

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN  
RIVERSIDE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH  
AND THE CITY OF BEAUMONT**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made and entered into by and between the CITY OF BEAUMONT, hereinafter referred to as "CITY" and the COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY", to be effective on the date approved by both parties.

**I. RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, CITY desires the COUNTY to provide Vector Control Services that include mosquito surveillance and control, and information and advice on other vectors. Community awareness, public presentations, consultations, and public education with flyers and booklets can also be provided upon request; and

**WHEREAS**, CITY has adopted Riverside County Code section 8.36 et. Seq., and desires the County to enforce said ordinances; and

**WHEREAS**, CITY agrees to enact necessary regulation to allow for billing of fees by COUNTY for services to be rendered, according to County of Riverside Ordinance No. 640; and

**WHEREAS**, COUNTY has personnel with sufficient training and expertise to provide such services noted above and as requested by the CITY; and

**WHEREAS**, COUNTY is prepared to provide such services under the terms and conditions set forth in this Memorandum of Understanding; and

**WHEREAS**, CITY and COUNTY agree to now enter into this Memorandum of Understanding for a period of five (5) years; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual promises, covenants and conditions contained herein, the parties mutually agree as follows:

## **II. TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

### **A. SUMMARY**

The CITY requires professional services as described herein from the COUNTY in II.C.

### **B. TERM**

The term of this MOU shall be effective on the date of execution and shall continue in effect for up to five (5) years, or until terminated as outlined in Section IV below.

### **C. SERVICES TO BE RENDERED**

#### 1) General Comment on COUNTY Services

- a) COUNTY will only respond to complaints referred directly by CITY staff to COUNTY. Citizen complaints received by COUNTY will be referred to CITY for approval.
- b) COUNTY will only provide the services noted in 2, 3, and 4 of this section at the request of CITY.

#### 2) Mosquito Control Services

- a) COUNTY will respond to complaints and requests for assistance concerning mosquitoes and, when appropriate, take action(s) to abate or control the vector(s).
- b) COUNTY will conduct mosquito surveillance and control activities, including, but not limited to, fact-finding, education and consultation, issuing notices of violation, following-up with the offending party when necessary, appearing in

court as witness, and taking direct control action to include biological and chemical control when necessary.

- c) COUNTY will work in conjunction with Riverside County Department of Public Health when cases of human mosquito-borne disease are identified. Response may include the following: surveillance for potential mosquito breeding sources, public education, and possible adulticide treatments.
- d) COUNTY may conduct adulticide treatments in response to a positive mosquito-borne disease pathogen.
- e) COUNTY will monitor and keep an active inventory of sites that have been previously investigated by COUNTY and determined to be recurring sources of mosquito breeding.

3) Bee Control Services

- a) COUNTY will respond to complaints and requests for assistance concerning bees and, when appropriate, take action(s) to abate them.
- b) COUNTY will maintain a program of public education and consultation in bee identification and management.

4) Other Vector Control Services

COUNTY will respond to requests for assistance and to complaints with information and advice. COUNTY will not provide chemical or biological treatment of house vectors. Other vectors include, but are not limited to flies, cockroaches, food-infesting pests and insects, ticks, mites, lice, fleas, and bed bugs; venomous insects such as wasps, yellow jackets, hornets, and ants; other venomous arthropods such as scorpions and spiders, and vertebrate pests and vectors such as native rodents, rattle snakes, pest birds, bats, and skunks, among others.

The COUNTY's performance under this MOU is contingent on the COUNTY having adequate legal authority and jurisdiction to perform the services described in this Section C, and the COUNTY shall not be required to perform under this Agreement if the CITY repeals or fails to adopt the ordinances necessary for the

COUNTY to provide such services.

**D. PAYMENT FOR SERVICES**

1) Services in Section II, C parts 2, 3, and 4

- a) CITY agrees to pay COUNTY at the rate in County Ordinance No. 640 and its subsequent amendments, for the cost of specific services rendered to CITY residents. CITY accepts the rate established in County Ordinance No. 640 as the total hourly cost to COUNTY to provide said services; CITY agrees to pay COUNTY such rate for all the time spent rendering such services as described herein, including travel time, and time spent attending City meetings. In addition, CITY shall reimburse COUNTY for actual costs of pesticides and supplies used. This shall not include any additional costs for other services, such as aerial application of pesticides, or aerial photography, which shall be approved in advance by the CITY.
- b) COUNTY shall submit itemized billings for the items as outlined in Attachment "A" of Agreement to CITY on a quarterly basis, for all services rendered. CITY agrees to pay all such non-disputed charges within sixty (60) days of receipt of itemized statements therefore.
- c) All administrative citation amounts charged by the COUNTY against CITY residents and/or businesses for any of the actions taken by COUNTY shall be used to offset against amounts charged to the CITY minus the cost of processing the citation, which would be retained by the COUNTY.

**E. PERSONNEL**

The services provided by the COUNTY shall be performed by COUNTY personnel under the control and direction of COUNTY. To the extent that CITY personnel may also participate in any of the activities herein provided for, any expenses by the CITY in this process shall be borne by CITY.

