

WORK AUTHORIZATION AND AGREEMENT

Please Sign and Return One Copy to:

NINYO & MOORE
5710 Ruffin Road
San Diego, California 92123

PROPOSAL NO. **02-03451**

1. PROJECT ADDRESS: **5211 Fifth Street, Fallbrook, California**
2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION: **Special Inspection Services**
3. SCOPE OF STUDY: **Please refer to proposal dated July 26, 2024.**
4. FEE: **\$4,994 (Four Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Four Dollars – Time and Materials)**
5. PORTION OF FEE IN ADVANCE OF WORK: **None**
6. CLIENT: **VALLECITOS SCHOOL DISTRICT**
5211 Fifth Street
Fallbrook, California 92028
PHONE: **760/728-7092**
- CONTACT: **Meliton Sanchez**
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7. STATEMENT TO BE SENT TO: **Client**

CONDITIONS OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN CLIENT AND NINYO & MOORE

This AGREEMENT is made by and between: NINYO & MOORE GEOTECHNICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES CONSULTANTS, hereinafter referred to as CONSULTANT, and **VALLECITOS SCHOOL DISTRICT**, hereinafter referred to as CLIENT. This AGREEMENT between the parties consists of these TERMS, the attached Proposal identified as No. **02-03451** dated **July 26, 2024**, and any exhibits or attachments noted in the Proposal. Together, these elements will constitute the entire AGREEMENT superseding any and all prior negotiations, correspondence, or agreements either written or oral. Any changes to this AGREEMENT must be mutually agreed to in writing.

STANDARD OF CARE

CLIENT recognizes that subsurface conditions may vary from those observed at locations where borings, surveys, or explorations are made, and that site conditions may change with time. Data, interpretations, and recommendations by CONSULTANT will be based solely on information available to CONSULTANT. CONSULTANT is responsible for those data, interpretations, and recommendations, but will not be responsible for other parties' interpretations or use of the information developed.

Services performed by CONSULTANT under this AGREEMENT are expected by CLIENT to be conducted in a manner consistent with the level of care and skill ordinarily exercised by members of the geotechnical engineering profession practicing contemporaneously under similar conditions in the locality of the project. Under no circumstance is any warranty, expressed or implied, made in connection with the providing of geotechnical consulting services.

SITE ACCESS AND SITE CONDITIONS

CLIENT will grant or obtain free access to the site for all equipment and personnel necessary for CONSULTANT to perform the work set forth in this agreement. CLIENT will notify any and all possessors of the project site that CLIENT has granted CONSULTANT free access to the site. Client will protect all property, inside and out, including all plants and landscaping. CONSULTANT will take reasonable precautions to reduce the potential for damage to the site, but it is understood by CLIENT that, in the normal course of work, some damage may occur and the correction of such damage or alteration is not part of this AGREEMENT unless so specified in the Proposal.

CLIENT is responsible for accurately delineating the locations of all subterranean structures and utilities. CONSULTANT will take reasonable precautions to avoid known subterranean structures, and CLIENT waives any claim against CONSULTANT, and agrees to defend, indemnify and hold CONSULTANT harmless from any claim or liability for injury or loss, including costs of defense, arising from damage done to subterranean structures and utilities not identified or accurately located. In addition,

CLIENT agrees to compensate CONSULTANT for any time spent or expenses incurred by CONSULTANT in defense of any such claim, with compensation to be based upon CONSULTANT's prevailing fee schedule and expense reimbursement policy.

SAMPLE DISPOSAL

CONSULTANT will dispose of remaining soil, rock, and water samples approximately thirty (30) days after submission of the report covering those samples. Further storage or transfer of samples can be made at CLIENT's expense upon CLIENT's prior written request.

MONITORING

If CONSULTANT is retained by CLIENT to provide a site representative for the purpose of monitoring specific portions of construction work or other field activities as set forth in the Proposal, then this phrase applies. For the specified assignment, CONSULTANT will report observations and professional opinions to CLIENT or CLIENT's agent. No action of CONSULTANT or CONSULTANT's site representative can be construed as altering any AGREEMENT between the CLIENT and others. CONSULTANT will report to CLIENT or CLIENT's agent any observed geotechnically related work which, in CONSULTANT's professional opinion, does not conform with plans and specifications. The CONSULTANT has no right to reject or stop work of any agent or subcontractor of CLIENT; such rights are reserved solely for CLIENT. Furthermore, CONSULTANT's presence on the site does not in any way guarantee the completion or quality of the performance of the work of any party retained by CLIENT to provide field or construction-related services.

