ALTA HEALTHCARE DISTICT AGENDA

MEETING DATE:

THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2022

TIME:

11:00 A.M.

PLACE:

DINUBA FIRE DEPARTMENT, 496 East Tulare Street, Dinuba, CA 93618

(ATTENDANCE BY ZOOM IS ALSO AVAILABLE. TO PARTICIPATE OR OBSERVE THE

MEETING BY ZOOM, DO SO BY JOINING THE ZOOM MEETING.

(SEE INSTRUCTIONS TO JOIN BELOW)

MISSION: WE EXIST TO ENHANCE THE PHYSICAL AND MENTÁL HEALTH OF ALL RESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICT FROM CONCEPTION TO FINAL PASSING

- 1. CALL TO ORDER: Yvette Botello, Chair
- 2. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS, STAFF AND GUESTS
- 3. CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1 Approval of April 14, 2022 Minutes – Stefane Lawson

(Action)

4. PUBLIC COMMENT (Limited to 3 minutes per speaker)

At this time the public wishing to address the Board on any matter related to Board business may do so now. Speakers will state their name, address and topic to be addressed. Any increase of time for a speaker is at the discretion of the Chair.

- PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2022-23
 - 5.1 Call to Order Yvette Botello, Chair

(Action)

5.2 Public Comments and Questions

(Hearing)

5.3 Board Questions and Discussion

(Discussion)

5.4 Approval of Proposed Budget for 2022-23

(Action)

- 6. GRANT APPLICATIONS, REPORTS AND INFORMATION None.
- 7. OLD BUSINESS -

7.1	Community	/ Partners'	Meeting – October 1, 2022	
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(Discussion)

7.2 Report of Current Investment Account – Jana Spade

(Information)

7.3 Flash Report - Jana Spade

(Information)

7.4 Grant Status Report - Jan Spade

(Information)

7.5 Budget Status Report - Jana Spade

(Information)

7.6 Budget Adjustments

(Action)

7.7 04/14/2022 Response to Grand Jury re their Findings

and Recommendation – Michael Wilhelm

(Information)

- 8. NEW BUSINESS -
 - 8.1 New Ordinance 2022-01 to Update Board Wages First Reading

- Jana Spade

(Discussion)

8.2 Approval of Ordinance 2022-1

(Action)

Approval of Fee Agreement of Peltzer & Richardson LC (Action) 8.3 (Information) BETA Healthcare Letter Dated 04/20/2022 8.4 (Information) MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS/QUESTIONS - Board/Staff 9. (Information) NEXT MEETING: Thursday, July 21, 2022, at 11 AM (Location - TBD) 10. ADJOURNMENT - Yvette Botello, Chair 11. CERTIFICATION: THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THIS AGENDA WAS POSTED AT THE DINUBA BRANCH LIBRARY BY 5 PM MAY 9, 2022 AND PRINTED IN THE MID VALLEY TIMES (DINUBA SENTENAL) MAY ______, 2022. IF ANYONE WANTS COPIES OF ANY OF THE REFERENCED BOARD MATERIALS THEY MAY CONTACT THE CLERK OF THE BOARD, STEFANE LAWSON, AT 559/730-6027 OR slawson@altahcd.com Respectfully Submitted Stefane Lawson, Clerk of the Board Alta Healthcare District Instructions to Join ZOOM Meeting Topic: Alta Healthcare Meeting Time: May 19, 2022 11:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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ALTA HEALTHCARE DISTRICT MINUTES MEETING HELD ON ZOOM

MEETING DATE:

THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2022

TIME:

11:00 A.M.

SHELTER IN PLACE:

ALL BOARD MEMBERS, STAFF, AND GUESTS APPEARED THROUGH ZOOM

BOARD ATTENDANCE

AREA I	JAVIER QUEVEDO	VICE CHAIR	PRESENT
AREA II	KATHY GRANT		ABSENT
AREA III	YVETTE BOTELLO	CHAIR	PRESENT
AREA IV	MARTHA SWAIM		PRESENT
AREA V	MARGIE DAVIDIAN		PRESENT

STAFF

CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER	JANA SPADE	PRESENT
CLERK OF THE BOARD	STEFANE LAWSON	PRESENT
ATTORNEY	MICHAEL WILHELM	PRESENT

