



# RESOLUTION No. 25-026

## OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

### **RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE EARTH FOUNDRIES, INC. PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT (PESS5092), WHICH INCREASES THE NOT-TO-EXCEED LIMIT BY \$74,000 FOR A NEW TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED OF \$96,000, FOR THE BIOMASS PILOT PROJECT SITE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION, AND AUTHORIZING THE INFORMATION AND GENERAL SERVICES AGENCY DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, the County of Nevada aims to support the 2024 Board Objectives for Climate Resiliency and Emergency Preparedness through the Biomass Pilot Project; and

WHEREAS, the Biomass Pilot Project, a collaboration among Nevada County, PG&E, Mountain Enterprises, Earth Foundries, the City of Grass Valley, and the Nevada County Consolidated Fire District, transforms forest debris into biochar, reducing wood debris by up to 90% and creating a sustainable byproduct for soil enhancement; and

WHEREAS, the project's goal is to process 5,000 tons of woody material, reducing wildfire risks, improving forest health, and advancing climate resiliency; and

WHEREAS, Earth Foundries, Inc. has demonstrated expertise in biomass processing and has partnered successfully with rural counties and PG&E on similar initiatives.

WHEREAS, the initial Professional Services Contract with Earth Foundries, Inc. was executed under the Purchasing Agent authority and began on October 16, 2024, with a not-to-exceed limit of \$22,000; and

WHEREAS, on December 10, 2024, through Resolution 24-638, the County accepted \$100,000 in grant funding from PG&E to expand the Biomass Pilot Project which will be used to fund the increase in services; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment increases the existing \$22,000 not-to-exceed limit by \$74,000 for a new total not to exceed amount of \$96,000 to support expanded Earth Foundries operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada that:

1. The amendment to the Professional Services Contract (PESS5092) with Earth Foundries, Inc., increasing the not-to-exceed limit by \$74,000 for Biomass Pilot Project Site Management and Operation, for a new not-to-exceed total contract amount of \$96,000, is hereby approved; and
2. The Information and General Services Agency Director is authorized to execute the amended agreement on behalf of the County of Nevada and to sign any related documents, provided there is no additional financial impact on the County; and

3. The Board of Supervisors authorizes the Purchasing Agent to encumber the funds associated with the above professional services contract amendment with change order authority not-to-exceed ten percent in accordance with the Purchasing Policy section 7.3 (E).

Funding

0101207024141000-521520      \$74,000

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada at a regular meeting of said Board, held on the 14th day of January 2025, by the following vote of said Board:

Ayes: Supervisors Heidi Hall, Robb Tucker, Lisa Swarthout, Susan Hoek, and Hardy Bullock.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

Recuse: None.

ATTEST:

TINE MATHIASSEN  
Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: 

  
Heidi Hall, Chair

**AMENDMENT #1 TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT NO. PESS5092  
WITH EARTH FOUNDRIES, INC.**

**THIS AMENDMENT** is executed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025 by and between Earth Foundries, Inc. and County of Nevada. Said Amendment will amend the prior agreement between the parties entitled Biomass Pilot Project Site Management – PESS5092 executed on 10/16/2024.

**WHEREAS**, the parties desire to amend their agreement to allow or provide for adding an additional \$74,000 to the contract for a new total not to exceed amount of \$96,000. There will be no extension of the current 6/30/2025 contract termination date.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the parties hereto agree as follows:

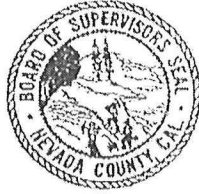
1. That this amendment shall be effective as of January 14, 2025.
2. That the Maximum Contract Price is increased by \$74,000 to a new not to exceed amount of \$96,000.
3. That in all other respects the prior agreement of the parties shall remain in full force and effect except as amended herein.

**County of Nevada**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Craig Griesbach  
Director/Purchasing Agent

**Earth Foundries Inc.**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# RESOLUTION No. **24-562**

## OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN MOUNTAIN F. ENTERPRISES, INC. AND THE COUNTY OF NEVADA (NOT TO EXCEED \$90,000) FOR GRAPPLING TRUCK SERVICES FOR THE BIOMASS PILOT PROJECT DURING THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 22, 2024, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025, AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AGENCY TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT, AND AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024/25 EMERGENCY SERVICES BUDGET (4/5 AFFIRMATIVE VOTE REQUIRED)**

WHEREAS, the County of Nevada aims to support the 2024 Board Objectives for the Climate Resiliency and Emergency Preparedness through the execution of a Biomass Pilot Project; and

WHEREAS, the Biomass Pilot Project involves collaboration among the Nevada County Information and General Services Agency (IGS), Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), Mountain F. Enterprises, Inc. ("Mountain Enterprises"), Earth Foundries, Inc., the City of Grass Valley, and the Nevada County Consolidated Fire District; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Biomass Pilot Project is to collect and process green waste into biochar using specialized mobile carbonizers, thereby benefitting the public by cost effectively reducing green waste and the local carbon footprint associated with wood management, and finding productive end uses for biochar such as soil enhancement; and

WHEREAS, Mountain Enterprises has been selected as the sole source provider for grapple truck services for the Biomass Pilot Project due to their existing coordination with PG&E, which is funding the carbonizer operations and green waste site management, ensuring continuity of operations and alignment with project's timeline; and

WHEREAS, engaging with Mountain Enterprises eliminates logistical challenges associated with managing multiple vendors on-site and offers a cost-effective solution, as PG&E has indicated its intent to subsidize Mountain Enterprises services; and

WHEREAS, PG&E has expressed interest in providing future funding for up to 1,000 tons of community green waste processing, an in-kind service valued at \$85,000; and

WHEREAS, the County seeks to establish a professional services agreement associated with Mountain Enterprises for grapple truck services (not to exceed \$90,000) for the term of October 22, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada, State of California:

1. Approves the contract between Mountain F. Enterprises, Inc. and the County of Nevada with a contract not to exceed amount of \$90,000 for Grapple Truck Services for the Biomass Pilot Project for the term of October 22, 2024, through June 30, 2025; and
2. Authorizes the Director of Emergency Services, or designee, to execute the contract on behalf of the County of Nevada; and



3. Amends the Office of Emergency Services Fiscal Year 2024/25 Budget as follows:

Increase:

0101-20702-414-1000/521520      \$90,000

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada at a regular meeting of said Board, held on the 22nd day of October 2024, by the following vote of said Board:

Ayes: Supervisors Heidi Hall, Edward C. Scofield, Lisa Swarthout,  
Susan Hoek, and Hardy Bullock.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.


Recuse: None.

ATTEST:

TINE MATHIASSEN

Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: 

  
Hardy Bullock, Chair

Administering Agency: Nevada County Information and General Services

Contract No. \_\_\_\_\_

Contract Description: Grappling Truck Services

### PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT

**THIS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT** ("Contract") is made at Nevada City, California, as of October 22, 2024 by and between the County of Nevada, ("County"), and Mountain F. Enterprises, Inc. ("Contractor") (together, "Parties", individual "Party"), who agree as follows:

1. **Services** Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Contract, Contractor shall provide the services described in Exhibit A. Contractor shall provide said services at the time, place, and in the manner specified in Exhibit A.
2. **Payment** County shall pay Contractor for services rendered pursuant to this Contract at the time and in the amount set forth in Exhibit B. The payments specified in Exhibit B shall be the only payment made to Contractor for services rendered pursuant to this Contract. Contractor shall submit all billings for said services to County in the manner specified in Exhibit B; or, if no manner be specified in Exhibit B, then according to the usual and customary procedures which Contractor uses for billing clients similar to County. **The amount of the contract shall not exceed ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000).**
3. **Term** This Contract shall commence on October 22, 2024. All services required to be provided by this Contract shall be completed and ready for acceptance no later than the **Contract Termination Date** of: June 30, 2025.
4. **Facilities, Equipment and Other Materials** Contractor shall, at its sole cost and expense, furnish all facilities, equipment, and other materials which may be required for furnishing services pursuant to this Contract.
5. **Exhibits** All exhibits referred to herein and attached hereto are incorporated herein by this reference.
6. **Electronic Signatures** The Parties acknowledge and agree that this Contract may be executed by electronic signature, which shall be considered as an original signature for all purposes and shall have the same force and effect as an original signature. Without limitation, "electronic signature" shall include faxed or emailed versions of an original signature or electronically scanned and transmitted versions (e.g., via pdf) of an original signature.
7. **Time for Performance** Time is of the essence. Failure of Contractor to perform any services within the time limits set forth in Exhibit A, or elsewhere in this Contract, shall constitute material breach of this contract. Contractor shall devote such time to the performance of services pursuant to this Contract as may be reasonably necessary for the satisfactory performance of Contractor's obligations pursuant to this Contract. Neither Party shall be considered in default of this Contract to the extent performance is prevented or delayed by any cause, present or future, which is beyond the reasonable control of the Party.
8. **Liquidated Damages**  
Liquidated Damages are presented as an estimate of an intangible loss to the County. It is a provision that allows for the payment of a specified sum should Contractor be in breach of contract.

Liquidated Damages ☐shall apply ☒shall not apply to this contract. Liquidated Damages applicable to this contract are incorporated in Exhibit E, attached hereto.

9. **Relationship of Parties**

9.1. **Independent Contractor**

In providing services herein, Contractor, and the agents and employees thereof, shall work in an independent capacity and as an independent contractor and not as agents or employees of County. Contractor acknowledges that it customarily engages independently in the trade, occupation, or business as that involved in the work required herein. Further, the Parties agree that Contractor shall perform the work required herein free from the control and direction of County, and that the nature of the work is outside the usual course of County's business. In performing the work required herein, Contractor shall not be entitled to any employment benefits, Workers' Compensation, or other programs afforded to County employees. Contractor shall hold County harmless and indemnify County against such claim by its agents or employees. County makes no representation as to the effect of this independent contractor relationship on Contractor's previously earned California Public Employees Retirement System ("CalPERS") retirement benefits, if any, and Contractor specifically assumes the responsibility for making such determination. Contractor shall be responsible for all reports and obligations including but not limited to: social security taxes, income tax withholding, unemployment insurance, disability insurance, workers' compensation and other applicable federal and state taxes.

9.2. **No Agent Authority** Contractor shall have no power to incur any debt, obligation, or liability on behalf of County or otherwise to act on behalf of County as an agent. Neither County nor any of its agents shall have control over the conduct of Contractor or any of Contractor's employees, except as set forth in this Contract. Contractor shall not represent that it is, or that any of its agents or employees are, in any manner employees of County.