**F. MUTUAL HOLD HARMLESS/INDEMNIFICATION**

- 1) To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, CITY shall and does agree to indemnify, protect, defend and hold harmless COUNTY, its agencies, districts, special districts and departments, their respective directors, officers, elected and appointed officials, employees, agents and representatives (collective "County Indemnitees") for, from and against any and all liabilities, claims, damages, losses, liens, causes of action, suits, awards, judgements and expenses, attorney and/or consultant fees and costs, taxable or otherwise, of any nature, kind or description of any person or entity, directly or indirectly arising out of, caused by, or resulting from (1) any action taken by CITY in connection with this Agreement, (2) the Agreement, including any approved amendments or modifications, or (3) any negligent act or omission of CITY, its officers, employees, subcontractors, agents, or representatives (collectively, "City Liabilities"). Notwithstanding the foregoing, the only City Liabilities with the respect to which CITY's obligation to indemnify, including the cost to defend, the Indemnitees does not apply is with respect to City Liabilities resulting from the negligence or willful misconduct of a County Indemnitee, or to the extent such claims do not arise out of, pertain to or relate to the Services contemplated in this Agreement.
  - a) In the event there is conflict between this clause and California Civil Code Section 2782, this clause shall be interpreted to comply with Civil Code Section 2782. Such interpretation shall not relieve CITY from indemnifying the COUNTY to the fullest extent allowed by law.
  - b) With respect to any action or claim subject to indemnification herein by CITY,

CITY shall, at their sole cost, have the right to use counsel of their its own choice, subject to approval of COUNTY, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, and shall have the right to adjust, settle, or compromise any such action or claim without the prior consent of COUNTY; provided, however that any such adjustment, settlement or compromise in no manner whatsoever limits or circumscribes CITY's indemnification to COUNTY as set forth herein. CITY'S obligation to defend, indemnify and hold harmless County shall be subject to CITY having given COUNTY written notice within a reasonable period of time of the claim or of the commencement of the related action as the case may be, and information and reasonable assistance, at CITY'S expense, for the defense or settlement thereof. CITY'S obligation hereunder shall be satisfied when CITY has provided to COUNTY the appropriate form of dismissal relieving COUNTY from any liability for the action or claim involved.

- 2) To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, COUNTY shall and does agree to indemnify, protect, defend and hold harmless CITY, its agencies, districts, special districts and departments, their respective directors, officers, elected and appointed officials, employees, agents and representatives (collectively "City Indemnitees") for, from and against any and all liabilities, claims, damages, losses, liens, causes of action, suits, awards, judgements and expenses, attorney and/or consultant fees and costs, taxable or otherwise, of any nature, kind or description of any person or entity, directly or indirectly arising out of, caused by, or resulting from (1) the Services performed hereunder by COUNTY, or any part thereof, (2) the Agreement, including any approved amendments or modifications, or (3) any negligent act omission of COUNTY, its officers, employees, subcontractors, agents, or representatives (collectively "County Liabilities"). Notwithstanding the foregoing, the only County Liabilities with respect to which COUNTY'S obligation to indemnify, including the cost to defend, the Indemnitees does not apply is with respect to County Liabilities resulting from the negligence or willful misconduct of an indemnitee, or to the extent such claims do not arise out of, pertain to or relate to the Services contemplated in this in the Agreement.

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### **III. RECORDS**

County agrees to maintain records and documentation of the services rendered and supplies used pursuant to this Agreement for a period of five (5) years past the close of each calendar year. Such records or copies thereof shall be accessible to CITY for review upon reasonable notification by CITY without copying charges.

### **IV. AMENDMENTS**

Any amendment, modification, or variation from the terms of this MOU shall be in writing and shall be effective only upon mutual approval by the authorized parties.

## **V. TERMINATION**

Either CITY or COUNTY may terminate this MOU at any time by giving thirty (30) days written notice with or without cause to the designated contacts. Upon receipt of any notice of termination on the agreed upon effective date of termination, services shall cease thereafter. Upon termination of this MOU, any OWTS under permit and subject to annual inspection shall revert to the CITY for inspection and permitting. Any fees paid to the COUNTY for an annual permit prior to notification of termination, shall not be refunded by the COUNTY.

Termination of this agreement does not terminate the parties' responsibility for payment of prior services rendered.

The CITY shall be responsible for payment of all services rendered by COUNTY prior to the effective termination date of this MOU.

## **VI. COMPLETE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

This written MOU, including all writings specifically incorporated hereby in reference, shall constitute the complete MOU between the parties hereto. No oral agreement or representation not reduced to writing and specifically incorporated herein shall be of any force or effect, nor shall any such oral agreement or representation be binding upon the parties hereto. Any previous agreements between the CITY and COUNTY, whether oral or written, with regards to the activities outlined in Section II.C of this MOU, shall be supplanted by this MOU. Other agreements or contracts between the CITY and COUNTY, not involving Vector Control Services, shall be unaffected by this MOU.

## **VII. JURISDICTION/VENUE**

This MOU shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the



State of California. CITY and COUNTY agree and consent to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the State of California for all purposes regarding this MOU, and further agrees that venue of any action brought hereunder shall be exclusively in the County of Riverside.

**VIII. NOTICE**

All written notices to the parties hereto shall be sent by United States mail, postage prepaid by registered or certified mail addressed as follows:

**CITY:  
City of Beaumont  
550 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Beaumont, CA 92223**

**COUNTY:  
County of Riverside  
Department of Environmental Health  
4065 County Circle Drive  
Riverside, CA 92503**

**IX. AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

Both CITY and COUNTY do covenant to each individual executing this MOU on behalf of each party is a person duly authorized.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this instrument to be executed on \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

**CITY OF BEAUMONT**

\_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

**COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jeff Johnson, Director of Environmental Health

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
Minh C. Tran  
County Counsel

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Paula S. Salcido, Deputy County Counsel

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTACHMENT "A"

CITY OF XXXX QUARTERLY BILLING STATEMENT  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

(Billing Timeline Dates), 20XX

As per the Agreement signed between the County of Riverside, Department of Environmental Health and the City of XXXX, this is the Quarterly Billing Statement for activities performed by Environmental Health.

Attached is documentation of activities performed, hours expended, and any pesticides or supplies used.

The total amount billed for this quarterly period is: \$ (Amount)