GUESTS

MICHELLE POTELLO	Administrative Assistant to JORDAN WEBSTER, DINUBA FIRE CHIEF
ISAAC JOHNSON	DAVIS DEMOGRAPHICS .
RAFFI SOGHOMONIAN	CUTLER-OROSI JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT MOT DIRECTOR
YOLANDA VALDEZ	CUTLER-OROSI JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINDENDENT
JIM KOONTZ	ATTORNEY FROM PELTZER & RICHARDSON LAW FIRM

MISSION: WE EXIST TO ENHANCE THE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH OF ALL RESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICT FROM CONCEPTION TO FINAL PASSING.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Chairperson, Yvette Botello.
- 2. INTRODUCTIONS OF BOARD MEMBERS, STAFF AND GUESTS
- 3. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve the Minutes of March 17, 2022, as presented, was made by Martha Swaim, seconded by Margie Davidian and approved. Minutes of the March 17, 2022 Meeting shall be executed by Stefane Lawson, Clerk of the Board.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT None.

- 5. PUBLIC HEARING ON REDISTRICTING (FOURTH HEARING)
 - 5.1 Called to order at 11:03 a.m. by Chairperson, Yvette Botello.
 - 5.2 Report from Isaac Johnson of Davis Demographics re Zone Adjustments Isaac Johnson reported that he provided a compliance verification map reflecting all the current hospital districts of the voting areas for each trustee member. The purpose of adjusting the boundaries is due to the max rate that state law allows for as far as variance

(the total population of each trustee area), and the District's boundaries are currently out of compliance with state law, as it is necessary to allow for a more equal distribution of the population in each trustee voting area.

The committee has been provided with a couple different proposed plans. The first plan that seems to be the most favorable will solve the variance problem by keeping like neighborhoods together as much as possible and will also follow natural boundaries such as major streets, aqueducts, all which make nice natural breaks to the trustee boundaries. The goal is to get as close to 10,000 residents per trustee area as possible; this will be accomplished in the first plan of Davis Demographics, which brings the variance down to 4-1/2 percent, taking the District back into compliance with state law. Isaac Johnson invited questions. There were none.

- 5.3 Public Comments and Questions None
- 5.4 Board Questions and Discussion None
- 5.5 Approval of Recommendations of Davis Demographics Motion to approve the redistricting recommendations of Isaac Johnson of Davis Demographics was made by Martha Swaim, seconded by Javier Quevedo and approved.

 Michael Wilhelm indicated and Isaac Johnson confirmed that Davis Demographics will

provide the District with a shape file that will then be provided to Tulare County Elections

Office showing where our new district boundaries are.

The public hearing on redistricting was concluded at 11:10 a.m. by Chairperson, Yvette Botello.

6. GRANT APPLICATIONS, REPORTS AND INFORMATION

- Report from Raffi Soghomonian of Cutler-Orosi Joint Unified School District re Grant 6.1 Application for funds to complete lighting project/enhancement of public use of facilities - Yolanda Valdez, superintendent expressed gratitude to this committee, sharing that the Cutler-Orosi Sports Complex attests for the fact that people of the community are getting healthier, there are many people using the equipment and walking the paths, and expressed her thankfulness for the committee's goals and making them come to life. Raffi Soghomonian reported that the pending grant application will enhance the success of the community that has already witnessed; there is a mile and a half of walking track that is a concrete walking path, and this pending grant will give 76 lights around the walking trail; it will not allow the funding to do the wiring but that is something the District will provide; the lighting will allow use of the walking track at night time by the public, especially in the winter time when people are getting off work at 5:00 and its already dark. The school district will provide the labor. Each of the 76 lights will have their own motion detector to allow each individual light to turn on only when motion is detected. Raffi Soghomonian invited questions. There were no additional questions. Chairperson, Yvette Botello, asked that all board members, using this Cutler-Orosi Sports Complex as an example, do something similar in all their respective districts.
- 6.2 Board Questions and Discussion None
- 6.3 Approval of Grant Application of Cutler-Orosi Joint Unified School District Motion to approve the Grant Application of Cutler-Orosi Joint Unified School District made by Javier Quevedo, seconded by Margie Davidian and approved.

