (all Pacific Cities and U.S. City Average, Urban Consumers; 1982-84 = 100, West – Size C)" (or some other mutually agreed-upon index, if phased out), between the index published the previous May and the corresponding index published twelve (12) months earlier.

In no event shall Contractor be entitled to a CPI rate increase which exceeds ten percent (10%). If the CPI exceeds ten percent (10%) inflation for a given annual period, Contractor may request a commensurate rate adjustment if and only if Contractor submits cost information demonstrating that its variable costs subject to CPI adjustment have increased more than ten percent (10%). The City may consider such a request based on the information submitted by Contractor or, at its option, may require an audit of financial data relevant to Contractor's request. If the City elects to have an audit performed, the auditor shall be selected by mutual agreement of the parties, and the Contractor shall pay the cost of the audit. If the audit confirms that Contractor's CPI-variable costs have increased ten percent (10%) or more, City shall consider a greater rate adjustment commensurate with the

actual increase in such costs, up to but not to exceed the CPI inflation rate, and provided the rate increase may be implemented consistent with applicable law. If the audit reveals that such costs have increased less than ten percent (10%), City shall consider granting a rate adjustment commensurate only with the actual increase in CPI-variable costs. Conversely, if CPI deflation exceeds ten percent (10%) for a given annual period, Contractor may demonstrate to City that its variable costs have deflated less than ten percent (10%), in which case the rate adjustment, if approved, shall be commensurate with the actual deflation in that portion of the Contractor's costs.

# 7.3 Special Interim Rate Review

Contractor may apply to the City for consideration of a special interim rate review should an event or circumstance arise, as listed hereinafter, which jeopardizes the economic operation of Contractor (e.g., operating at a loss or significantly below a reasonable rate of return by industry standards). Such special interim rate review will be considered if:

- A. It is necessary for the Contractor to make a substantial change in its operation, or substantial capital investment in order to perform its obligations under this Agreement; or
- B. Changes to operations are mandated as provided for in this Agreement; or
- C. Changes in law, regulations or taxes affecting Disposal costs or sites occur which were not finalized sufficiently at the time of execution of this Agreement to allow definitive consideration hereunder.

City may initiate a special interim rate review at its option. Any rate review, whether initiated by the City or the Contractor, will follow the format specified for a regular rate review. If initiated by the Contractor, the complete application must be submitted at least one hundred and twenty (120) prior to the date it may become effective. If initiated by the City, the Contractor shall submit requested data within ninety (90) days of the date that notice is provided to the Contractor. The parties acknowledge that there may infrequent extraordinary events which, although they do not prevent either party from performing, and thus do not implicate the force Majeure provisions hereof, nevertheless, increase the cost of providing service such that contractor's compensation and the rate adjustment mechanism elsewhere provided in this agreement results in contractor's suffering losses which are substantially outside the commercially reasonable expectations of the parties. The obligation of the parties in such event is to act reasonably toward each other and arriving at an appropriate adjustment in rates, or in recision of this agreement. Accordingly, at his option, contractor may apply to the City at any time, but not more frequently than once annually, for an extraordinary rate increase should an event or circumstance arise that is the result of a change in law or which negatively impacts the economic operation of contractor in which is in excess of the rate adjustment resulting from application of the annual rate adjustment formula

expressed at Section 7.2 above. An interim adjustment in rates will be deemed justified if it is necessary for the contractor to make a substantial change in its operations, or substantial capital expenditure or investment in order to perform its obligations under this agreement due to the occurrence of an event or circumstance which is beyond the reasonable control of contractor. In the event of such application by contractor for an extraordinary rate increase, contractor shall have the burden of demonstrating to the reasonable satisfaction of the City, the basis for the request.

Any determination by the City shall be based on findings by the City Council upon hearing with not less than forty-five (45) days' notice of the hearing date in writing after data is submitted as provided hereinabove and shall be final.

It should be noted that the services collected on the Fresno County Property Tax Roll can only be changed annually at the time the new tax roll is being prepared (July). Any interim rate correction will need to take this into consideration.

## 7.4 Variances from Projections

Contractor shall retain any income from actual costs being less, or Recyclable Materials sale revenue being greater than projected but shall not be compensated for actual costs being more, or Recyclable Materials sales revenues being less than projected except as described in Section 7.2 and Section 7.3 above. In addition, calculations for Contractor's compensation shall not be adjusted for past variances of actual cost from those projected.

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### RECORDS, REPORTS AND INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

#### 8.1 General

Contractor agrees to conduct data collection, information and record keeping, and reporting activities needed to comply with applicable laws and regulations and to meet the reporting and Solid Waste program management needs of City as required by existing or hereinafter enacted ordinances of the City.

### 8.2 Records

Contractor shall maintain records required to conduct its operations, to support requests it may make to City, and to respond to requests from City in conduct of City business. Adequate record security shall be maintained to preserve records from events that can be reasonably anticipated such as fire, theft and earthquake. Electronically maintained data/records shall be protected and backed up.

### A. Financial Records

Financial records shall be maintained and cost and revenue information for City shall be segregated from other areas served by Contractor.