9.3. **Indemnification of CalPERS Determination** In the event that Contractor or any employee, agent, or subcontractor of Contractor providing service under this Contract is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction or CalPERS to be eligible for enrollment in CalPERS as an employee of County, Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless County for all payments on behalf of Contractor or its employees, agents, or subcontractors, as well as for the payment of any penalties and interest on such contributions, which would otherwise be the responsibility of County.

10. **Assignment and Subcontracting** Except as specifically provided herein, the rights, responsibilities, duties and services to be performed under this Contract are personal to Contractor and may not be transferred, subcontracted, or assigned without the prior written consent of County. Contractor shall not substitute or replace any personnel for those specifically named herein or in its proposal without the prior written consent of County.

Contractor shall cause and require each transferee, subcontractor, and assignee to comply with the insurance provisions and information technology security provisions set forth herein, to the extent such insurance provisions are required of Contractor under this Contract. Failure of Contractor to so cause and require such compliance by each transferee, subcontractor, and assignee shall constitute a material breach of this Contract, and, in addition to any other remedy available at law or otherwise, shall serve as a basis upon which County may elect to suspend payments hereunder, or terminate this Contract, or both.

11. **Licenses, Permits, Etc.** Contractor represents and warrants to County that Contractor shall, at its sole cost and expense, obtain or keep in effect at all times during the term of this Contract, any licenses, permits, and approvals which are legally required for Contractor to practice its profession at the time the services are performed.
12. **Hold Harmless and Indemnification Contract** To the fullest extent permitted by law, each Party (the "Indemnifying Party") hereby agrees to protect, defend, indemnify, and hold the other Party (the "Indemnified Party"), its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers, free and harmless from any and all losses, claims, liens, demands, and causes of action of every kind and character resulting from the Indemnifying Party's negligent act, willful misconduct, or error or omission, including, but not limited to, the amounts of judgments, penalties, interest, court costs, legal fees, and all other expenses incurred by the Indemnified Party arising in favor of any party, including claims, liens, debts, personal injuries, death, or damages to property (including employees or property of the Indemnified Party) and without limitation, all other claims or demands of every character occurring or in any way incident to, in connection with or arising directly or indirectly out of, the Contract. The Indemnifying Party agrees to investigate, handle, respond to, provide defense for, and defend any such claims, demand, or suit at the sole expense of the Indemnifying Party, using legal counsel approved in writing by Indemnified Party. Indemnifying Party also agrees to bear all other costs and expenses related thereto, even if the claim or claims alleged are groundless, false, or fraudulent. This provision is not intended to create any cause of action in favor of any third party against either Party or to enlarge in any way either Party's liability but is intended solely to provide for indemnification of the Indemnified Party from liability for damages, or injuries to third persons or property, arising from or in connection with Indemnifying Party's performance pursuant to this Contract. This obligation is independent of, and shall not in any way be limited by, the minimum insurance obligations contained in this Contract.

Notwithstanding any other provision herein, Contractor's liability and/or obligation to defend and indemnify the Indemnified Parties shall not exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) under any circumstances.

13. **Standard of Performance** Contractor shall perform all services required pursuant to this Contract in the manner and according to the standards observed by a competent practitioner of the profession in which Contractor is engaged in the geographical area in which Contractor practices its profession. All products of whatsoever nature which Contractor delivers to County pursuant to this Contract shall be prepared in a substantial first class and workmanlike manner and conform to the standards or quality normally observed by a person practicing in Contractor's profession.
14. **Contractor without additional compensation** Contractor's personnel, when on County's premises and when accessing County network remotely, shall comply with County's regulations regarding security, remote access, safety and professional conduct, including but not limited to Nevada County Security Policy NCSP-102 Nevada County External User Policy and Account Application regarding data and access security. Contractor personnel will solely utilize County's privileged access management platform for all remote access support functions, unless other methods are granted in writing by County's Chief Information Officer or his/her designee.
15. **Prevailing Wage and Apprentices** To the extent made applicable by law, performance of this Contract shall be in conformity with the provisions of California Labor Code, Division 2, Part 7, Chapter 1, commencing with section 1720 relating to prevailing wages which must be paid to workers employed on a public work as defined in Labor Code section 1720, et seq., and shall be in conformity with Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations section 200 et seq., relating to apprenticeship. Where applicable:

- Contractor shall comply with the provisions thereof at the commencement of services to be provided herein, and thereafter during the term of this Contract. A breach of the requirements of this section shall be deemed a material breach of this contract. Applicable prevailing wage determinations are available on the California Department of Industrial Relations website at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/OPRL/PWD>.
  - Contractor and all subcontractors must comply with the requirements of Labor Code section 1771.1(a) pertaining to registration of contractors pursuant to section 1725.5. Registration and all related requirements of those sections must be maintained throughout the performance of the Contract.
  - Contracts to which prevailing wage requirements apply are subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. Contractor and each subcontractor must furnish certified payroll records to the Labor Commissioner at least monthly.
  - County is required to provide notice to the Department of Industrial Relations of any public work contract subject to prevailing wages within five (5) days of award.
16. **Accessibility** It is the policy of County that all County services, programs, meetings, activities and facilities shall be accessible to all persons, and shall comply with the provisions of the Americans With Disabilities Act and Title 24, California Code of Regulations. To the extent this Contract shall call for Contractor to provide County contracted services directly to the public, Contractor shall certify that said direct services are and shall be accessible to all persons.
17. **Nondiscriminatory Employment** Contractor shall not discriminate in its employment practices because of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical handicap, medical condition, marital status, sex or sexual orientation, or any other legally protected category, in contravention of the California Fair Employment and Housing Act, Government Code section 12900 et seq.
18. **Drug-Free Workplace** Senate Bill 1120, (Chapter 1170, Statutes of 1990), requires recipients of State grants to maintain a "drug-free workplace". Every person or organization awarded a contract for the procurement of any property or services shall certify as required under Government Code Section 8355-8357 that it will provide a drug-free workplace.
19. **Political Activities** Contractor shall in no instance expend funds or use resources derived from this Contract on any political activities.
20. **Debarment** In order to prohibit the procurement of any goods or services ultimately funded by Federal awards from debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded parties, Contractor shall be screened at [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov) to ensure Contractor, its principal and their named subcontractors are not debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded by the United States Government in compliance with the requirements of 7 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 3016.35, 28 CFR 66.35, 29 CFR 97.35, 34 CFR 80.35, 45 CFR 92.35 and Executive Order 12549.

21. **Financial, Statistical and Contract-Related Records:**

- 21.1. **Books and Records** Contractor shall maintain statistical records and submit reports as required by County. Contractor shall also maintain accounting and administrative books and records, program procedures and documentation relating to licensure and accreditation as they pertain to this Contract. All such financial, statistical and contract-related records shall be retained for five (5) years or until program review findings and/or audit findings are resolved, whichever is later. Such records shall include but not be limited to bids and all supporting documents, original entry books, canceled checks, receipts, invoices, payroll records, including subsistence, travel and field expenses, together with a general ledger itemizing all debits and credits.
- 21.2. **Inspection** Upon reasonable advance notice and during normal business hours or at such other times as may be agreed upon, Contractor shall make all of its books and records, including general business records, available for inspection, examination or copying, to County, or to the State Department of Health Care Services, the Federal Department of Health and Human Services, the Controller General of the United States and to all other authorized federal and state agencies, or their duly authorized representatives.
- 21.3. **Audit** Contractor shall permit the aforesaid agencies or their duly authorized representatives to audit all books, accounts or records relating to this Contract, and all books, accounts or records of any business entities controlled by Contractor who participated in this Contract in any way. All such records shall be available for inspection by auditors designated by County or State, at reasonable times during normal business hours. Any audit may be conducted on Contractor's premises or, at County's option, Contractor shall provide all books and records within fifteen (15) days upon delivery of written notice from County. Contractor shall promptly refund any moneys erroneously charged and shall be liable for the costs of audit if the audit establishes an over-charge of five percent (5%) or more of the correct amount owed during the audit period.

22. **Termination**

- A. A material breach, as defined pursuant to the terms of this Contract or otherwise, in addition to any other remedy available at law or otherwise, shall serve as a basis upon which County may elect to immediately suspend payments hereunder, or terminate this Contract, or both, without notice.
- B. If Contractor fails to timely provide in any manner the services materials and products required under this Contract, or otherwise fails to promptly comply with the terms of this Contract, or violates any ordinance, regulation or other law which applies to its performance herein, County may terminate this Contract by giving **five (5) calendar days written notice to Contractor**.
- C. Either Party may terminate this Contract for any reason, or without cause, by giving **thirty (30) calendar days written notice** to the other, which notice shall be sent by registered mail in conformity with the notice provisions, below. In the event of termination not the fault of Contractor, Contractor shall be paid for services performed to the date of termination in accordance with the terms of this Contract. Contractor shall be excused for failure to perform services herein if such performance is prevented by acts of God, strikes, labor disputes or other forces over which Contractor has no control.
- D. County, upon giving **thirty (30) calendar days written notice** to Contractor, shall have the right to terminate its obligations under this Contract at the end of any fiscal year if County or the State of California, as the case may be, does not appropriate funds sufficient to discharge County's obligations coming due under this contract.

In the event this Contract is terminated:



- 1) Contractor shall deliver copies of all writings prepared by it pursuant to this Contract. The term "writings" shall be construed to mean and include: handwriting, typewriting, printing, photostating, photographing, and every other means of recording upon any tangible thing any form of communication or representation, including letters, words, pictures, sounds, or symbols, or combinations thereof.
  - 2) County shall have full ownership and control of all such writings delivered by Contractor pursuant to this Contract.
  - 3) County shall pay Contractor the reasonable value of services rendered by Contractor to the date of termination pursuant to this Contract not to exceed the amount documented by Contractor and approved by County as work accomplished to date; provided, however, that in no event shall any payment hereunder exceed the amount of the Contract specified in Exhibit B, and further provided, however, County shall not in any manner be liable for lost profits which might have been made by Contractor had Contractor completed the services required by this Contract. In this regard, Contractor shall furnish to County such financial information as in the judgment of County is necessary to determine the reasonable value of the services rendered by Contractor. The foregoing is cumulative and does not affect any right or remedy, which County may have in law or equity.
23. **Intellectual Property** Contractor will not publish or transfer any materials produced or resulting from activities supported by this Contract without the express written consent of County. All reports, original drawings, graphics, plans, studies and other data and documents, in whatever form or format, assembled or prepared by Contractor or Contractor's subcontractors, consultants, and other agents in connection with this Contract are "works made for hire" (as defined in the Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. Section 101 et seq., as amended) for County, and Contractor unconditionally and irrevocably transfers and assigns to County all right, title, and interest, including all copyrights and other intellectual property rights, in or to the "works made for hire." Unless required by law, Contractor shall not publish, transfer, discuss, or disclose any of the above-described works made for hire or any information gathered, discovered, or generated in any way through this Contract, without County's prior express written consent. To the extent County provides any of its own original photographs, diagrams, plans, documents, information, reports, computer code and all recordable media together with all copyright interests thereto, to Contractor during this Contract, such information shall remain the property of County, and upon fifteen (15) days demand therefor, shall be promptly delivered to County without exception.
24. **Waiver** One or more waivers by one Party of any major or minor breach or default of any provision, term, condition, or covenant of this Contract shall not operate as a waiver of any subsequent breach or default by the other Party.
25. **Conflict of Interest** Contractor certifies that no official or employee of County, nor any business entity in which an official of County has an interest, has been employed or retained to solicit or aid in the procuring of this Contract. In addition, Contractor agrees that no such person will be employed in the performance of this Contract unless first agreed to in writing by County. This includes prior Nevada County employment in accordance with County's Personnel Code.
26. **Entirety of Contract** This Contract contains the entire Contract of County and Contractor with respect to the subject matter hereof, and no other contract, statement, or promise made by any Party, or to any employee, officer or agent of any Party, which is not contained in this Contract, shall be binding or valid.
27. **Alteration** No waiver, alteration, modification, or termination of this Contract shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by all Parties, except as expressly provided in Section 22, Termination.