7. REPORT OF STEFANE LAWSON, BOARD CLERK.

7.1 Review of Non-Financial Records/Recommendation to Destroy – Chairperson, Yvette Botello, asked Martha Swaim if she had reviewed the inventory list of non-financial

records, and Martha Swaim confirmed she had. Stefane Lawson confirmed that all three boxes are currently in her possession, at her office. Michael Wilhelm shared that a lot of records were cleaned up before Stefane Lawson took possession. Michael Wilhelm stated that all Agendas and all Minutes shall be kept perpetually, never getting rid of those documents. Jana Spade indicated that she also has boxes of records, four or five, and now having an inventory of what documents Stefane Lawson possesses, she will now eliminate those documents that are duplicated. Jana Spade stated that she also has all quarterly reports that go out to all board members which are fairly voluminous, and Jana Spade already has the QuickBooks records; it was determined that it is not necessary to retain all of those quarterly reports, only keeping a few years back. Yvette Botello reviewed the inventory lists and suggested that Box 2 all go on a disk. Michael Wilhelm stated that all correspondence can go on a disk, and all compliance-letters shall be kept on a disk. Yvette Botello suggested that all of Box 3 can go on a disk.

- 7.2 Board Questions and Discussion None
- 7.3 Approval of Recommendation to Destroy Certain Records Motion to approve Stefane Lawson's placement of all documents contained in Boxes 2 and 3 on a disk and Stefane Lawson's retention of all hard documents contained in Box 1 (Agendas and Minutes) was made by Javier Quevedo, seconded by Martha Swaim and approved.

8. OLD BUSINESS

- 8.1 Community Partners' Meeting Michael Wilhelm indicated that Margie Davidian, Stefane Lawson and himself all met and discussed the Community Partner's Meeting; the Senior Center is available on October 1st; Michael Wilhelm indicated that the structure of the meeting will be the same as before, with 40-50 people being in attendance; the board members will share a round table for discussion on the various questions. Stefane Lawson will work on contacting invitees and working on attendance of them and sending out the questionnaire; ultimately, the District is looking for good solid projects to invest money in; the board members will provide Stefane Lawson her marching orders so that a plan is in place for the October 1 meeting; there is a list of people who will be invited and the board members reviewed the list together, each member taking responsibility to contact certain invitees whom they already have a relationship with. Michael Wilhelm advised that as the board members invite people to the October 1 meeting, Stefane Lawson shall be advised of those invitees so as to keep track of the number of invitees.
- 8.2 Dinuba Senior Center October 1, 2022 Availability and Completion of Facility/Equipment Use Form It was confirmed that Stefane Lawson, as Clerk of the Board, will be identified on the Facility/Equipment Use Form as the Applicant.
- 8.3 Approval and Execution of Dinuba Senior Center's Facility/Equipment Use Form and approval of board members' list of invitees Motion to approve moving forward with list of invitees as delegated by Chairperson, Yvette Botello, was made by Javier Quevedo, seconded by Martha Swaim and approved.
- 8.4 Report of Current Investment Account Jana Spade reported that the investment account is at \$944,000 which is up from last month but down overall for the year. The investments were adjusted most recently and there is positivity for 2022, working more with domestic investments.
- 8.5 Flash Report Jana Spade reported that cash is at approximately \$311,000 in checking which will cover the grant just approved; a budge adjustment is necessary

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8.6 Grant Status Report – Nothing to report.

- 8.7 Budget Status Report Jana Spade indicated that we are currently short \$50,000 in the current budget and will need an approval to work with Cutler-Orosi Joint Unified School District application just approved.
- 8.8 Findings and Recommendations(s) of Grand Jury Yvette Botello confirmed that all board members received a copy of the Grand Jury's findings and recommendations. Michael Wilhelm indicated that due to the pandemic the Board has had far less grant applications; if allowed by the Board, Michael Wilhelm will prepare a response to the Grand Jury for Yvette Botellos' signature.

