

## **EXHIBIT A**

### **AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT [BFS21195] WITH ABBOTT & KINDERMANN, INC.**

THIS AMENDMENT No. 2 is made and is effective as of September 10, 2024, by and between Abbott & Kindermann, Inc. (“Contractor”), and the County of Nevada (“County”), collectively, the “Parties.” This Amendment No. 2 amends the Professional Services Contract between the parties for legal services, effective as of February 19, 2024 (“Contract”).

WHEREAS, the Parties entered into a Professional Services Contract [PESR4919] for legal services in connection with the application for the Idaho Maryland Mine – Rise Gold project; and

WHEREAS, the case is ongoing, including the filing of a Petition for Peremptory Writ of Mandate entitled *Rise Grass Valley vs. County of Nevada; Nevada County*, Superior Court Case No.CU0001386; and

WHEREAS, an extension of the Contract term is necessary to provide for the litigation services under this Contract; and

WHEREAS, additional funding is necessary to pay for the litigation costs; and

WHEREAS, the County desires that Contractor continue to provide legal services related to the continued defense and trial of the above-referenced claim and litigation, and Contractor is ready, willing, and able to provide such services; and

WHEREAS, the parties now desire to extend the term of the contract from June 30, 2025, to June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the parties now desire to increase the maximum amount of the contract by \$175,000 to a maximum contract amount of \$225,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and agreements contained herein, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Section 2, Payment, is hereby increased by \$175,000 for a maximum contract amount of \$225,000.
2. Section 3, Contract Termination Date, is hereby extended to June 30, 2026.
3. That in all other respects the prior Contract of the parties shall remain in full force and effect except as amended herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Amendment No. 2 to Personal Services Contract between the County of Nevada and Abbott & Kindermann, Inc., effective as of the date first written above.

COUNTY OF NEVADA

CONTRACTOR:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Hon. Hardy Bullock  
Chair, Board of Supervisors

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Diane Kindermann, Esq.  
Abbott & Kindermann

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tine Mathiasen  
Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board of  
Supervisors

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Katharine L. Elliott  
County Counsel