28. **Governing Law and Venue** This Contract is executed and intended to be performed in the State of California, and the laws of that State shall govern its interpretation and effect. The venue for any legal proceedings regarding this Contract shall be the County of Nevada, State of California. Each Party waives any federal court removal and/or original jurisdiction rights it may have.
29. **Compliance with Applicable Laws** Contractor and any subcontractors shall comply with any and all federal, state and local laws, codes, ordinances, rules and regulations which relate to, concern of affect the services or type of services to be provided by this Contract.
30. **Subrecipient** This contract ☒ **shall not** ☐ **shall be subject to** subrecipient status as such: the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, 2 CFR Part 200 et al (commonly referred to as the "OMB Super Circular" or "Uniform Guidance"). A copy of these regulations is available at the link provided herein for the Code of Federal Regulations. [https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title02/2cfr200\\_main\\_02.tpl](https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title02/2cfr200_main_02.tpl)
31. **Additional Contractor Responsibilities**
- A. To the extent Contractor is a mandated reporter of suspected child and/or dependent adult abuse and neglect, it shall ensure that its employees, agents, volunteers, subcontractors, and independent contractors are made aware of, understand, and comply with all reporting requirements. Contractor shall immediately notify County of any incident or condition resulting in injury, harm, or risk of harm to any child or dependent adult served under this Contract.
  - B. Contractor will immediately notify County of any active complaints, lawsuits, licensing or regulatory investigations, reports of fraud or malfeasance, or criminal investigations regarding its operations. Contractor agrees to work cooperatively with County in response to any investigation commenced by County with regard to this Contract or the clients served herein, including providing any/all records requested by County related thereto.
  - C. Contractor shall employ reasonable background check procedures on all employees, prospective employees, volunteers and consultants performing work involving direct contact with minor children or dependent adults under this Contract, including fingerprinting and criminal records checks, sexual offender registry checks, and reference checks, including both personal and professional references.

32. **Information Technology Security Requirements** This contract ☒ shall not ☐ shall be subject to Exhibit F, "Information Technology Security," which is attached and incorporated by this reference. Contractor's failure to comply with the requirements in Exhibit F is a material breach of this Agreement.
33. **Confidentiality** Contractor, its employees, agents and or subcontractors may come in contact with documents that contain information regarding matters that must be kept confidential by County, including personally identifiable patient or client information. Even information that might not be considered confidential for the usual reasons of protecting non-public records should be considered by Contractor to be confidential.

Contractor agrees to maintain confidentiality of information and records as required by applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations and rules and recognized standards of professional practice.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Contract, Contractor agrees to protect the confidentiality of any confidential information with which Contractor may come into contact in the process of performing its contracted services. This information includes but is not limited to all written, oral, visual and printed patient or client information, including but not limited to: names, addresses, social security numbers, date of birth, driver's license number, case numbers, services provided, social and economic conditions or circumstances, agency evaluation of personal information, and medical data.

Contractor shall not retain, copy, use, or disclose this information in any manner for any purpose that is not specifically permitted by this Contract. Violation of the confidentiality of patient or client information may, at the option of County, be considered a material breach of this Contract.

34. **Notification** Any notice or demand desired or required to be given hereunder shall be in writing and deemed given when personally delivered or deposited in the mail, postage prepaid, and addressed to the Parties as follows:

**COUNTY OF NEVADA:**

Nevada County  
Information and General Services Department  
Address: 950 Maidu Ave  
City, St, Zip Nevada City, CA, 95959  
Attn: Craig Griesbach  
Email: craig.griesbach@nevadacountyca.gov  
Phone: (530) 265-1583

**CONTRACTOR:**

Name of firm  
Mountain F. Enterprises, Inc.  
Address 950 Iron Point Rd. Ste. 210  
City, St, Zip Folsom, CA, 95630  
Attn: Jim Finney  
Email: jimf@mtfent.com  
Phone: (530) 626-4127

Any notice so delivered personally shall be deemed to be received on the date of delivery, and any notice mailed shall be deemed to be received five (5) days after the date on which it was mailed.

**Authority:** All individuals executing this Contract on behalf of Contractor represent and warrant that they are authorized to execute and deliver this Contract on behalf of Contractor.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** the Parties have executed this Contract to begin on the Effective Date.

**COUNTY OF NEVADA:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name/Title: Craig Griesbach, Director of Emergency Services

**CONTRACTOR:** Mountain F. Enterprises, Inc.

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Title: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

***\*If Contractor is a corporation, this Contract must be signed by two corporate officers; one of which must be the secretary of the corporation, and the other may be either the President or Vice President, unless an authenticated corporate resolution is attached delegating authority to a single officer to bind the corporation (California Corporations Code Sec. 313).***

**Exhibits**

- A. Schedule of Services
  - B. Schedule of Charges and Payments
  - C. Insurance Requirements
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## **EXHIBIT A**

### **SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

This Professional Services Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into by and between Nevada County ("County") and Mountain F. Enterprises, Inc. ("Contractor").

#### **1. Grapple Truck Operations:**

- a. Contractor shall provide a fully equipped 40-yard grapple truck, manned by a two-person crew, to efficiently load, transport, and unload biomass materials.
- b. The grapple truck will be utilized to haul materials that have been cut and piled by others. These materials primarily consist of wood debris and other qualifying green waste as part of the County's vegetation management efforts in support of the Biomass Pilot Project.
- c. Minimum truckloads or tonnage per day will be coordinated with the County to ensure that project deadlines are met.

#### **2. Transportation and Offloading:**

- a. The materials shall be transported to the designated work site located at 12270 La Barr Meadows Road, Nevada City, CA 95959. Contractor shall ensure the safe and efficient transport of materials, adhering to all applicable traffic and road safety regulations.
- b. Upon arrival to the work site, Contractor shall offload the materials into designated stockpile in accordance with provisions of the Use Permit. Contractor shall stack/place logs in deck sizes of 40 feet wide, 20 feet deep, and 20 feet high. Contractor shall manage all incoming materials in a manner acceptable to the County. These materials will be prepared for further processing by others utilizing a carbonizer.

#### **3. Scheduling and Coordination with County:**

- a. The Contractor shall maintain close communication with County representatives to schedule operations in a manner that minimizes disruptions to other ongoing activities. At a minimum, the Contractor shall conduct a weekly coordination meeting via phone or video call. This regular communication will be essential to prevent operational delays and to ensure the project is executed in a timely and efficient manner.
- b. Contractor will communicate as needed with the County to report progress, address any logistical challenges (notifying the County in advance of any potential delays or issues that could affect the project timeline), and ensure that all operations align with the project's goals.

#### **4. Compliance and Safety Standards:**

- a. All operations performed by Contractor shall comply with the highest safety standards, including ANSI Z133.1-2000 Safety Requirements for Pruning, Trimming, Repairing, Maintaining, and Removing Trees and Cutting Brush.
- b. Contractor will ensure that all equipment and operations meet or exceed federal OSHA state, and local safety requirements. All equipment used must be properly licensed and maintained.

**5. Right of Entry and Responsibility for Property Damage:**

- a. Contractor shall only access private property after receiving express permission from the property owner. No entry onto any resident's property shall occur without prior approval, and any entry must be conducted in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- b. Contractor shall be fully responsible for any damages caused to private or public property during the performance of services under this agreement. In the event of any damage, Contractor agrees to repair or restore the damaged property to its pre-existing condition at no additional cost to the property owner or the County.

## EXHIBIT B

### SCHEDULE OF CHARGES AND PAYMENTS

#### Maximum Limit & Fee Schedule

Contractor's compensation shall be paid at the schedule shown below. All expenses of Contractor, including any expert or professional assistance retained by Contractor to complete the work performed under this Contract shall be borne by Contractor.

The total of all payments made under this Contract shall not exceed the amount shown in Section 2 of this Contract.

- Two Man Grapple Truck Crew: \$3,200 per day (8 hours)
- Two Man Traffic Control Crew: \$2,000 per day (as needed)
- Hotel/Per Diem: \$300 per day
- Move In: \$1,600 one time fee
- Move Out: \$1,600 one time fee

#### Invoices

Invoices shall be submitted to County in a form and with sufficient detail as required by County. Work performed by Contractor will be subject to final acceptance by County project manager(s).

Submit all invoices to:

Nevada County  
Information and General Services Department  
Address: 950 Maidu Ave  
City, St, Zip Nevada City, CA, 95959  
Attn: IGS Fiscal and Admin  
Email: igsadmin@nevadacountyca.gov  
Phone: (530) 265-1238

The County will make payment within thirty (30) days of receipt of an approved invoice and complete backup documentation package.

#### Payment Schedule

Unless otherwise agreed to by County, all payments owed by County to Contractor under this Contract shall be made by Automated Clearing House ("ACH"). In the event County is unable to release payment by ACH Contractor agrees to accept payment by County warrant.

The Contractor shall submit invoices at the rates and amounts as defined in the fee schedule provided below, not more frequently than monthly, to Contract Administrator for costs incurred pursuant to the agreement. Invoice backup documentation as outlined in Exhibit A shall accompany each invoice.