## B. Solid Waste Records

Records shall be maintained by Contractor for City relating to:

- 1. Customer services and billing.
- 2. Character, weight and volume of Solid Waste, especially as related to reducing and diverting Solid Waste. Information is to be separated between Single-Family and Multi-Family Residential Premises from Commercial and Industrial Premises.
- 3. Special annual cleanup event results.
- Routes.
- 5. Facilities, equipment and personnel used.
- 6. Facilities and equipment operations, maintenance and repair.
- 7. Processing and Disposal of Solid Waste
- 8. Complaints.
- 9. Missed pick ups.

# C. Recycling and Green Waste Records

Records shall be maintained for City that relate to:

- 1. Records described in Section 8.2.B, above.
- 2. Recycling and Green Waste participation especially as related to determining participation rates and implementing programs to increase existing participation and to expand diversion (name, addresses, contacts made, etc.).
- 3. Weight of each material by type of program.
- 4. Sales quantity sold (in tons) and net sales.

## D. Disposal Records

Contractor shall maintain records of Disposal of all Solid Waste Collected in City for the period of this Agreement and all extensions to this Agreement or successor Agreements. In the event Contractor discontinues providing Solid Waste services to City, Contractor shall provide all records of Disposal or processing of all Solid Waste Collected in City within thirty (30) days of discontinuing service. Records shall be in chronological and organized form and readily and easily interpreted.

## 8.3 Annual Reports

# A. Franchise Fee Report

Contractor shall submit an annual report of franchise fee payments and such additional related statistical data as may be prescribed by City. All such reports shall be submitted not later than two (2) months following the end of Contractor's annual accounting period.

# B. <u>State Required Disposal and Recycling Report</u>

At least annually, and more frequently, if required by the State, Contractor shall report to City Solid Waste Collection and Disposal and Recyclable Material Collection and processing information and data that City deems to be required as the result of current or future local, State or federal law, regulation, orders or permits. City shall provide Contractor with reasonable notice of such required statements and reports. All such statements and reports shall be submitted not later than thirty (30) calendar days following the end of the calendar year.

# C. Activity Report

Annually, Contractor shall provide City with a report on the measures taken during the year related to Contractor's public awareness and promotion campaign describing measures taken during the year and the status of each component of the campaign in a format approved by City. All such

statements and reports shall be submitted not later than thirty (30) calendar days following the end of Contractor's annual accounting period.

# 8.4 Right to Inspect Records

City shall have the right to inspect or review specific documents or records required pursuant to this Agreement, or any other similar records or reports of Contractor necessary to evaluate annual reports, provided for in this Agreement and Contractor's performance provided for in this Agreement.

#### 8.5 Retention of Records

Contractor shall retain all records and data required to be maintained by this Agreement for the period of time that similar records are maintained under its general corporate policy of record retention. In addition, City may, within ninety (90) calendar days after its receipt of the annual reports required by this Agreement, direct that specified records be retained until a further review has been completed and Contractor shall comply with such direction.

If Contractor fails to retrieve, within the period of time prescribed in this Agreement, or, if no such period is specified, within a commercially reasonable period of time, following a written request by City, records and data that have been retained, City may make a reasonable assumption regarding what those records and data would contain and such assumptions may be used, as though they were facts, in whatever action City takes.

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## INDEMNITY, INSURANCE, BOND

#### 9.1 Indemnification

Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless City, its Council Members, officers, employees, volunteers, and agents (collectively "indemnitees") from and against any and all loss, liability, penalty, forfeiture, claim, demand, action, proceeding or suit of any and every kind and description (including, but not limited to, injury to and death of any person and damage to property, or for contribution or indemnity claimed by third parties) arising or resulting from and in any way connected with (1) the negligence or willful misconduct of Contractor, its officers, employees, agents and/or subcontractors in performing services under this Agreement; (2) the failure of Contractor, its officers, employees, agents and/or subcontractor to comply in all material respects with the provisions of this Agreement, applicable laws and regulations, and/or applicable permits and licenses; (3) the acts of Contractor, its officers, employees, agents and/or subcontractors in performing services under this Agreement for which strict liability is imposed by law. The foregoing indemnity shall apply regardless of whether such loss, liability, penalty, forfeiture, claim, demand, action, proceeding, suit, injury, death or damage is also caused in part by any of the indemnitee's negligence, except this indemnity shall be limited to exclude coverage for wrongful acts and gross negligence of indemnitees. This provision shall not apply to matters caused by City's (or any other indemnitee's) sole negligence, willful misconduct or breach of this Agreement. Contractor further agrees to and shall, upon demand of City, at Contractor's sole cost and expense, defend (with attorneys acceptable to City) the City, its Council Members, officers, employees, and agents against any claims, actions, suits or other proceedings, whether judicial, quasijudicial or administrative in nature, arising or resulting from any matter as to which Contractor is obliged to indemnify City pursuant to this Article 9.

Contractor's duty to indemnify and defend shall survive the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement.

City shall indemnify and hold harmless Contractor from and against any and all loss, liability, penalty, forfeiture, claim, demand, action, proceeding or suit of any and every kind and description (including, but not limited to, injury to and death of any person and damage to property, or for contribution or indemnity claimed by third parties) arising or resulting from City's sole negligence, willful misconduct, or breach of this Agreement.

## 9.2 Insurance

- A. Minimum Scope of Insurance. Coverage shall be at least as broad as:
  - The most recent editions of Insurance Services Office forms number GL 0002 covering Comprehensive or Commercial General Liability;

and Insurance Services Office form number GL 0404 covering Broad Form Comprehensive or Commercial General Liability; or Insurance Services Office Commercial General Liability coverage or other forms as approved by City ("occurrence" form CG 0001).