 Motion to approve Michael Wilhelm's preparation of a response to the Grand Jury was made by Javier Quevedo, seconded by Margie Davidian and approved.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1 New Ordinance to Update Board Wages Jana Spade advised that Michael Wilhelm updated the Ordinance. Michael Wilhelm confirmed that the only change made was that of a code section. The April 14, 2022 Agenda erroneously identifies this item as a "discussion" item, not an "action" item, so it is now necessary to proceed with the first reading and approval of the New Ordinance to Update Board Wages on the May 19, 2022 Agenda.
- 9.2 Rules on Zoom Meetings After February 1, 2022 Michael Wilhelm asked if the Board wanted to proceed with another Zoom meeting or in-person? The Board was in agreement to proceed with the next Board Meeting in-person. Michael Wilhelm advised that Stefane Lawson shall first contact Dinuba Library to reserve their conference room. If the Dinuba Library is not able to facilitate the meeting, then Dinuba Fire Department is the second choice.
- 9.3 Setting May 19, 2022 Meeting The next meeting of the Board will be May 19, 2022, in person; Stefane Lawson will take charge of lunch for all; Jana Spade indicated she will reimburse Stefane Lawson for the costs of lunch.
 Motion to approve returning to in-person meetings was made by Javier Quevedo, seconded by Margie Davidian and approved.
- 9.4 Adoption of Resolution 2022-4 Resolution 2022-4 was not necessary, as the Board is returning to in-person meetings moving forward.

10. MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS/QUESTIONS – Board/Staff

Javier Quevedo sought information about the park in Cutler, specifically wanting to know who to contact re beautifying/upgrading the park. Michael Wilhelm stated that it is necessary to consider what would enhance peoples' physical health, such as a walking path or lighting. Javier Quevedo is concerned about getting greater use of the park by the citizens and suggested talking with the district supervisor re future plans for the park.

11. CLOSED SESSION (BOARD ONLY - REVIEW OF STAFF - Government Code §54947)

11.1 Explanation of Closed Door Session –Michael Wilhelm indicated that Jim Koontz, Attorney, from the Peltzer & Richardson Law Firm is present to represent the law firm as potential new legal counsel for the Board, which discussion will be conducted in Closed Session. Michael Wilhelm will be retiring soon, and it is necessary to secure replacement legal counsel. Jim Koontz, Attorney, is one of three attorneys with the Peltzer & Richardson Law Firm. All staff members left the Zoom meeting, allowing the Board

Members, Michael Wilhelm and Jim Koontz to discuss the pending issues in Closed Door Session.

After going into Closed Door Session, the Board emerged to announce that they had unanimously voted to hire Peltzer & Richardson as the new District Legal Counsel, replacing Michael Wilhelm. The Board is requesting a legal services agreement from the Peltzer & Richardson law firm to be on the next agenda for approval.

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12. NEXT MEETING DATE: MAY 19, 2022; TIME: 11:00 A.M.; PLACE: TBD

13. ADJOURNMENT: 12:14 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stefane Lawson, Clerk of the Board Alta Healthcare District

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Other Insurance			11,793		11,793		-	
Other Income		36,995	157,903	7,798	202,696	1,500		2,000
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Creditor's Attorney						23,736		23,736
Accounting Fees			25,000		25,000			
Med. Rec. Storage	-					2,880		720
Other Storage Fees				805	805			745
Record Shredding				1,538	1,538			200
Telephone						536		176
PO Box	1							
Copy & Postage				27	27	300		75
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Grants:							
Prior Year's Grants - 1		\$73,850					
Current Year Grants	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
Board Expenses:							
Board Wages	\$610	\$610	\$610	\$610	\$610	\$610	\$640
Board Chairs Fund	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
Board Mtg Lunch Exp	\$120_	\$120	\$120	\$120	\$120	\$120_	\$120
Payroll Tax Expense	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$70
Advisors/Support:					· 		
Accounting - CFO	\$1,750	\$1,750	\$1,750	\$1,750	\$1,750	\$ <u>1,750</u>	\$1,750
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Proposed Ordinance

Alta Healthcare District

Ordinance 2022-1

Pursuant to Healthcare and Safety Code Section 32103 (which references Water Code Section 20200) and the District's Ordinance 2021-1, the board of directors pay over that last 4 years (2019-2022) has increased 5% annually.

In order to continue this increase and in response to issues regarding inflation or fair compensation issues, the board has determined to a make an additional 5% increase per year as follows:

January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 - \$127.63

January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 - \$134.01

January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025 - \$140.71

January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026 - \$147.74

Any additional increases in meeting compensation shall be subject to subsequent ordinances of the District.