## EXHIBIT C

### INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

**Insurance.** Contractor shall procure and maintain for the duration of the contract insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by Contractor, its agents, representatives, or employees. Coverage shall be at least as broad as:

1. **Commercial General Liability CGL:** Insurance Services Office Form CG 00 01 covering CGL on an "occurrence" basis, including products and completed operations, property damage, bodily injury and personal & advertising injury with limits no less than **\$2,000,000** per occurrence. If a general aggregate limit applies, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to this project/location (ISO CG 25 03 or 25 04) or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit.
2. **Automobile Liability:** Insurance Services Office Form Number CA 0001 covering, Code 1 (any auto), or if Contractor has no owned autos, Code 8 (hired) and 9 (non-owned), with limit no less than **\$1,000,000** per accident for bodily injury and property damage. The Automobile Liability policy shall be endorsed to include Transportation Pollution Liability insurance MCS-90, covering materials to be transported by Contractor pursuant to the contract.
3. **Workers' Compensation:** Insurance as required by the State of California, with Statutory Limits, and Employer's Liability Insurance with limit of no less than **\$1,000,000** per accident for bodily injury or disease.
4. **Professional Liability (Errors and Omissions):** Insurance covering environmental assessment error and omission with limit no less than **\$2,000,000** per occurrence or claim, **\$2,000,000** aggregate.
5. If Contractor maintains broader coverage and/or higher limits than the minimums shown above, County requires and shall be entitled to the broader coverage and/or the higher limits maintained by Contractor. Any available insurance proceeds in excess of the specified minimum limits of insurance and coverage shall be available to County.

#### **Other Insurance Provisions:**

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

1. **Additional Insured Status: County, its officers, employees, agents, and volunteers are to be covered as additional insureds** on the CGL policy with respect to liability arising out of the work or operations performed by or on behalf of Contractor including materials, parts, or equipment furnished in connection with such work or operations. General liability coverage can be provided in the form of an endorsement to Contractor's insurance (at least as broad as ISO Form CG 20 10 11 85 or if not available, then through the addition of both CG 20 10, CG 20 25, CG 20 33, or CG 20 38; and CG 20 37 forms if later revisions used.)
2. **Primary Coverage** For any claims related to this contract, **Contractor's insurance shall be primary** insurance primary coverage at least as broad as ISO CG 20 01 04 13 as respects County, its officers, employees, agents, and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by County, its officers, employees, agents, and volunteers shall be excess of Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute with it.
3. **Umbrella or Excess Policy** The Contractor may use Umbrella or Excess Policies to provide the liability limits as required in this agreement. This form of insurance will be acceptable provided that all of the Primary and Umbrella or Excess Policies shall provide all of the

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Exhibit C

Professional Services Contract – Insurance Requirements



insurance coverages herein required, including, but not limited to, primary and non-contributory, additional insured, Self-Insured Retentions (SIRs), indemnity, and defense requirements. Umbrella or Excess policies shall be provided on a true "following form" or broader coverage basis, with coverage at least as broad as provided on the underlying Commercial General Liability insurance. No insurance policies maintained by the Additional Insureds, whether primary or excess, and which also apply to a loss covered hereunder, shall be called upon to contribute to a loss until the Contractor's primary and excess liability policies are exhausted.

4. **Notice of Cancellation** This policy shall not be changed without first giving thirty (30) days prior written notice and ten (10) days prior written notice of cancellation for non-payment of premium to County.
5. **Waiver of Subrogation** Contractor hereby grants to County a waiver of any right to subrogation which any insurer or said Contractor may acquire against County by virtue of the payment of any loss under such insurance. Contractor agrees to obtain any endorsement that may be necessary to affect this waiver of subrogation, but this provision applies regardless of whether or not County has received a waiver of subrogation endorsement from the insurer.
6. **Sole Proprietors** If Contractor is a Sole Proprietor and has no employees, they are not required to have Workers Compensation coverage. Contractor shall sign a statement attesting to this condition, and shall agree they have no rights, entitlements or claim against County for any type of employment benefits or workers' compensation or other programs afforded to County employees.
7. **Self-Insured Retentions** must be declared to and approved by the County. The County may require the Contractor to provide proof of ability to pay losses and related investigations, claims administration, and defense expenses within the retention. The Policy language shall provide, or be endorsed to provide, that the self-insured retention may be satisfied by either the named insured or County. The CGL and any policies, including Excess liability policies, may not be subject to a self-insured retention (SIR) or deductible that exceeds **\$25,000** unless approved in writing by the County. Any and all deductibles and SIRs shall be the sole responsibility of the Contractor or subcontractor who procured such insurance and shall not apply to the Indemnified Additional Insured Parties. County may deduct from any amounts otherwise due Contractor to fund the SIR/deductible. Policies shall NOT contain any self-insured retention (SIR) provision that limits the satisfaction of the SIR to the Named. The policy must also provide that Defense costs, including the Allocated Loss Adjustment Expenses, will satisfy the SIR or deductible. County reserves the right to obtain a copy of any policies and endorsements for verification.
8. **Acceptability of Insurers:** Insurance is to be placed with insurers authorized to conduct business in the State with a current A.M. Best's rating of no less than A:VII, unless
9. **Verification of Coverage** Contractor shall furnish County with original Certificates of Insurance including all required amendatory endorsements (or copies of the applicable policy language effecting coverage required by this clause) and a copy of the Declarations and Endorsement Page of the CGL policy listing all policy endorsements to County before work begins. However, failure to obtain and provide verification of the required documents prior to the work beginning shall not waive Contractor's obligation to provide them. County reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements required by these specifications, at any time.
10. **Subcontractors** Contractor shall require and verify that all subcontractors maintain insurance meeting all the requirements stated herein, and Contractor shall ensure that County is an additional insured on insurance required from subcontractors. For CGL coverage subcontractors shall provide coverage with a format at least as broad as CG 20 38 04 13.

11. **Special Risks or Circumstances** County reserves the right to modify these requirements, including limits, based on the nature of the risk, prior experience, insurer, coverage, or other special circumstances.
12. **Premium Payments** The insurance companies shall have no recourse against County and funding agencies, its officers, and employees or any of them for payment of any premiums or assessments under any policy issued by a mutual insurance company.
13. **Material Breach** Failure of Contractor to maintain the insurance required by this Contract, or to comply with any of the requirements of this section, shall constitute a material breach of the entire Contract.
14. **Certificate Holder** the Certificate Holder on insurance certificates and related documents should read as follows:

County of Nevada  
950 Maidu Ave.  
Nevada City, CA 95959

Upon initial award of the Contract to your firm, you may be instructed to send the actual documents to a County contact person for preliminary compliance review.

Certificates which amend or alter the coverage during the term of the Contract, including updated certificates due to policy renewal, should be sent directly to Contract Administrator.

SUMMARY OF CONTRACT

Contractor Name: Mountain F. Enterprises, Inc.

Description of Services Grappling Truck Services

INSURANCE POLICIES

FUNDING:

Commercial General Liability (\$2,000,000)	Click or tap here to enter text.
Automobile Liability (\$1,000,000)	Click or tap here to enter text.
Worker's Compensation (Statutory Limits)	Click or tap here to enter text.
Professional Errors and Omissions(\$2,000,000)	Click or tap here to enter text.

SUMMARY OF MATERIAL TERMS

Max Contract Price: \$90,000

Contract Start Date: October 22, 2024

Contract End Date: June 30, 2025

LICENSES AND PREVAILING WAGES

Designate all required licenses: N/A

NOTICE & IDENTIFICATION

**COUNTY OF NEVADA:**

Nevada County  
Information and General Services Department

Address: 950 Maidu Ave  
City, St, Zip Nevada City, CA, 95959  
Attn: Craig Griesbach  
Email: craig.griesbach@nevadacountyca.gov  
Phone: (530) 265-1583

**CONTRACTOR:**

Mountain F. Enterprises, Inc.

Address 950 Iron Point Rd. Ste. 210  
City, St, Zip Folsom, CA, 95630  
Attn: Jim Finney, c/o Legal Dept.  
Email: jimf@mtfent.com  
Phone: (530) 626-4127

**Contractor is a:** (check all that apply)

Corporation: ☒ Calif., ☐ Other, ☐ LLC, ☐  
Non- Profit ☐ Corp ☐  
Partnership: ☐ Calif., ☐ Other, ☐ LLP, ☐ Limited ☐  
Person: ☐ Indiv., ☐ DbA, ☐ Ass'n ☐ Other ☐

**EDD Worksheet Required**

Yes ☐ No ☒

ATTACHMENTS

**Exhibit A:** Schedule of Services

**Exhibit B:** Schedule of Charges and Payments

**Exhibit C:** Insurance Requirements



**NEVADA  
COUNTY**  
CALIFORNIA

SOLE SOURCE AWARD REQUEST/ JUSTIFICATION FORM

**NEVADA COUNTY PURCHASING DIVISION**

Please complete the following questions based on the Department making the purchase.

Date:

TO: Desiree Belding, CPPO, CPPB Deputy Purchasing Agent

FROM: Daniel Amezola, IGS  
(Requestor and Department)

RE: **REQUEST FOR:** ☐ SINGLE SOURCE, NO SUBSTITUTE  
☒ **SOLE SOURCE**

ITEM and/or SERVICES to included DESCRIPTION:

Grappling Truck Services

A request for a Single Source, No Substitute or Sole Source is required due to the following:

1. Function, compatibility
2. Chemical/Physical make-up
3. Must be identical because of (explain)
4. Exclusivity (proprietary- must include letter from Company that declares exclusivity)
5. Other: Explain: Cost effectiveness through grant subsidization, continuity of operations and alignment with project

Additional comments (Share your "Why"):

Mountain Enterprises was selected as the sole source provider for grappling truck services for the Biomass Pilot Project due to their existing coordination with PG&E, which is funding the carbonizer operations and green waste site management. Engaging with Mountain Enterprises ensures continuity of operations, eliminates logistical challenges, and aligns with the project's timeline. PG&E has indicated intent to subsidize Mountain Enterprises grappling truck services, making this a cost-effective solution for the County.