- 2. The most recent editions of Insurance Services Office form number CA 0001 (Ed.1/78) covering Automobile Liability, code 1 "any auto" and most recent endorsement or other forms as approved by City.
- 3. Workers' Compensation insurance as required by the Labor Code of the State of California and Employers Liability insurance.
- B. Minimum Limits of Insurance. Contractor shall maintain limits no less than:
  - 1. Comprehensive General Liability: Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) combined single limit per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage.
  - 2. Automobile Liability: Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) combined single limit per accident for bodily injury and property damage.
  - 3. Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability: Workers' Compensation limits as required by the Labor Code of the State of California and Employers Liability limits of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per accident.
- C. <u>Deductibles and Self-Insured Retention</u>. Any deductibles or self-insured retention must be declared to and approved by the City. At the option of the City, either: the insurer shall reduce or eliminate such deductibles or self-insured retention as respects the City, its officials and employees; or the Contractor shall procure a bond guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigations, claim administration and defense expenses.

#### D. Other Insurance Provisions

The policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

- 1. General Liability and Automobile Liability Coverage:
  - a. City, its officials, Council Members, employees and volunteers are to be covered as additional insured as respects: liability arising out of activities performed by or on behalf of Contractor; products and completed operations of Contractor; premises owned, leased or used by Contractor; or automobiles owned, leased, hired or borrowed by Contractor. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of protection

afforded to the City, its officials, Council Members, employees or volunteers.

- b. Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects the City, its officials, Council Members, employees and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the City, its officials, Council Members, employees or volunteers shall be excess of Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute with it.
- c. Any failure to comply with reporting provisions of the policies shall not affect coverage provided to the its officials, Council Members, employees or volunteers.
- d. Coverage shall state that Contractor's insurance shall apply separately to each insured against whom claim is made or suit is brought, except with respect to the limits of the insurer's liability.
- 2. <u>Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability Coverage</u>
  The insurer shall agree to waive all rights of subrogation against City, its officials, employees and volunteers for losses arising from work performed by Contractor for City.

# 3. All Coverages

Each insurance policy required by this clause shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be suspended, voided, canceled by either party, reduced in coverage or in limits except after thirty (30) days' prior written notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, has been given to City.

## E. Acceptability of Insurers

The insurance policies required by this section shall be issued by an insurance company or companies authorized to do business in the State of California and with a rating in the most recent edition of Best's Insurance Reports of size category VII or larger and a rating classification of A or better.

## F. Verification of Coverage

Contractor shall furnish City with certificates of insurance and with original endorsements affecting coverage required by this clause as shown in <a href="Exhibit D">Exhibit D</a>. The certificates and endorsements for each insurance policy are to be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. The certificates and endorsements are to be on forms provided by City and are to be received and approved by City before work commences. City reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, at any time.

## G. Subcontractors

Contractor shall include all subcontractors as insureds under its policies or shall furnish separate certificates and endorsements for each subcontractor. All coverages for subcontractors shall be subject to all of the requirements stated herein.

# H. Required Endorsements

- 1. The Workers' Compensation policy shall contain an endorsement in substantially the following form:
  - a. "Thirty (30) days prior written notice shall be given to the City of Huron in the event of cancellation, reduction in coverage, or non-renewal of this policy. Such notice shall be sent to:

City Manager City of Huron 36311 S. Lassen Ave. Huron, CA 93234

- 2. The Public Liability policy shall contain endorsements in substantially the following form:
  - a. "Thirty (30) days prior written notice shall be given to the City of Huron in the event of cancellation, reduction in coverage, or non-renewal of this policy. Such notice shall be sent to:

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- b. "The City of Huron, its officers, Council Members, employees, and agents are additional insured on this policy."
- c. "This policy shall be considered primary insurance as respects any other valid and collectible insurance maintained by City, including any self-insured retention or program of self-insurance, and any other such insurance shall be considered excess insurance only."
- d. Inclusion of City as an insured shall not affect City's rights as respects any claim, demand, suit or judgment brought or recovered against Contractor. This policy shall protect Contractor and City in the same manner as though a separate policy had been issued to each, but this shall not operate to

increase Contractor's liability as set forth in the policy beyond the amount shown or to which Contractor would have been liable if only one party had been named as an insured."

# I. Delivery of Proof of Coverage.

Simultaneously with the execution of this Agreement, Contractor shall furnish City certificates of each policy of insurance required hereunder, in form and substance satisfactory to City. Such certificates shall show the type and amount of coverage, effective dates and dates of expiration of policies and shall have all required endorsements. If City requests, copies of each policy together with all endorsements shall also be promptly delivered to City.

Renewal certificates will be furnished periodically to City to demonstrate maintenance of the required coverages throughout the Term.

# J. Other Insurance Requirements

- In the event any services are delegated to a subcontractor, Contractor shall require such subcontractor to provide statutory workers' compensation insurance and employer's liability insurance for all of the subcontractor's employees engaged in the work in accordance with this Agreement. The liability insurance required by this Agreement shall cover all subcontractors or the subcontractor must furnish evidence of insurance provided by it, meeting all of the requirements of this Agreement.
- 2. Contractor shall comply with all requirements of the insurers' issuing policies. The carrying of insurance shall not relieve Contractor from any obligation under this Agreement. If any claim exceeding the amount of any deductibles or self-insured reserves is made by any third person against Contractor or any subcontractor on account of any occurrence related to this Agreement, Contractor shall promptly report the facts in writing to the insurance carrier and to City.