If CONSULTANT is not retained by Client for the purpose of monitoring construction work or field activities, CONSULTANT will expressly not be held liable or responsible for such activities or for the geotechnical performance of the completed project. Monitoring of construction work or field activities and the geotechnical performance of the completed project is and will remain the sole and express responsibility of the CLIENT or other party designated by the CLIENT. CLIENT hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless CONSULTANT from and against any loss or judgment, suffered by the CONSULTANT as a result of a claim or lawsuit resulting from CLIENT's failure to monitor construction work or field activities for which CONSULTANT has not been retained.

CONSULTANT will not be responsible for and will not have control or charge of specific means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures of construction or other field activities selected by any agent or agreement of CLIENT. It is mutually understood and agreed by CLIENT and CONSULTANT that CONSULTANT has no control or enforcement ability over any persons or parties who are not employees of CONSULTANT. CONSULTANT does not purport to be, nor is CONSULTANT responsible for, any safety precautions nor programs incident thereto for such non-employees of CONSULTANT.

OWNERSHIP AND MAINTENANCE OF DOCUMENTS

Unless otherwise specified in this Agreement or in an Addendum, and provided that CONSULTANT has been fully paid for the Services, CLIENT shall have the right to use the documents, maps, photographs, drawings and specifications resulting from CONSULTANT's efforts on the project, for purposes reasonably contemplated by the parties. CONSULTANT shall have the right, but shall not be obligated, to retain copies of all such materials and shall have the right to use the same for any purpose, unless such use would be expected to cause harm to CLIENT. CLIENT shall specify in advance, in writing, and be charged for all arrangements for special or extended-period maintenance of such materials by CONSULTANT. CONSULTANT retains the right of ownership with respect to any patentable concepts or copyrightable materials arising from its Services.

Reuse of any material described by CLIENT, including publication to third parties, on extension of this project or on any other project without CONSULTANT's written authorization, shall be at CLIENT's risk, and CLIENT agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless CONSULTANT from all claims, damages, and expenses, including attorney's fees, arising out of such unauthorized reuse.

BILLING AND PAYMENT

CLIENT will pay CONSULTANT in accordance with the procedures indicated in the Proposal and its attachments. Invoices will be submitted to CLIENT by CONSULTANT, and will be due and payable upon presentation. If CLIENT objects to all or any portion of any invoice, CLIENT will so notify CONSULTANT in writing within fourteen (14) calendar days of the invoice date, identify the cause of disagreement, and pay when due that portion of the invoice not in dispute. The parties will immediately make every effort to settle the disputed portion of the invoice. In the absence of written notification described above, the balance as stated on the invoice will be paid.

Invoices are delinquent if payment has not been received within thirty (30) days from date of invoice. CLIENT will pay an additional charge of three quarters of a percent (.75) per month (or the maximum percentage allowed by law, whichever is lower) on any delinquent amount, excepting any portion of the invoiced amount in dispute and resolved in favor of CLIENT. Payment thereafter will first be applied to accrued interest and then to the principal unpaid amount. All time spent and expenses incurred (including any attorney's fees) in connection with collection of any delinquent amount will be paid by CLIENT to CONSULTANT per CONSULTANT's current fee schedules. In the event CLIENT fails to pay CONSULTANT within sixty (60) days after invoices are rendered, CLIENT agrees that CONSULTANT will have the right to consider the failure to pay the CONSULTANT's invoice as a breach of this AGREEMENT and CONSULTANT may cease work on the project. At CONSULTANT's option, CONSULTANT may waive said major breach upon payment by CLIENT of all arrearages and outstanding invoices.

TERMINATION

This AGREEMENT may be terminated by either party seven (7) days after written notice in the event of any breach of any provision of this AGREEMENT or in the event of substantial failure of performance by either party, or if CLIENT suspends the work for more than three (3) months. In the event of termination, CONSULTANT will be paid for services performed prior to the date of termination plus reasonable termination expenses, including, but not limited to, the cost of completing analyses, records, and reports necessary to document job status at the time of termination.

RISK ALLOCATION

Many risks potentially affect CONSULTANT by virtue of entering into this AGREEMENT to perform professional consulting services on behalf of CLIENT. The principal risk is the potential for human error by CONSULTANT. For CLIENT to obtain the benefit of a fee which includes a nominal allowance for dealing with CONSULTANT's liability, CLIENT agrees to limit CONSULTANT's liability to CLIENT and to all other parties for claims arising out of CONSULTANT's performance of the services described in this AGREEMENT. The aggregate liability of CONSULTANT will not exceed \$50,000 for negligent professional acts, errors, or omissions, including attorney's fees and costs which may be awarded to the prevailing party, and CLIENT agrees to indemnify and hold harmless CONSULTANT from and against all liabilities in excess of the monetary limit established above.