Department Manager, CFAO or Director:

Craig Griesbach

Digitally signed by Craig

Griesbach

Date: 2024.10.09 12:21:58 -07'00'

Deputy Purchasing Agent:

Steve Monaghan

Digitally signed by Steve

Monaghan

Date: 2024.10.09 12:28:50 -07'00'





# RESOLUTION No. **24-562**

## OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN MOUNTAIN F. ENTERPRISES, INC. AND THE COUNTY OF NEVADA (NOT TO EXCEED \$90,000) FOR GRAPPLING TRUCK SERVICES FOR THE BIOMASS PILOT PROJECT DURING THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 22, 2024, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025, AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AGENCY TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT, AND AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024/25 EMERGENCY SERVICES BUDGET (4/5 AFFIRMATIVE VOTE REQUIRED)**

WHEREAS, the County of Nevada aims to support the 2024 Board Objectives for the Climate Resiliency and Emergency Preparedness through the execution of a Biomass Pilot Project; and

WHEREAS, the Biomass Pilot Project involves collaboration among the Nevada County Information and General Services Agency (IGS), Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), Mountain F. Enterprises, Inc. ("Mountain Enterprises"), Earth Foundries, Inc., the City of Grass Valley, and the Nevada County Consolidated Fire District; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Biomass Pilot Project is to collect and process green waste into biochar using specialized mobile carbonizers, thereby benefitting the public by cost effectively reducing green waste and the local carbon footprint associated with wood management, and finding productive end uses for biochar such as soil enhancement; and

WHEREAS, Mountain Enterprises has been selected as the sole source provider for grapple truck services for the Biomass Pilot Project due to their existing coordination with PG&E, which is funding the carbonizer operations and green waste site management, ensuring continuity of operations and alignment with project's timeline; and

WHEREAS, engaging with Mountain Enterprises eliminates logistical challenges associated with managing multiple vendors on-site and offers a cost-effective solution, as PG&E has indicated its intent to subsidize Mountain Enterprises services; and

WHEREAS, PG&E has expressed interest in providing future funding for up to 1,000 tons of community green waste processing, an in-kind service valued at \$85,000; and

WHEREAS, the County seeks to establish a professional services agreement associated with Mountain Enterprises for grapple truck services (not to exceed \$90,000) for the term of October 22, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada, State of California:

1. Approves the contract between Mountain F. Enterprises, Inc. and the County of Nevada with a contract not to exceed amount of \$90,000 for Grapple Truck Services for the Biomass Pilot Project for the term of October 22, 2024, through June 30, 2025; and
2. Authorizes the Director of Emergency Services, or designee, to execute the contract on behalf of the County of Nevada; and

3. Amends the Office of Emergency Services Fiscal Year 2024/25 Budget as follows:

Increase:

0101-20702-414-1000/521520      \$90,000

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada at a regular meeting of said Board, held on the 22nd day of October 2024, by the following vote of said Board:

Ayes: Supervisors Heidi Hall, Edward C. Scofield, Lisa Swarthout,  
Susan Hoek, and Hardy Bullock.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.


Recuse: None.

ATTEST:

TINE MATHIASSEN

Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: 

  
Hardy Bullock, Chair



Administering Agency: Nevada County Information and General Services

Contract No. \_\_\_\_\_

Contract Description: Grappling Truck Services

### PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT

**THIS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT** ("Contract") is made at Nevada City, California, as of October 22, 2024 by and between the County of Nevada, ("County"), and Mountain F. Enterprises, Inc. ("Contractor") (together, "Parties", individual "Party"), who agree as follows:

1. **Services** Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Contract, Contractor shall provide the services described in Exhibit A. Contractor shall provide said services at the time, place, and in the manner specified in Exhibit A.
2. **Payment** County shall pay Contractor for services rendered pursuant to this Contract at the time and in the amount set forth in Exhibit B. The payments specified in Exhibit B shall be the only payment made to Contractor for services rendered pursuant to this Contract. Contractor shall submit all billings for said services to County in the manner specified in Exhibit B; or, if no manner be specified in Exhibit B, then according to the usual and customary procedures which Contractor uses for billing clients similar to County. **The amount of the contract shall not exceed ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000).**
3. **Term** This Contract shall commence on October 22, 2024. All services required to be provided by this Contract shall be completed and ready for acceptance no later than the **Contract Termination Date** of: June 30, 2025.
4. **Facilities, Equipment and Other Materials** Contractor shall, at its sole cost and expense, furnish all facilities, equipment, and other materials which may be required for furnishing services pursuant to this Contract.
5. **Exhibits** All exhibits referred to herein and attached hereto are incorporated herein by this reference.
6. **Electronic Signatures** The Parties acknowledge and agree that this Contract may be executed by electronic signature, which shall be considered as an original signature for all purposes and shall have the same force and effect as an original signature. Without limitation, "electronic signature" shall include faxed or emailed versions of an original signature or electronically scanned and transmitted versions (e.g., via pdf) of an original signature.
7. **Time for Performance** Time is of the essence. Failure of Contractor to perform any services within the time limits set forth in Exhibit A, or elsewhere in this Contract, shall constitute material breach of this contract. Contractor shall devote such time to the performance of services pursuant to this Contract as may be reasonably necessary for the satisfactory performance of Contractor's obligations pursuant to this Contract. Neither Party shall be considered in default of this Contract to the extent performance is prevented or delayed by any cause, present or future, which is beyond the reasonable control of the Party.
8. **Liquidated Damages**  
Liquidated Damages are presented as an estimate of an intangible loss to the County. It is a provision that allows for the payment of a specified sum should Contractor be in breach of contract.

Liquidated Damages ☐shall apply ☒shall not apply to this contract. Liquidated Damages applicable to this contract are incorporated in Exhibit E, attached hereto.

9. **Relationship of Parties**

9.1. **Independent Contractor**

In providing services herein, Contractor, and the agents and employees thereof, shall work in an independent capacity and as an independent contractor and not as agents or employees of County. Contractor acknowledges that it customarily engages independently in the trade, occupation, or business as that involved in the work required herein. Further, the Parties agree that Contractor shall perform the work required herein free from the control and direction of County, and that the nature of the work is outside the usual course of County's business. In performing the work required herein, Contractor shall not be entitled to any employment benefits, Workers' Compensation, or other programs afforded to County employees. Contractor shall hold County harmless and indemnify County against such claim by its agents or employees. County makes no representation as to the effect of this independent contractor relationship on Contractor's previously earned California Public Employees Retirement System ("CalPERS") retirement benefits, if any, and Contractor specifically assumes the responsibility for making such determination. Contractor shall be responsible for all reports and obligations including but not limited to: social security taxes, income tax withholding, unemployment insurance, disability insurance, workers' compensation and other applicable federal and state taxes.

9.2. **No Agent Authority** Contractor shall have no power to incur any debt, obligation, or liability on behalf of County or otherwise to act on behalf of County as an agent. Neither County nor any of its agents shall have control over the conduct of Contractor or any of Contractor's employees, except as set forth in this Contract. Contractor shall not represent that it is, or that any of its agents or employees are, in any manner employees of County.

9.3. **Indemnification of CalPERS Determination** In the event that Contractor or any employee, agent, or subcontractor of Contractor providing service under this Contract is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction or CalPERS to be eligible for enrollment in CalPERS as an employee of County, Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless County for all payments on behalf of Contractor or its employees, agents, or subcontractors, as well as for the payment of any penalties and interest on such contributions, which would otherwise be the responsibility of County.

10. **Assignment and Subcontracting** Except as specifically provided herein, the rights, responsibilities, duties and services to be performed under this Contract are personal to Contractor and may not be transferred, subcontracted, or assigned without the prior written consent of County. Contractor shall not substitute or replace any personnel for those specifically named herein or in its proposal without the prior written consent of County.

Contractor shall cause and require each transferee, subcontractor, and assignee to comply with the insurance provisions and information technology security provisions set forth herein, to the extent such insurance provisions are required of Contractor under this Contract. Failure of Contractor to so cause and require such compliance by each transferee, subcontractor, and assignee shall constitute a material breach of this Contract, and, in addition to any other remedy available at law or otherwise, shall serve as a basis upon which County may elect to suspend payments hereunder, or terminate this Contract, or both.

11. **Licenses, Permits, Etc.** Contractor represents and warrants to County that Contractor shall, at its sole cost and expense, obtain or keep in effect at all times during the term of this Contract, any licenses, permits, and approvals which are legally required for Contractor to practice its profession at the time the services are performed.
12. **Hold Harmless and Indemnification Contract** To the fullest extent permitted by law, each Party (the "Indemnifying Party") hereby agrees to protect, defend, indemnify, and hold the other Party (the "Indemnified Party"), its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers, free and harmless from any and all losses, claims, liens, demands, and causes of action of every kind and character resulting from the Indemnifying Party's negligent act, willful misconduct, or error or omission, including, but not limited to, the amounts of judgments, penalties, interest, court costs, legal fees, and all other expenses incurred by the Indemnified Party arising in favor of any party, including claims, liens, debts, personal injuries, death, or damages to property (including employees or property of the Indemnified Party) and without limitation, all other claims or demands of every character occurring or in any way incident to, in connection with or arising directly or indirectly out of, the Contract. The Indemnifying Party agrees to investigate, handle, respond to, provide defense for, and defend any such claims, demand, or suit at the sole expense of the Indemnifying Party, using legal counsel approved in writing by Indemnified Party. Indemnifying Party also agrees to bear all other costs and expenses related thereto, even if the claim or claims alleged are groundless, false, or fraudulent. This provision is not intended to create any cause of action in favor of any third party against either Party or to enlarge in any way either Party's liability but is intended solely to provide for indemnification of the Indemnified Party from liability for damages, or injuries to third persons or property, arising from or in connection with Indemnifying Party's performance pursuant to this Contract. This obligation is independent of, and shall not in any way be limited by, the minimum insurance obligations contained in this Contract.

Notwithstanding any other provision herein, Contractor's liability and/or obligation to defend and indemnify the Indemnified Parties shall not exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) under any circumstances.