If Contractor fails to procure and maintain any insurance required by this Agreement, City may take out and maintain, at Contractor's expense, such insurance as it may deem proper and deduct the cost thereof from any monies due Contractor.

The public liability insurance required by this Agreement shall be written on an "occurrence," rather than a "claims made" basis, if such coverage is obtainable. If it is not obtainable, Contractor must arrange for "tail coverage" to protect City from claims filed after the expiration or termination of this Agreement relating to incidents which occurred prior to such expiration or termination.

#### CITY'S RIGHT TO PERFORM SERVICE

#### 10.1 General

In the event that Contractor, for any reason whatsoever, fails, refuses or is unable to collect, transport or dispose of any or all Solid Waste and/or collect, and process and market Recyclable Materials which it is required by this Agreement to collect and transport, at the time and in the manner provided in this Agreement, for a period of more than forty-eight (48) hours, and if, as a result thereof, Solid Waste and/or Recyclable Materials should accumulate in the City to such an extent, in such a manner, or for such a time that City Manager should find that such accumulation endangers or menaces the public health, safety or welfare, then City shall have the right, but not the obligation, upon twenty-four (24) hour prior written notice to Contractor during the period of such emergency as determined by City Manager to: (1) perform, or cause to be performed, such services itself with its own or other personnel without liability to Contractor; and/or (2) take possession of any or all of Contractor's land, equipment and other property used in the Collection and transportation of Solid Waste and Recyclable Materials in the City, and to use such property to collect and transport any Solid Waste generated within the City which Contractor would otherwise be obligated to collect and transport pursuant to this Agreement.

Notice of Contractor's failure, refusal or neglect to collect and transport Solid Waste or Recyclable Material shall be given in writing to Contractor at its principal office and shall be effective immediately.

Contractor further agrees that in such event:

- A. It will fully cooperate with City to effect the transfer of possession of property and equipment to the City for City's use.
- B. It will, if City so requests, keep in good repair and condition all of such property, provide all motor vehicles with fuel, oil and other service, and provide such other service as may be necessary to maintain said property in operational condition.
- C. City may immediately engage all or any personnel necessary or useful for the collection and transportation of Solid Waste and Recyclables, including, if City so desires, employees previously or then employed by Contractor; Contractor further agrees, if City so requests, to furnish City the services of any or all management or office personnel employed by Contractor whose services are necessary for Solid Waste and Recyclables collection and transportation operations and for the billing and collection of fees for these services.

City agrees that it assumes complete responsibility for the proper and normal use of such equipment and facilities while in its possession.

If the interruption or discontinuance in service is caused by any of the reasons identified in Section 11.5 of this Agreement, City shall pay to Contractor the reasonable rental value of the equipment and facilities, possession of which is taken by City, for the period of City's possession, if any, which extends beyond the period of time for which Contractor has rendered bills in advance of service, for the class of service involved.

Except as otherwise expressly provided in the previous paragraph, City's exercise of its rights under this Article: (1) does not constitute a taking of private property for which compensation must be paid; (2) does not exempt Contractor from the indemnity provisions of this Agreement, which are meant to extend to circumstances arising under this Section, provided that Contractor is not required to indemnify City against claims and damages arising from the acts and omissions of City officers, employees and agents in the operation of Collection vehicles during the time the City has taken possession of such vehicles.

## 10.2 Duration of City's Possession

City has no obligation to maintain possession of Contractor's property and/or continue its use in collecting and transporting Solid Waste for any period of time and may, at any time, in its sole discretion, relinquish possession to Contractor.

City's right to retain temporary possession of Contractor's property, and to provide Solid Waste and Recyclables Collection services, shall continue until Contractor can demonstrate to City's reasonable satisfaction that it is ready, willing and able to resume such services or the expiration of one-hundred eighty (180) days, whichever occurs first.

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#### **DEFAULT AND REMEDIES**

#### 11.1 Events of Default

Each of the following shall constitute an event of default ("Event of Default") hereunder:

- A. Contractor fails to perform its obligations under this Agreement, or future amendment to this Agreement, and: (1) if the failure or refusal of Contractor to perform as required by this Agreement is material and is not cured within two (2) business days after receiving notice from City specifying the breach; or (2) in the case of any other breach of the Agreement, the breach continues for more than thirty (30) calendar days after written notice from City for the correction thereof, provided that where such breach cannot be cured within such thirty (30) day period, Contractor shall not be in default of this Agreement if Contractor shall have commenced such action required to cure the particular breach within ten (10) calendar days after such notice, and it continues such performance diligently until completed.
- B. Any representation or disclosure made to City by Contractor in connection with or as an inducement to entering into this Agreement or any future amendment to this Agreement, proves to be false or misleading in any material respect as of the time such representation or disclosure is made, and materially damages the City, whether or not any such representation or disclosure appears as part of this Agreement;
- C. There is a lawful seizure or attachment (other than a prejudgment attachment) of, or levy affecting possession on, the operating equipment of Contractor, including without limit its vehicles, maintenance or office facilities, or any part thereof of such proportion as to substantially impair ("substantially impair" shall mean that service becomes intermittent and/or Section 10.1 hereof is invoked) Contractor's ability to perform under this Agreement and which cannot be released, bonded, or otherwise lifted within forty-eight (48) hours, excluding weekends and holidays;
- D. <u>Contractor files a voluntary petition for debt relief</u> under any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, debtor relief, or other similar law now or hereafter in effect, or shall consent to the appointment of or taking of possession by a receiver, liquidator, assignee (other than as a part of a transfer of equipment no longer useful to Contractor or necessary for this Agreement), trustee (other than as security for an obligation under a deed of trust), custodian, sequestrator (or similar official) of the Contractor for any part of Contractor's operating assets or any substantial part of Contractor's property, or shall make any general assignment for the benefit of Contractor's creditors, or