First Reading: May 19, 2022

Second Reading and Approval:

Adopted certified: _____ Stefane Lawson, Board Clerk



April 20, 2022

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Yvette Botello Chair Alta Healthcare District P.O. Box 410 Orosi, CA 93647

RE: Alta Healthcare District
BETA Risk Management Authority
July 1, 2022 Liability and Workers' Compensation
Renewal Rates and Dividends

Dear Ms. Botello:

BETA Risk Management Authority(BETARMA) recently finalized base rates and dividends for the upcoming renewal of the Healthcare Entity Comprehensive Liability (HCL), Excess Healthcare Entity Comprehensive Liability (XHCL), Directors and Officers/Employment Practices Liability (D&O/EPL), Automobile Coverage, Workers' Compensation (WC) and Excess Workers' Compensation (XWC) Contracts for the July 1, 2022 renewal.

Liability Rates:

The BETA Council approved a base rate increase of 2% for the HCL/XHCL Coverage Contracts. The HCL/XHCL rate increases follow a period, prior to the most recent two years, of over a decade where HCL rates were flat to down, despite rising costs, due to a very competitive market. Base rates for the D&O/EPL Coverage Contracts will increase by 5%, and Auto Coverage Contracts will increase by 5%. While base rates for these coverages are increasing, it should be emphasized that experience rating will continue to play an important role in determining renewal pricing and could result in a total rate change for the HCL/XHCL, Auto and D&O/EPL contracts that is greater or less than the member's expiring rates.

WC Rates:

The BETA Council also approved a base rate decrease for the WC/XWC Coverage Contracts of -2% this year due to the continued soft market. We believe that an overall base rate decrease will position BETA to retain our renewals in this very competitive market. Although base rates are decreasing on average, it should be emphasized that individual class code rates will fluctuate based on overall claims experience. In addition to individual class code rate changes, the experience rating which includes the Ex-Mod factor, will continue to play an important role in determining renewal pricing and could result in a total rate change for the WC coverage contracts that is greater or less than the member's expiring rates. Ex-Mod reports for the upcoming renewal have been distributed and will be released again with the WC renewal quotes.

Dividends:

In addition to approving rates for this year's renewal, the BETA Council recently approved a total of \$11.6 million in annual dividends; \$7.3 million for liability lines of coverage and \$4.3 million for WC. Similar to past years, these dividends will be distributed to eligible members renewing on July 1, 2022. The annual dividend is based on each member's contribution to the financial performance of BETARMA dating back to when the member joined the program. Years of membership and loss experience relative to paid contributions will determine the percentage allocation that

each member receives from the total annual dividend. This year's dividend marks the 30th consecutive year that BETARMA will distribute dividends to its members.

As part of BETARMA's continued efforts to cross-sell the HCL/XHCL and WC/XWC product lines, the BETA Council approved the continuation of the multi-line dividend in the amount of \$2.7 million for distribution to members that purchase the HCL/XHCL and WC/XWC coverage contracts from BETARMA. The multi-line dividend is in addition to the annual dividend described above. This dividend is allocated based on the percentage of each member's written primary HCL/XHCL and WC/XWC contributions compared to the total written primary HCL/XHCL and WC/XWC contributions of all eligible multi-line members in the 2021/2022 contract year.

Both the annual dividend and multi-line dividend will be distributed to eligible members who are in good standing, in two installments, on October 1, 2022 and April 1, 2023.

Coverage Contract:

There are no coverage contract changes.

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please feel free to contact me at (916) 266-5235. Thank you for your continued trust and loyalty to BETA Healthcare Group.

Sincerely,

Michele D. Reager, CPCU

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May 2, 2022

Alta Healthcare District Attn: Yvette Botello, Chair

Re:

Alta Healthcare District - General Counsel Services

Retainer and Fee Agreement Our File No.: 2103-000

Dear Board of Directors:

Thank you for your consideration and expression of confidence in retaining Peltzer & Richardson, LC to represent you in the above-related matter. It is the recommended practice of the California State Bar that prior to my undertaking representation of you, we enter into a written fee agreement. The following sets forth Peltzer & Richardson, LC's policy on retainers and fee agreements. This letter is to serve as a formal retainer and fee agreement, which will cover the circumstances under which Peltzer & Richardson, LC shall provide legal representation to you. All of the terms set forth herein are intended to be subject to negotiation and agreement between the parties. Unless we make a different agreement in writing, this agreement will govern all future services that we may perform for you.