13. **Standard of Performance** Contractor shall perform all services required pursuant to this Contract in the manner and according to the standards observed by a competent practitioner of the profession in which Contractor is engaged in the geographical area in which Contractor practices its profession. All products of whatsoever nature which Contractor delivers to County pursuant to this Contract shall be prepared in a substantial first class and workmanlike manner and conform to the standards or quality normally observed by a person practicing in Contractor's profession.
14. **Contractor without additional compensation** Contractor's personnel, when on County's premises and when accessing County network remotely, shall comply with County's regulations regarding security, remote access, safety and professional conduct, including but not limited to Nevada County Security Policy NCSP-102 Nevada County External User Policy and Account Application regarding data and access security. Contractor personnel will solely utilize County's privileged access management platform for all remote access support functions, unless other methods are granted in writing by County's Chief Information Officer or his/her designee.
15. **Prevailing Wage and Apprentices** To the extent made applicable by law, performance of this Contract shall be in conformity with the provisions of California Labor Code, Division 2, Part 7, Chapter 1, commencing with section 1720 relating to prevailing wages which must be paid to workers employed on a public work as defined in Labor Code section 1720, et seq., and shall be in conformity with Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations section 200 et seq., relating to apprenticeship. Where applicable:

- Contractor shall comply with the provisions thereof at the commencement of services to be provided herein, and thereafter during the term of this Contract. A breach of the requirements of this section shall be deemed a material breach of this contract. Applicable prevailing wage determinations are available on the California Department of Industrial Relations website at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/OPRL/PWD>.
  - Contractor and all subcontractors must comply with the requirements of Labor Code section 1771.1(a) pertaining to registration of contractors pursuant to section 1725.5. Registration and all related requirements of those sections must be maintained throughout the performance of the Contract.
  - Contracts to which prevailing wage requirements apply are subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. Contractor and each subcontractor must furnish certified payroll records to the Labor Commissioner at least monthly.
  - County is required to provide notice to the Department of Industrial Relations of any public work contract subject to prevailing wages within five (5) days of award.
16. **Accessibility** It is the policy of County that all County services, programs, meetings, activities and facilities shall be accessible to all persons, and shall comply with the provisions of the Americans With Disabilities Act and Title 24, California Code of Regulations. To the extent this Contract shall call for Contractor to provide County contracted services directly to the public, Contractor shall certify that said direct services are and shall be accessible to all persons.
17. **Nondiscriminatory Employment** Contractor shall not discriminate in its employment practices because of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical handicap, medical condition, marital status, sex or sexual orientation, or any other legally protected category, in contravention of the California Fair Employment and Housing Act, Government Code section 12900 et seq.
18. **Drug-Free Workplace** Senate Bill 1120, (Chapter 1170, Statutes of 1990), requires recipients of State grants to maintain a "drug-free workplace". Every person or organization awarded a contract for the procurement of any property or services shall certify as required under Government Code Section 8355-8357 that it will provide a drug-free workplace.
19. **Political Activities** Contractor shall in no instance expend funds or use resources derived from this Contract on any political activities.
20. **Debarment** In order to prohibit the procurement of any goods or services ultimately funded by Federal awards from debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded parties, Contractor shall be screened at [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov). to ensure Contractor, its principal and their named subcontractors are not debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded by the United States Government in compliance with the requirements of 7 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 3016.35, 28 CFR 66.35, 29 CFR 97.35, 34 CFR 80.35, 45 CFR 92.35 and Executive Order 12549.

21. **Financial, Statistical and Contract-Related Records:**

- 21.1. **Books and Records** Contractor shall maintain statistical records and submit reports as required by County. Contractor shall also maintain accounting and administrative books and records, program procedures and documentation relating to licensure and accreditation as they pertain to this Contract. All such financial, statistical and contract-related records shall be retained for five (5) years or until program review findings and/or audit findings are resolved, whichever is later. Such records shall include but not be limited to bids and all supporting documents, original entry books, canceled checks, receipts, invoices, payroll records, including subsistence, travel and field expenses, together with a general ledger itemizing all debits and credits.
- 21.2. **Inspection** Upon reasonable advance notice and during normal business hours or at such other times as may be agreed upon, Contractor shall make all of its books and records, including general business records, available for inspection, examination or copying, to County, or to the State Department of Health Care Services, the Federal Department of Health and Human Services, the Controller General of the United States and to all other authorized federal and state agencies, or their duly authorized representatives.
- 21.3. **Audit** Contractor shall permit the aforesaid agencies or their duly authorized representatives to audit all books, accounts or records relating to this Contract, and all books, accounts or records of any business entities controlled by Contractor who participated in this Contract in any way. All such records shall be available for inspection by auditors designated by County or State, at reasonable times during normal business hours. Any audit may be conducted on Contractor's premises or, at County's option, Contractor shall provide all books and records within fifteen (15) days upon delivery of written notice from County. Contractor shall promptly refund any moneys erroneously charged and shall be liable for the costs of audit if the audit establishes an over-charge of five percent (5%) or more of the correct amount owed during the audit period.

22. **Termination**

- A. A material breach, as defined pursuant to the terms of this Contract or otherwise, in addition to any other remedy available at law or otherwise, shall serve as a basis upon which County may elect to immediately suspend payments hereunder, or terminate this Contract, or both, without notice.
- B. If Contractor fails to timely provide in any manner the services materials and products required under this Contract, or otherwise fails to promptly comply with the terms of this Contract, or violates any ordinance, regulation or other law which applies to its performance herein, County may terminate this Contract by giving **five (5) calendar days written notice to Contractor**.
- C. Either Party may terminate this Contract for any reason, or without cause, by giving **thirty (30) calendar days written notice** to the other, which notice shall be sent by registered mail in conformity with the notice provisions, below. In the event of termination not the fault of Contractor, Contractor shall be paid for services performed to the date of termination in accordance with the terms of this Contract. Contractor shall be excused for failure to perform services herein if such performance is prevented by acts of God, strikes, labor disputes or other forces over which Contractor has no control.
- D. County, upon giving **thirty (30) calendar days written notice** to Contractor, shall have the right to terminate its obligations under this Contract at the end of any fiscal year if County or the State of California, as the case may be, does not appropriate funds sufficient to discharge County's obligations coming due under this contract.

In the event this Contract is terminated:



- 1) Contractor shall deliver copies of all writings prepared by it pursuant to this Contract. The term "writings" shall be construed to mean and include: handwriting, typewriting, printing, photostating, photographing, and every other means of recording upon any tangible thing any form of communication or representation, including letters, words, pictures, sounds, or symbols, or combinations thereof.
  - 2) County shall have full ownership and control of all such writings delivered by Contractor pursuant to this Contract.
  - 3) County shall pay Contractor the reasonable value of services rendered by Contractor to the date of termination pursuant to this Contract not to exceed the amount documented by Contractor and approved by County as work accomplished to date; provided, however, that in no event shall any payment hereunder exceed the amount of the Contract specified in Exhibit B, and further provided, however, County shall not in any manner be liable for lost profits which might have been made by Contractor had Contractor completed the services required by this Contract. In this regard, Contractor shall furnish to County such financial information as in the judgment of County is necessary to determine the reasonable value of the services rendered by Contractor. The foregoing is cumulative and does not affect any right or remedy, which County may have in law or equity.
23. **Intellectual Property** Contractor will not publish or transfer any materials produced or resulting from activities supported by this Contract without the express written consent of County. All reports, original drawings, graphics, plans, studies and other data and documents, in whatever form or format, assembled or prepared by Contractor or Contractor's subcontractors, consultants, and other agents in connection with this Contract are "works made for hire" (as defined in the Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. Section 101 et seq., as amended) for County, and Contractor unconditionally and irrevocably transfers and assigns to County all right, title, and interest, including all copyrights and other intellectual property rights, in or to the "works made for hire." Unless required by law, Contractor shall not publish, transfer, discuss, or disclose any of the above-described works made for hire or any information gathered, discovered, or generated in any way through this Contract, without County's prior express written consent. To the extent County provides any of its own original photographs, diagrams, plans, documents, information, reports, computer code and all recordable media together with all copyright interests thereto, to Contractor during this Contract, such information shall remain the property of County, and upon fifteen (15) days demand therefor, shall be promptly delivered to County without exception.
24. **Waiver** One or more waivers by one Party of any major or minor breach or default of any provision, term, condition, or covenant of this Contract shall not operate as a waiver of any subsequent breach or default by the other Party.
25. **Conflict of Interest** Contractor certifies that no official or employee of County, nor any business entity in which an official of County has an interest, has been employed or retained to solicit or aid in the procuring of this Contract. In addition, Contractor agrees that no such person will be employed in the performance of this Contract unless first agreed to in writing by County. This includes prior Nevada County employment in accordance with County's Personnel Code.
26. **Entirety of Contract** This Contract contains the entire Contract of County and Contractor with respect to the subject matter hereof, and no other contract, statement, or promise made by any Party, or to any employee, officer or agent of any Party, which is not contained in this Contract, shall be binding or valid.
27. **Alteration** No waiver, alteration, modification, or termination of this Contract shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by all Parties, except as expressly provided in Section 22, Termination.

28. **Governing Law and Venue** This Contract is executed and intended to be performed in the State of California, and the laws of that State shall govern its interpretation and effect. The venue for any legal proceedings regarding this Contract shall be the County of Nevada, State of California. Each Party waives any federal court removal and/or original jurisdiction rights it may have.
29. **Compliance with Applicable Laws** Contractor and any subcontractors shall comply with any and all federal, state and local laws, codes, ordinances, rules and regulations which relate to, concern of affect the services or type of services to be provided by this Contract.
30. **Subrecipient** This contract ☒ shall not ☐ shall be subject to subrecipient status as such: the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, 2 CFR Part 200 et al (commonly referred to as the "OMB Super Circular" or "Uniform Guidance"). A copy of these regulations is available at the link provided herein for the Code of Federal Regulations. [https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title02/2cfr200\\_main\\_02.tpl](https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title02/2cfr200_main_02.tpl)
31. **Additional Contractor Responsibilities**
- A. To the extent Contractor is a mandated reporter of suspected child and/or dependent adult abuse and neglect, it shall ensure that its employees, agents, volunteers, subcontractors, and independent contractors are made aware of, understand, and comply with all reporting requirements. Contractor shall immediately notify County of any incident or condition resulting in injury, harm, or risk of harm to any child or dependent adult served under this Contract.
  - B. Contractor will immediately notify County of any active complaints, lawsuits, licensing or regulatory investigations, reports of fraud or malfeasance, or criminal investigations regarding its operations. Contractor agrees to work cooperatively with County in response to any investigation commenced by County with regard to this Contract or the clients served herein, including providing any/all records requested by County related thereto.
  - C. Contractor shall employ reasonable background check procedures on all employees, prospective employees, volunteers and consultants performing work involving direct contact with minor children or dependent adults under this Contract, including fingerprinting and criminal records checks, sexual offender registry checks, and reference checks, including both personal and professional references.



32. **Information Technology Security Requirements** This contract ☒ shall not ☐ shall be subject to Exhibit F, "Information Technology Security," which is attached and incorporated by this reference. Contractor's failure to comply with the requirements in Exhibit F is a material breach of this Agreement.
33. **Confidentiality** Contractor, its employees, agents and or subcontractors may come in contact with documents that contain information regarding matters that must be kept confidential by County, including personally identifiable patient or client information. Even information that might not be considered confidential for the usual reasons of protecting non-public records should be considered by Contractor to be confidential.

Contractor agrees to maintain confidentiality of information and records as required by applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations and rules and recognized standards of professional practice.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Contract, Contractor agrees to protect the confidentiality of any confidential information with which Contractor may come into contact in the process of performing its contracted services. This information includes but is not limited to all written, oral, visual and printed patient or client information, including but not limited to: names, addresses, social security numbers, date of birth, driver's license number, case numbers, services provided, social and economic conditions or circumstances, agency evaluation of personal information, and medical data.