shall fail generally to pay Contractor's debts as they become due or shall take any action in furtherance of any of the foregoing;

- E. A court having jurisdiction shall enter a decree or order for relief in respect of Contractor, in any involuntary case brought under any bankruptcy, insolvency, debtor relief, or similar law now or hereafter in effect, or Contractor shall consent to or shall fail to oppose any such proceeding, or any such court shall enter a decree or order appointing a receiver, liquidator, assignee, custodian, trustee, sequestrator (or similar official) of Contractor or for any part of Contractor's operating equipment or assets, or orders the winding up or liquidation of the affairs of Contractor;
- F. <u>Contractor fails to provide reasonable assurances</u> of performance as required under this Agreement.

# 11.2 Right to Terminate Upon Default

Upon a default by Contractor, City shall have the right to terminate this Agreement upon a further ten (10) days' notice, but without the need for any hearing, suit or legal action. Unless Contractor files prior to expiration of said ten (10) days' notice, a request for hearing and appeal as to the Event of Default. City shall notify Contractor of the time and date said hearing shall be held within thirty (30) days of receipt of Contractor's request. Such hearing shall be held within sixty (60) days of receipt of Contractor's request unless extended by agreement of both parties. Contractor shall present its position and all relevant facts. City staff shall thereafter make its presentation. Contractor shall be notified of City's ruling in writing within fourteen (14) days of the administrative hearing.

If Contractor is not in agreement with the ruling issued by City in connection with the administrative hearing, it shall have the right to appeal this ruling to the City Council members. This appeal shall be made in writing to City no later than fourteen (14) days after receipt of the administrative hearing ruling. City shall notify Contractor of the time and date the City Council will review Contractor's appeal. Contractor shall present its position and all relevant facts after staff has made its presentation. Contractor shall be notified in writing within thirty (30) days of the City Council's ruling. The City Council's ruling shall be final, and Contractor shall have no further rights of appeal to the City.

# 11.3 Possession of Property Upon Termination

In the event of termination for default, City shall have the right to take possession of any and all of Contractor's land, equipment, and other property used in the collection and transportation of Solid Waste and Recyclables and the billing and collection of fees for these services and to use such property. City shall have the right to retain the possession of such property until the earlier of ninety (90) days after taking possession and the time other suitable arrangements can be made for the provision of Solid Waste and Recyclables Collection services, which may include the award of an agreement to another waste hauling company. If City

retains possession thereof after the period of time for which Contractor has already been paid by means of bills issued in advance of providing service for the class of service involved, Contractor shall be entitled to the reasonable rental value of such property (which shall be offset against any damages due the City for Contractor's default).

Contractor shall furnish City with immediate access to all of its business records related to its billing of accounts for services.

Contractor agrees that it will fully cooperate with City to effect the transfer of possession of property for City's use. If City so requests, Contractor shall keep in good repair all such property, provide all motor vehicles with fuel, oil, and other service, and provide such other services as may be necessary to maintain property in operational condition. City may immediately engage all or any personnel necessary for the provision of services, including, if City so desires, employees previously employed by Contractor. Contractor further agrees, if City so requests, to furnish City the services of any or all management or office personnel employed by Contractor whose skills are reasonably necessary for the continuation of services. City agrees that it assumes complete responsibility for the proper, normal use of such equipment and facilities while in its possession.

Contractor covenants that it shall not create or impose any lien, charge or encumbrance on its facilities or equipment during the Term of this Agreement that will prevent the City's exercise of rights under this Agreement. Contractor agrees that the City's exercise of its rights under this Section: (a) does not constitute a taking of private property for which compensation must be paid; (b) will not create any liability on the part of City to Contractor other than the payment of reasonable rental value as provided for in this subsection; (c) does not exempt Contractor from the indemnity provisions of this Agreement which are meant to extend to circumstances arising under this Section. City has no obligation to maintain possession of Contractor's property for continued use for any period of time and may at any time at its sole discretion relinquish possession to Contractor.

# 11.4 City's Remedies Cumulative: Specific Performance

City's right to terminate the Agreement under this Agreement and to take possession of Contractor's properties under this Agreement are not exclusive, and City's termination of the Agreement shall not constitute an election of remedies. Instead, they shall be in addition to any and all other legal and equitable rights and remedies which City may have.

By virtue of the nature of this Agreement, the urgency of timely, continuous and high quality service, the lead time required to effect alternative service, and the rights granted by City to Contractor, the remedy of damages for a breach hereof by Contractor is inadequate and City shall be entitled to injunctive relief.