Limitations on liability and indemnities in this AGREEMENT are business understandings between the parties voluntarily and knowingly entered into, and shall apply to all theories of recovery including, but not limited to, breach of contract, warranty, tort (including negligence), strict or statutory liability, or any other cause of action, except for willful misconduct or gross negligence. The parties also agree that CLIENT will not seek damages in excess of the limitations indirectly through suits with other parties who may join CONSULTANT as a third-party nor by an award of attorney's fees and costs to the prevailing party in excess of the aggregate liability agreed upon herein by the parties. Parties means CLIENT and CONSULTANT and their officers, employees, agents, affiliates, and subcontractors.

Both CLIENT and CONSULTANT agree that they will not be liable to each other, under any circumstances, for special, indirect, consequential, or punitive damages arising out of or related to this AGREEMENT.

INDEMNIFICATION

If any claim is brought against CONSULTANT, its employees, agents and subcontractors and/or CLIENT by a third party, relating in any way to the Services, the contribution and indemnification rights and obligations of CONSULTANT and Client, subject to the paragraph titled "Risk Allocation" above, such claim shall be determined as follows:

1. If any negligence, breach of contract, or willful misconduct of CONSULTANT caused any damage, injury, or loss claimed by the third party, then CONSULTANT and CLIENT shall each indemnify the other against any loss or judgement on a comparative negligence basis (CLIENT responsibility to include that of its agents, employees, and other contractors); and
2. Unless CONSULTANT was liable for negligence, breach of contract, or willful misconduct which in whole or in part, caused the damage, injury, or loss asserted in the third party claim, CLIENT shall indemnify CONSULTANT against the claim, liability, loss, legal fees, consulting fees, and other costs of defense reasonably incurred.

DISCOVERY OF UNANTICIPATED HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

CLIENT represents that CLIENT has made a reasonable effort to evaluate if hazardous materials are on or near the project site, and that CLIENT has informed CONSULTANT of CLIENT's findings relative to the possible presence of such materials.

Hazardous materials may exist at a site where there is no reason to believe they could or should be present. CONSULTANT and CLIENT agree that the discovery of unanticipated hazardous materials constitutes a changed condition mandating a renegotiation of the scope of work or termination of services. CONSULTANT and CLIENT also agree that the discovery of unanticipated hazardous materials may make it necessary for CONSULTANT to take immediate measures to protect health and safety. CLIENT agrees to compensate CONSULTANT for any equipment decontamination or other costs incident to the discovery of unanticipated hazardous materials.

CONSULTANT agrees to notify CLIENT when unanticipated hazardous materials or suspected hazardous materials are encountered. CLIENT agrees to make any disclosures required by law to the appropriate governing agencies. CLIENT also agrees to hold CONSULTANT harmless for any and all consequences of disclosures made by CONSULTANT which are required by governing law. In the event the project site is not owned by CLIENT, CLIENT recognizes that it is CLIENT's responsibility to inform the property owner of the discovery of unanticipated hazardous materials or suspected hazardous materials.

Notwithstanding any other provision of the AGREEMENT, CLIENT waives any claim against CONSULTANT and, to the maximum extent permitted by law, agrees to defend, indemnify, and save CONSULTANT harmless from any claim, liability, and/or defense costs for injury or loss arising from CONSULTANT's discovery of unanticipated hazardous materials or suspected hazardous materials, including, but not limited to, any costs created by delay of the project and any cost associated with possible reduction of the property's value.

CLIENT will be responsible for ultimate disposal of any samples secured by CONSULTANT which are found to be contaminated.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

If a dispute at law arises from matters related to the services provided under this AGREEMENT and that dispute requires litigation, then:

1. The claim will be brought and tried in judicial jurisdiction of the court of the county where CONSULTANT's principal place of business is located and CLIENT waives the right to remove the action to any other county or judicial jurisdiction, and;
2. The prevailing party will be entitled to recovery of all reasonable costs incurred, including staff time, court costs, attorneys' and expert witness fees, and other claim-related expenses.

GOVERNING LAW AND SURVIVAL

If any of the provisions contained in this AGREEMENT are held illegal, invalid, or unenforceable, the enforceability of the remaining provisions will not be impaired. Risk allocation and indemnities will survive termination or failure of this AGREEMENT for any cause.

The parties have read, or had the opportunity to read, the foregoing, including all attachments, addendums, and exhibits hereto, have had an opportunity to discuss the same, understand completely the terms, and willingly enter into this AGREEMENT which will become effective on the date signed below by CLIENT.

Meliton Sanchez

Printed Name of Client or Authorized Agent



Signature of Client or Authorized Agent

August 6, 2024

Date

Kenneth H. Mansir, Jr., GE No. 2739, Principal Engineer

August 6, 2024

Date

PM: CMK