Contractor shall not retain, copy, use, or disclose this information in any manner for any purpose that is not specifically permitted by this Contract. Violation of the confidentiality of patient or client information may, at the option of County, be considered a material breach of this Contract.

34. **Notification** Any notice or demand desired or required to be given hereunder shall be in writing and deemed given when personally delivered or deposited in the mail, postage prepaid, and addressed to the Parties as follows:

**COUNTY OF NEVADA:**

Nevada County  
Information and General Services Department  
Address: 950 Maidu Ave  
City, St, Zip Nevada City, CA, 95959  
Attn: Craig Griesbach  
Email: craig.griesbach@nevadacountyca.gov  
Phone: (530) 265-1583

**CONTRACTOR:**

Name of firm  
Mountain F. Enterprises, Inc.  
Address 950 Iron Point Rd. Ste. 210  
City, St, Zip Folsom, CA, 95630  
Attn: Jim Finney  
Email: jimf@mtfent.com  
Phone: (530) 626-4127

Any notice so delivered personally shall be deemed to be received on the date of delivery, and any notice mailed shall be deemed to be received five (5) days after the date on which it was mailed.

**Authority:** All individuals executing this Contract on behalf of Contractor represent and warrant that they are authorized to execute and deliver this Contract on behalf of Contractor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Contract to begin on the Effective Date.

**COUNTY OF NEVADA:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name/Title: Craig Griesbach, Director of Emergency Services

**CONTRACTOR:** Mountain F. Enterprises, Inc.

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Title: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Title: \_\_\_\_Secretary\_\_\_\_

***\*If Contractor is a corporation, this Contract must be signed by two corporate officers; one of which must be the secretary of the corporation, and the other may be either the President or Vice President, unless an authenticated corporate resolution is attached delegating authority to a single officer to bind the corporation (California Corporations Code Sec. 313).***

**Exhibits**

- A. Schedule of Services
  - B. Schedule of Charges and Payments
  - C. Insurance Requirements
- Summary Page

## **EXHIBIT A**

### **SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

This Professional Services Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into by and between Nevada County ("County") and Mountain F. Enterprises, Inc. ("Contractor").

#### **1. Grapple Truck Operations:**

- a. Contractor shall provide a fully equipped 40-yard grapple truck, manned by a two-person crew, to efficiently load, transport, and unload biomass materials.
- b. The grapple truck will be utilized to haul materials that have been cut and piled by others. These materials primarily consist of wood debris and other qualifying green waste as part of the County's vegetation management efforts in support of the Biomass Pilot Project.
- c. Minimum truckloads or tonnage per day will be coordinated with the County to ensure that project deadlines are met.

#### **2. Transportation and Offloading:**

- a. The materials shall be transported to the designated work site located at 12270 La Barr Meadows Road, Nevada City, CA 95959. Contractor shall ensure the safe and efficient transport of materials, adhering to all applicable traffic and road safety regulations.
- b. Upon arrival to the work site, Contractor shall offload the materials into designated stockpile in accordance with provisions of the Use Permit. Contractor shall stack/place logs in deck sizes of 40 feet wide, 20 feet deep, and 20 feet high. Contractor shall manage all incoming materials in a manner acceptable to the County. These materials will be prepared for further processing by others utilizing a carbonizer.

#### **3. Scheduling and Coordination with County:**

- a. The Contractor shall maintain close communication with County representatives to schedule operations in a manner that minimizes disruptions to other ongoing activities. At a minimum, the Contractor shall conduct a weekly coordination meeting via phone or video call. This regular communication will be essential to prevent operational delays and to ensure the project is executed in a timely and efficient manner.
- b. Contractor will communicate as needed with the County to report progress, address any logistical challenges (notifying the County in advance of any potential delays or issues that could affect the project timeline), and ensure that all operations align with the project's goals.

#### **4. Compliance and Safety Standards:**

- a. All operations performed by Contractor shall comply with the highest safety standards, including ANSI Z133.1-2000 Safety Requirements for Pruning, Trimming, Repairing, Maintaining, and Removing Trees and Cutting Brush.
- b. Contractor will ensure that all equipment and operations meet or exceed federal OSHA state, and local safety requirements. All equipment used must be properly licensed and maintained.

**5. Right of Entry and Responsibility for Property Damage:**

- a. Contractor shall only access private property after receiving express permission from the property owner. No entry onto any resident's property shall occur without prior approval, and any entry must be conducted in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- b. Contractor shall be fully responsible for any damages caused to private or public property during the performance of services under this agreement. In the event of any damage, Contractor agrees to repair or restore the damaged property to its pre-existing condition at no additional cost to the property owner or the County.

## EXHIBIT B

### SCHEDULE OF CHARGES AND PAYMENTS

#### Maximum Limit & Fee Schedule

Contractor's compensation shall be paid at the schedule shown below. All expenses of Contractor, including any expert or professional assistance retained by Contractor to complete the work performed under this Contract shall be borne by Contractor.

The total of all payments made under this Contract shall not exceed the amount shown in Section 2 of this Contract.

- |                                 |                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| • Two Man Grapple Truck Crew:   | \$3,200 per day (8 hours)   |
| • Two Man Traffic Control Crew: | \$2,000 per day (as needed) |
| • Hotel/Per Diem:               | \$300 per day               |
| • Move In:                      | \$1,600 one time fee        |
| • Move Out:                     | \$1,600 one time fee        |

#### Invoices

Invoices shall be submitted to County in a form and with sufficient detail as required by County. Work performed by Contractor will be subject to final acceptance by County project manager(s).

Submit all invoices to:

Nevada County  
Information and General Services Department  
Address: 950 Maidu Ave  
City, St, Zip Nevada City, CA, 95959  
Attn: IGS Fiscal and Admin  
Email: igsadmin@nevadacountyca.gov  
Phone: (530) 265-1238

The County will make payment within thirty (30) days of receipt of an approved invoice and complete backup documentation package.

#### Payment Schedule

Unless otherwise agreed to by County, all payments owed by County to Contractor under this Contract shall be made by Automated Clearing House ("ACH"). In the event County is unable to release payment by ACH Contractor agrees to accept payment by County warrant.

The Contractor shall submit invoices at the rates and amounts as defined in the fee schedule provided below, not more frequently than monthly, to Contract Administrator for costs incurred pursuant to the agreement. Invoice backup documentation as outlined in Exhibit A shall accompany each invoice.

## EXHIBIT C

### INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

**Insurance.** Contractor shall procure and maintain for the duration of the contract insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by Contractor, its agents, representatives, or employees. Coverage shall be at least as broad as:

1. **Commercial General Liability CGL:** Insurance Services Office Form CG 00 01 covering CGL on an "occurrence" basis, including products and completed operations, property damage, bodily injury and personal & advertising injury with limits no less than **\$2,000,000** per occurrence. If a general aggregate limit applies, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to this project/location (ISO CG 25 03 or 25 04) or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit.
2. **Automobile Liability:** Insurance Services Office Form Number CA 0001 covering, Code 1 (any auto), or if Contractor has no owned autos, Code 8 (hired) and 9 (non-owned), with limit no less than **\$1,000,000** per accident for bodily injury and property damage. The Automobile Liability policy shall be endorsed to include Transportation Pollution Liability insurance MCS-90, covering materials to be transported by Contractor pursuant to the contract.
3. **Workers' Compensation:** Insurance as required by the State of California, with Statutory Limits, and Employer's Liability Insurance with limit of no less than **\$1,000,000** per accident for bodily injury or disease.
4. **Professional Liability (Errors and Omissions):** Insurance covering environmental assessment error and omission with limit no less than **\$2,000,000** per occurrence or claim, **\$2,000,000** aggregate.
5. If Contractor maintains broader coverage and/or higher limits than the minimums shown above, County requires and shall be entitled to the broader coverage and/or the higher limits maintained by Contractor. Any available insurance proceeds in excess of the specified minimum limits of insurance and coverage shall be available to County.

#### **Other Insurance Provisions:**

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

1. **Additional Insured Status: County, its officers, employees, agents, and volunteers are to be covered as additional insureds** on the CGL policy with respect to liability arising out of the work or operations performed by or on behalf of Contractor including materials, parts, or equipment furnished in connection with such work or operations. General liability coverage can be provided in the form of an endorsement to Contractor's insurance (at least as broad as ISO Form CG 20 10 11 85 or if not available, then through the addition of both CG 20 10, CG 20 25, CG 20 33, or CG 20 38; and CG 20 37 forms if later revisions used.)
2. **Primary Coverage** For any claims related to this contract, **Contractor's insurance shall be primary** insurance primary coverage at least as broad as ISO CG 20 01 04 13 as respects County, its officers, employees, agents, and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by County, its officers, employees, agents, and volunteers shall be excess of Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute with it.
3. **Umbrella or Excess Policy** The Contractor may use Umbrella or Excess Policies to provide the liability limits as required in this agreement. This form of insurance will be acceptable provided that all of the Primary and Umbrella or Excess Policies shall provide all of the

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Exhibit C

Professional Services Contract – Insurance Requirements

insurance coverages herein required, including, but not limited to, primary and non-contributory, additional insured, Self-Insured Retentions (SIRs), indemnity, and defense requirements. Umbrella or Excess policies shall be provided on a true "following form" or broader coverage basis, with coverage at least as broad as provided on the underlying Commercial General Liability insurance. No insurance policies maintained by the Additional Insureds, whether primary or excess, and which also apply to a loss covered hereunder, shall be called upon to contribute to a loss until the Contractor's primary and excess liability policies are exhausted.