#### 11.5 Excuse from Performance

### A. Force Majeure.

Neither Contractor nor the City shall be excused from the performance of its obligation under this Agreement except where a party's failure to perform is due to an event of Force Majeure, as defined by this Agreement.

## B. <u>Obligation to Mitigate Damages</u>.

Any suspension of performance by a party pursuant to this Agreement shall be only to the extent, and for a period of no longer duration than required by the nature of the event and the party claiming excuse from obligation shall use its best efforts in an expeditious and commercially reasonable manner to remedy its inability to perform, and mitigate damages that may occur as a result of the event.

# C. Recovery of Cost.

Subject to the limitations of this Agreement, Contractor shall be entitled to recover, through a special interim rate review as provided for herein, the incremental costs reasonably necessary and prudently incurred by it in responding to an event of Force Majeure; provided, however, that Contractor shall have complied fully with all of the other provisions of this Agreement, including without limitation the notice provisions under this Agreement.

## D. <u>Notice Requirement</u>.

Contractor shall file with City a written notice of intent to claim excuse from performance under this Agreement by reason of an event of Force Majeure if, at any time after execution of this Agreement, Contractor reasonably believes that such an event has occurred and will materially prevent Contractor's performance of one or more of its obligations hereunder. Notice required by this Section shall be filed with the City promptly in light of the circumstances but in any event not later than thirty (30) calendar days after Contractor learned or should have learned of the event of Force Majeure. Such notice shall describe in detail the event of Force Majeure claimed, the services impacted by the claimed event of Force Majeure; a description of any remedial work required to be undertaken to enable Contractor to resume full operations under this Agreement; an itemized breakdown of the projected incremental costs for such remedial work; an itemized description of the changes to then current rates which would be needed to recover costs for the implementation of the remedial work; and such other information as City reasonably requests.

## E. <u>City's Right in the Event of Force Majeure.</u>

The partial or complete interruption or discontinuance of Contractor's service caused by an event of Force Majeure shall not constitute an event of default under this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing: (a) City shall have the right to assume possession of Contractor's property and facilities in

accordance with the provisions of the Agreement in the event of Force Majeure; (b) if Contractor's excuse from performance for reason of Force Majeure continues for a period of thirty (30) days or more, City shall have the right in its sole discretion to terminate this Agreement by giving ten (10) days notice, in which case City still shall have the right to assume possession of Contractor's property in accordance with this Agreement.

# F. City's Right in the Event of Change in Law.

In the event of a material Change in Law which substantially alters City's duties to provide for waste diversion, Collection and Disposal, or other aspects of integrated waste management, City shall have the right to modify this Agreement to curtail or increase the services affected by the Change in Law, or to terminate the Agreement entirely. City's right to terminate the Agreement shall be limited to circumstances under which a material Change in Law (excluding a material Change in Law undertaken or initiated by City) obviates the City's need to provide the services provided hereunder; provided, however, that in the event of termination the value of Contractor's investment in this Agreement shall be reviewed and, as appropriate, compensated in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

# 11.6 Right to Demand Assurance of Performance

If Contractor: (a) is subject of any labor unrest including work stoppage or slow down, sick out, picketing, or other concerted job actions; (b) appears in the reasonable judgment of the City to be unable to regularly pay bills as they become due; or (c) is the subject of a civil or criminal judgment or order entered for violations of environmental laws; and City believes in good faith that Contractor's ability to perform has been placed in substantial jeopardy, City may at is option, in addition to all of the remedies that it may have, demand from Contractor reasonable assurances of timely and proper performance of this Agreement, in such form and substance that City believes is reasonably necessary in the circumstances.

# 11.7 Notice, Hearing and Appeal of City Breach

Should Contractor contend that City is in breach of this Agreement, it shall file with the City Manager a written request for an administrative hearing before the City Manager or his designee. Said request shall be made within ninety (90) days of the event or incident, which allegedly gave rise to the breach. City shall notify Contractor of the time and date said hearing shall be held within (30) days of receipt of Contractor's request. Contractor shall present its position and all relevant facts after City staff has made its presentation. Contractor shall be notified of City's ruling in writing within fourteen (14) days of the administrative hearing.

If Contractor is not in agreement with the ruling issued by City in connection with the administrative hearing, it shall have the right to appeal this ruling to the City Council members. This appeal shall be made in writing to City no later than fourteen (14) days after receipt of the administrative hearing ruling. City shall notify Contractor of the time and date the City Council will review Contractor's appeal. Contractor

shall present its position and all relevant facts after staff has made its presentation. Contractor shall be notified in writing within thirty (30) days of the City Council's ruling. The City Council's ruling shall be final, and Contractor shall have no further rights of appeal.

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### OTHER AGREEMENTS OF THE PARTIES

## 12.1 Relationship of Parties

The parties intend that Contractor shall perform the services required by this Agreement as an independent contractor and not as an officer or employee of City nor as a partner of or joint venturer with City. No employee or agent of Contractor shall be deemed to be an employee or agent of the City. Except as expressly provided herein, Contractor shall have the exclusive control over the manner and means of conducting the Solid Waste and Recyclables Collection and Disposal services performed under this Agreement, and all persons performing such services. Contractor shall be solely responsible for the acts and omissions of its officers, employees, subcontractors and agents. Neither Contractor nor its officers, employees, subcontractors and agents shall obtain any rights to retirement benefits, workers' compensation benefits, or any other benefits which accrue to City employees by virtue of their employment with the City including payroll deductions of any kind.

# 12.2 Compliance with Law

In providing the services required under this Agreement, Contractor shall at all times, at its sole cost, comply with all applicable laws, permits and licenses of the United States, the State of California and the City and with all applicable regulations promulgated by federal, State, regional or local administrative and regulatory agencies now in force and as they may be enacted, issued or amended during the Term.

## 12.3 Governing Law

This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed and enforced in accordance with, the laws of the State of California.

### 12.4 Jurisdiction

Any lawsuits between the parties arising out of this Agreement shall be brought and concluded in the courts of the State of California, which shall have exclusive jurisdiction over such lawsuits.

With respect to venue, the parties agree that this Agreement is made in and will be performed in Fresno County.

# 12.5 Assignment

Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, neither party shall assign its rights nor delegate or otherwise transfer this Agreement to any other person without the prior written consent of the other party. Any such assignment made without the consent of the other party shall be void and the attempted assignment shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement.

For purposes of this Section, "assignment" shall include, but not be limited to: (i) a sale, exchange, or other transfer of substantially all of Contractor's assets dedicated to service under this Agreement to a third party; (ii) a sale, exchange, or other transfer of forty-nine percent (49%) or more of the outstanding common stock of Contractor to a person other than the Contractor: (iii) any reorganization. consolidation, merger, recapitalization, stock issuance or re-issuance, voting trust, pooling agreement, escrow arrangement, liquidation, or other transaction to which Contractor or any of its shareholders is a party which results in a change of ownership or control of forty-nine percent (49%) or more of the value or voting rights in the stock of Contractor; and (iv) any combination of the foregoing (whether or not in related or contemporaneous transactions) which has the effect of any such transfer or change of ownership. Actions taken under (ii), (iii) or (iv) hereof are cumulative and shall be taken together as done as a single action without regard to the date of occurrence. For the purposes of this Section, the term "proposed assignee" shall refer to the proposed transferee(s) or other successor(s) in interest pursuant to the assignment.

Contractor acknowledges that this Agreement involves rendering a vital service to City's residents and businesses, and specified herein based on (1) Contractor's experience, skill, and reputation for conducting its Solid Waste management operations in a safe, effective and responsible fashion, at all times in keeping with applicable Waste management laws, regulations and good Waste management practices, and (2) Contractor's financial resources to maintain the required equipment and to support its indemnity obligations to City under this Agreement. City has relied on each of these factors, among others, in choosing Contractor to perform the services to be rendered by Contractor under this Agreement.

If Contractor requests City's consideration of and consent to an assignment, City may deny or approve such request in its complete discretion. No request by Contractor for consent to an assignment need be considered by City unless and until Contractor has met the following requirements:

- A. Contractor shall undertake to pay City its reasonable expenses for attorney's fees and investigation costs necessary to investigate the suitability of any proposed assignee and to review and finalize any documentation required as a condition for approving any such assignment;
- B. Contractor shall furnish City with audited financial statements of the proposed assignee's operations for the immediately preceding three (3) operating years;
- C. Contractor shall furnish City with satisfactory proof that: (i) the proposed assignee has at least ten (10) years of Solid Waste management experience on a scale equal to or exceeding the sale of operations conducted by Contractor under this Agreement; (ii) in the last five (5) years, the proposed assignee has not suffered any citations or other censure from any federal.

State or local agency having jurisdiction over its Waste management operations due to any significant failure to comply with State, federal or local Waste management laws and that the assignee has provided City with a complete list of such citations and censures; (iii) the proposed assignee has at all times conducted its operations in an environmentally safe and conscientious fashion; (iv) the proposed assignee conducts its Solid Waste management practices in accordance with sound Waste management practices in full compliance with all federal, State and local laws regulating the Collection and Disposal of Waste, including Hazardous Waste as identified in Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations; (v) of any other information required by City to ensure the proposed assignee can fulfill the terms of this Agreement in a timely, safe and affective manner.

Under no circumstances shall any proposed assignment be considered by City if Contractor is in default at any time during the period of consideration.

## 12.6 Affiliated Companies

Contractor's accounting records and financial statements shall be maintained on a basis showing the results of Contractor's operations under this Agreement separately from operations in other locations, as if Contractor were an independent entity providing services only to City. The costs and revenues associated with providing service to City shall not be combined, consolidated or in any way incorporated with those of other operations conducted by Contractor in other locations, or with those of an affiliate.

If Contractor enters into any financial transactions with a related party entity for the provision of labor, equipment, supplies, services, capital, etc., related to the furnishing of services under this Agreement, that relationship shall be disclosed to City, and in the financial reports submitted to City. In such event, City's rights to inspect records, and obtain financial data shall extend to such related party entity or entities.

### 12.7 Subcontracting

Contractor shall not engage any subcontractors for collection or disposal of Solid Waste or collection or processing of Recyclables without the prior written consent of the City.

# 12. 8 Binding on Successors

The provisions of this Agreement shall inure to the benefit to and be binding on the successors and permitted assigns of the parties.

### 12.9 Transition to Next Contractor

At the point of transition, Contractor shall cooperate with City and subsequent Contractor(s) to assist in an orderly transition which will include Contractor providing route lists and billing information. Contractor will not be obliged to sell Collection vehicles, bins and containers to the next Contractor. Contractor, at its option, may

enter into negotiations with the next Contractor to sell (in part or all) Collection vehicles, bins and containers.