4. **Notice of Cancellation** This policy shall not be changed without first giving thirty (30) days prior written notice and ten (10) days prior written notice of cancellation for non-payment of premium to County.
5. **Waiver of Subrogation** Contractor hereby grants to County a waiver of any right to subrogation which any insurer or said Contractor may acquire against County by virtue of the payment of any loss under such insurance. Contractor agrees to obtain any endorsement that may be necessary to affect this waiver of subrogation, but this provision applies regardless of whether or not County has received a waiver of subrogation endorsement from the insurer.
6. **Sole Proprietors** If Contractor is a Sole Proprietor and has no employees, they are not required to have Workers Compensation coverage. Contractor shall sign a statement attesting to this condition, and shall agree they have no rights, entitlements or claim against County for any type of employment benefits or workers' compensation or other programs afforded to County employees.
7. **Self-Insured Retentions** must be declared to and approved by the County. The County may require the Contractor to provide proof of ability to pay losses and related investigations, claims administration, and defense expenses within the retention. The Policy language shall provide, or be endorsed to provide, that the self-insured retention may be satisfied by either the named insured or County. The CGL and any policies, including Excess liability policies, may not be subject to a self-insured retention (SIR) or deductible that exceeds **\$25,000** unless approved in writing by the County. Any and all deductibles and SIRs shall be the sole responsibility of the Contractor or subcontractor who procured such insurance and shall not apply to the Indemnified Additional Insured Parties. County may deduct from any amounts otherwise due Contractor to fund the SIR/deductible. Policies shall NOT contain any self-insured retention (SIR) provision that limits the satisfaction of the SIR to the Named. The policy must also provide that Defense costs, including the Allocated Loss Adjustment Expenses, will satisfy the SIR or deductible. County reserves the right to obtain a copy of any policies and endorsements for verification.
8. **Acceptability of Insurers:** Insurance is to be placed with insurers authorized to conduct business in the State with a current A.M. Best's rating of no less than A:VII, unless
9. **Verification of Coverage** Contractor shall furnish County with original Certificates of Insurance including all required amendatory endorsements (or copies of the applicable policy language effecting coverage required by this clause) and a copy of the Declarations and Endorsement Page of the CGL policy listing all policy endorsements to County before work begins. However, failure to obtain and provide verification of the required documents prior to the work beginning shall not waive Contractor's obligation to provide them. County reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements required by these specifications, at any time.
10. **Subcontractors** Contractor shall require and verify that all subcontractors maintain insurance meeting all the requirements stated herein, and Contractor shall ensure that County is an additional insured on insurance required from subcontractors. For CGL coverage subcontractors shall provide coverage with a format at least as broad as CG 20 38 04 13.



11. **Special Risks or Circumstances** County reserves the right to modify these requirements, including limits, based on the nature of the risk, prior experience, insurer, coverage, or other special circumstances.
12. **Premium Payments** The insurance companies shall have no recourse against County and funding agencies, its officers, and employees or any of them for payment of any premiums or assessments under any policy issued by a mutual insurance company.
13. **Material Breach** Failure of Contractor to maintain the insurance required by this Contract, or to comply with any of the requirements of this section, shall constitute a material breach of the entire Contract.
14. **Certificate Holder** the Certificate Holder on insurance certificates and related documents should read as follows:  
County of Nevada  
950 Maidu Ave.  
Nevada City, CA 95959

Upon initial award of the Contract to your firm, you may be instructed to send the actual documents to a County contact person for preliminary compliance review.

Certificates which amend or alter the coverage during the term of the Contract, including updated certificates due to policy renewal, should be sent directly to Contract Administrator.

SUMMARY OF CONTRACT

Contractor Name: Mountain F. Enterprises, Inc.

Description of Services Grappling Truck Services

INSURANCE POLICIES

FUNDING:

Commercial General Liability (\$2,000,000)	Click or tap here to enter text.
Automobile Liability (\$1,000,000)	Click or tap here to enter text.
Worker's Compensation (Statutory Limits)	Click or tap here to enter text.
Professional Errors and Omissions(\$2,000,000)	Click or tap here to enter text.

SUMMARY OF MATERIAL TERMS

Max Contract Price: \$90,000

Contract Start Date: October 22, 2024

Contract End Date: June 30, 2025

LICENSES AND PREVAILING WAGES

Designate all required licenses: N/A

NOTICE & IDENTIFICATION

**COUNTY OF NEVADA:**

Nevada County  
Information and General Services Department

Address: 950 Maidu Ave  
City, St, Zip Nevada City, CA, 95959  
Attn: Craig Griesbach  
Email: craig.griesbach@nevadacountyca.gov  
Phone: (530) 265-1583

**CONTRACTOR:**

Mountain F. Enterprises, Inc.

Address 950 Iron Point Rd. Ste. 210  
City, St, Zip Folsom, CA, 95630  
Attn: Jim Finney, c/o Legal Dept.  
Email: jimf@mtfent.com  
Phone: (530) 626-4127

Contractor is a: (check all that apply)

Corporation: ☒ Calif, ☐ Other, ☐ LLC, ☐  
Non- Profit ☐ Corp ☐  
Partnership: ☐ Calif, ☐ Other, ☐ LLP, ☐ Limited ☐  
Person: ☐ Indiv, ☐ Db, ☐ Ass'n ☐ Other ☐

**EDD Worksheet Required**

Yes ☐ No ☒

ATTACHMENTS

**Exhibit A:** Schedule of Services

**Exhibit B:** Schedule of Charges and Payments

**Exhibit C:** Insurance Requirements



**NEVADA  
COUNTY**  
CALIFORNIA

SOLE SOURCE AWARD REQUEST/ JUSTIFICATION FORM

**NEVADA COUNTY PURCHASING DIVISION**

Please complete the following questions based on the Department making the purchase.

Date:

TO: Desiree Belding, CPPO, CPPB Deputy Purchasing Agent

FROM: Daniel Amezola, IGS  
(Requestor and Department)

RE: **REQUEST FOR:** ☐ SINGLE SOURCE, NOSUBSTITUTE  
☒ **SOLE SOURCE**

ITEM and/or SERVICES to included DESCRIPTION:

Grappling Truck Services

A request for a Single Source, No Substitute or Sole Source is required due to the following:

1. Function, compatibility
2. Chemical/Physical make-up
3. Must be identical because of (explain)
4. Exclusivity (proprietary- must include letter from Company that declares exclusivity)
5. Other: Explain: Cost effectiveness through grant subsidization, continuity of operations and alignment with project

Additional comments (Share your "Why"):

Mountain Enterprises was selected as the sole source provider for grappling truck services for the Biomass Pilot Project due to their existing coordination with PG&E, which is funding the carbonizer operations and green waste site management. Engaging with Mountain Enterprises ensures continuity of operations, eliminates logistical challenges, and aligns with the project's timeline. PG&E has indicated intent to subsidize Mountain Enterprises grappling truck services, making this a cost-effective solution for the County.

Department Manager, CFAO or Director:

~~Craig Griesbach~~

Digitally signed by Craig

Griesbach

Date: 2024.10.09 12:21:58 -07'00'

Deputy Purchasing Agent:

Steve Monaghan

Digitally signed by Steve

Monaghan

Date: 2024.10.09 12:28:50 -07'00'





# RESOLUTION No. 24-638

## OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

**RESOLUTION APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY (PG&E) ELECTRIC PROGRAM INVESTMENT CHARGE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES TO EXECUTE THE GRANT AGREEMENT AND ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA AND AMENDING THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES BUDGET (4/5 AFFIRMATIVE VOTE REQUIRED)**

WHEREAS, the County of Nevada is committed to advancing the 2024 Board Objectives for Climate Resiliency and Emergency Preparedness through the execution of the Biomass Pilot Project; and

WHEREAS, the Biomass Pilot Project is a collaborative effort among the Nevada County Information and General Services Agency (IGS), Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E), Mountain Enterprises, Inc., Earth Foundries, Inc., the City of Grass Valley, and the Nevada County Consolidated Fire District to reduce forest fuels and convert woody biomass into biochar; and

WHEREAS, this project aims to collect and process woody biomass into biochar using specialized mobile carbonizers, offering public benefits such as reducing woody biomass cost-effectively, lowering the local carbon footprint associated with wood management, and repurposing biochar for soil enhancement and pollution mitigation; and

WHEREAS, on October 22, 2024, the County of Nevada adopted Resolution 24-562, approving a Professional Services Agreement with Mountain F. Enterprises, Inc. for grappling truck services supporting the Biomass Pilot Project; and

WHEREAS, Mountain Enterprises, Inc. was selected as the sole-source provider for grappling truck services due to their coordination with PG&E, which funds carbonizer operations and site management, ensuring operational continuity and alignment with project timelines; and

WHEREAS, PG&E has offered a \$100,000 grant through its EPIC 3.47 initiative to support the Biomass Pilot Project, which aims to enhance wildfire resiliency, reduce fuel loads, improve safety, and deliver economic and environmental benefits, including cost savings and lower greenhouse gas emissions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada:

1. Approves the acceptance of \$100,000 in Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) grant program funds; and
2. Authorizes the Office of Emergency Services Director to execute the grant agreement and sign all related documents on behalf of Nevada County; and
3. Authorizes the Purchasing Agent to encumber the funds associated with the Mountain F. Enterprises, Inc. Professional Services Agreement, as amended to reflect increased funding; and

4. Directs the Auditor Controller to amend the fiscal year 2024/25 Office of Emergency Services budget as follows:

Increase 0101-20702-414-1000 462400 (Grants Non-Government Agencies)  
\$100,000

Increase 0101-20702-414-1000 521520 (Services and Supplies) \$100,000

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada at a regular meeting of said Board, held on the 10th day of December 2024, by the following vote of said Board:

Ayes: Supervisors Heidi Hall, Edward C. Scofield, Lisa Swarthout,  
Susan Hoek, and Hardy Bullock.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

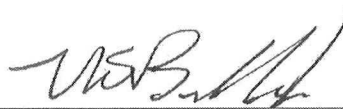
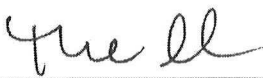
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Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: \_\_\_\_\_



Hardy Bullock, Chair



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**Subject: Offer of Grant for Nevada County**

Pacific Gas and Electric Company ("PG&E") is pleased to offer a grant to the proposed Nevada County Community Grapple Truck program (the Program) [through PG&E's Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) 3.47 program]. We understand that the Program will enable the County to leverage their existing resources to hire grapple trucks to collect residents' tree debris.

PG&E, a subsidiary of PG&E Corporation, is an investor-owned electric and gas utility operating in the state of California, covering over 70,000 square miles and serving approximately 16 million people. PG&E has a strong interest in successfully enabling promising technologies within the PG&E service area that advance safety, reliability, affordability, and clean energy adoption.

PG&E supports the Program's overall goals to improve community wildfire resiliency in Nevada County by lessening the fuel load through the area. PG&E thus offers a \$100,000 grant from PG&E's EPIC 3.47 program to Nevada County. PG&E's commitment to this Program is limited to the financial support provided by this grant. All administrative, safety, and coordination work relating to the grant and the Program shall be the responsibility of Nevada County. The grant offer is also contingent upon the economic viability of the Program and the Program proceeding. If the Program is discontinued, PG&E expects the return of any unspent portion of this grant's funding.

PG&E's financial support for the Program is subject to your agreement that results of the Program will be available to PG&E.

In order to express your agreement to receipt of the grant under the terms described above, please countersign and return a copy of this letter. Once we have received your executed copy, we will provide the grant to the County.

We look forward to hearing of your Program's success.

Sincerely,

*John Fiske*

John Fiske  
Director of Execution  
Vegetation Wood Management,  
Enterprise Vegetation Management  
Pacific Gas and Electric Company

AGREED AND ACCEPTED:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_