### 12.10 Parties in Interest

Nothing in this Agreement, whether express or implied, is intended to confer any rights on any persons other than the parties to it and their representatives, successors and permitted assigns.

#### 12.11 Waiver

The waiver by either party of any breach or violation of any provisions of this Agreement shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any breach or violation of any other provision nor of any subsequent breach of violation of the same or any other provision. The subsequent acceptance by either party of any monies which become due hereunder shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any pre-existing or concurrent breach or violation by the other party of any provision of this Agreement.

## 12.12 Contractor's Investigation

The Contractor has made an independent investigation (satisfactory to it) of the conditions and circumstances surrounding the Agreement and the work to be performed by it.

## **12.13 Notice**

All notices, demands, requests, proposals, approvals, consents and other communications which this Agreement requires, authorizes or contemplates shall, except as provided for in this Agreement, be in writing and shall either be personally delivered to a representative of the parties at the address below or be deposited in the United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

If to City:

City Manager
City of Huron
36311 S. Lassen Ave.
Huron, CA 93234

If to Contractor:

Mid Valley Disposal, Inc.

The address to which communications may be delivered may be changed from time to time by a notice given in accordance with this Section.

Notice shall be deemed given on the day it is personally delivered or, if mailed, three (3) days from the date it is deposited in the mail.

# 12.14 Representatives of the Parties

References in this Agreement to the "City" shall mean the City Council, and all actions to be taken by City shall be taken by the City Council, except as provided

below. The City Council may delegate, in writing, authority to the City Manager and may permit such officials, in turn, to delegate in writing some or all of such authority to subordinate officers. Contractor may rely upon actions taken by such delegates if they are within the scope of the authority properly delegated to them.

Contractor shall, by the Effective Date, designate in writing a responsible officer who shall serve as the representative of Contractor in all matters related to the Agreement and shall inform City in writing of such designation and of any limitations upon his or her authority to bind Contractor. City may rely upon action taken by such designated representative as actions of Contractor unless they are outside the scope of the authority delegated to him/her by Contractor as communicated to City.

## 12.15 City Free to Negotiate with Third Parties

City may investigate all options for the Collection and Disposal of Solid Waste after the expiration of the Term. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, City may solicit proposals from Contractor and from third parties for the provision of Collection services, Disposal services, Recycling services, Green Waste Collection and composting, and any combination thereof, and may negotiate and execute agreements for such services which will take effect upon the expiration or earlier termination under the provisions of this Agreement.

# 12.16 Privacy

Contractor shall strictly observe and protect the rights of privacy of customers. Information identifying individual customers or the composition or contents of a customer's waste stream shall not be revealed to any person, governmental unit, private agency, or company, unless upon the authority of a court of law, by statute, or upon valid authorization of the customer. This provision shall not be construed to preclude Contractor from preparing, participating in, or assisting in the preparation of waste characterization studies or waste stream analyses which may be required by AB 939.

# 12.17 Compliance with Municipal Code

Contractor shall comply with those provisions of the municipal code of City which are applicable, and with any and all amendments to such applicable provisions during the term of this Agreement.

### 12.18 Lease of Equipment and Facilities

Contractor agrees not to enter into leases or purchase of significant new vehicles and new facilities that materially affect the calculation of Contractor Compensation without the advance, written approval of City which shall not be unreasonably withheld.

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### MISCELLANEOUS AGREEMENTS

### 13.1 Entire Agreement

This Agreement, including the Exhibits, represents the full and entire Agreement between the parties with respect to the matters covered herein.

### 13.2 Section Headings

The article headings and section headings in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and are not intended to be used in the construction of this Agreement nor to alter or affect any of its provisions.

### 13.3 References to Laws

All references in this Agreement to laws shall be understood to include such laws as they may be subsequently amended or recodified, unless otherwise specifically provided.

# 13.4 Interpretation

This Agreement shall be interpreted and construed reasonably and neither for nor against either party, regardless of the degree to which either party participated in its drafting.

#### 13.5 Amendment

This Agreement may not be modified or amended in any respect except in writing signed by the parties.

## 13.6 Severability

If any non-material provision of this Agreement is for any reason deemed to be invalid and unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Agreement which shall be enforced as if such invalid or unenforceable provision had not been contained herein.

# 13.7 Counterparts

This Agreement may be executed in counterparts each of which shall be considered an original.

## 13.8 Cost of Litigation

If any legal action is necessary to enforce any provision hereof or for damages by reason of an alleged breach of any provisions of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to receive from the losing party all costs and expenses in such amount as the Court may judge to be reasonable attorneys' fees.

# 13.9 Integrated Contract

This Agreement represents the full and complete understanding of every kind or nature whatsoever between the parties hereto. This Agreement supersedes any

and all agreements relating to the subject matter hereof entered into by Contractor and City. No verbal agreement or implied covenant shall be held to vary the provisions hereof. Any modification of this Agreement will be effective only by written execution signed by both City and Contractor.

### 13.10 Inserted Provisions

Each provision and clause required by law to be inserted into the Agreement shall be deemed to be enacted herein, and the Agreement shall be read and enforced as though each were included herein. If through mistake or otherwise, any such provision is not inserted or is not correctly inserted, the Agreement shall be deemed to be so amended upon application by either party.

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, City and Contractor have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

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