You are also welcome to have this agreement reviewed by an attorney of your choice in order to obtain an independent analysis of this agreement. You should not sign this agreement, if you have any questions concerning any of the terms and conditions set forth herein. This agreement will not take effect, and we will have no obligation to provide you with legal services, until you return a signed copy of this agreement with the retainer discussed below. Further, you should not sign the agreement until after you have had it reviewed by independent legal counsel.

The additional terms and conditions of our representation are as follows:

- 1. <u>Retainer</u>. It is Peltzer & Richardson, LC's policy to require a minimum initial non-refundable retainer. However, we will not be requesting a retainer in this matter.
- 2. Rates and Charges. Unless other arrangements are made in writing, all fees will be charged on an hourly basis for all time actually expended on your behalf by each attorney or paraprofessional at his or her current hourly rate. This normally includes meetings, phone calls, document preparation, research, travel, and correspondence. My current billing rate and the rate of my partners is \$275.00 per hour and our paraprofessionals bill at the rate of \$140.00 per hour. Rates are periodically adjusted. I contemplate that I, as a partner, will do most of the attorney work on your file, but I will

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refer matters to other attorneys or paraprofessionals in our office if I feel they could better serve you.

In addition to the fees for legal services rendered, you will be responsible for all out-of-pocket expenses which Peltzer & Richardson, LC incurs on your behalf and for other costs such as filing and recording fees, documents production, word processing, reproduction charges, messenger charges, on-line legal research, and pre-authorized travel expenses. In relation to travel expenses, there shall be no charge for travel to and from Dinuba for meetings with District. In the event the amount of a required charge or expense is substantial (i.e. deposition transcript costs, expert witness fees, etc.) Peltzer & Richardson, LC's policy is that payment thereof will be requested in advance from you.

If a statement is not paid monthly, we reserve the right to discontinue performing further services anytime thereafter, regardless of the status of your matter at such time. You acknowledge our right to discontinue services and in that event you assume complete and total responsibility for your case.

3. <u>Billing Cycle</u>. Peltzer & Richardson, LC's normal billing cycle runs from approximately the first day of the month to the last day of the month. All bills are due and payable in full within 30 days from the date of the bill. Although your bill is normally printed by the computer, it is reviewed by the responsible attorney before being sent. If you have any objection to any charge set forth in your bill, you should notify my office within 60 days of the date the bill is dated. If you do not contact my office within 60 days of the dated, then you expressly agree with all of the charges set forth in the bill.

You may desire bills more frequently than once a month. If that is the case, then we will attempt to accommodate that request.

- 4. <u>Fees Not Contingent</u>. Because our fees are based upon the time devoted to a matter, the fees are not contingent upon the legal or financial outcome of a matter or project. While we take pride in the quality of our legal work and will make every effort to see that you are satisfied with our services, your obligation to pay is not conditioned upon results obtained from our services.
- 5. <u>Disputes Submitted to Arbitration</u>. Any controversy or claim in law or equity concerning the quality of or payment for the legal services provided arising out of this Agreement or a breach thereof shall, if not satisfactorily resolved by discussion between the parties, be settled by arbitration in accordance with Title 9 of the Code of Civil Procedure and not by court action, except as provided by California law for judicial review of arbitration proceedings. The losing party shall pay the arbitrator's fees. Judgment on the award rendered by the arbitrator(s) may be entered in any court having jurisdiction.

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By signing below, you are agreeing to have any dispute arising out of the matters included in this Agreement decided by neutral arbitration as provided by California law and you are giving up any rights you might possess to have the dispute litigated in a court or jury trial. By signing below, you are giving up any rights you might possess to have the dispute litigated in appeal, unless such rights are specifically included in this provision. If you refuse to submit to arbitration after agreeing to this provision, you may be compelled to arbitrate under the authority of the California Code of Civil Procedure. All arbitration proceedings herein shall be pursued privately and neither party shall publicize the fact of, or the decision of any such arbitration, except as the same may be required by law or for the purpose of pursuing the rights of judicial review. Your agreement to this arbitration provision is voluntary.

6. Service Charge on Past Due Accounts. As stated above, invoices for legal services rendered are due within 30 days from the date of the bill. ANY ACCOUNT NOT PAID PRIOR TO THE NEXT INVOICE DATE WILL INCUR A MONTHLY FINANCE CHARGE ON THE UNPAID BALANCE COMPUTED AT THE RATE OF 18 PERCENT ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE (1 ½ PERCENT PER MONTH). We figure the finance charge on your account by applying the periodic rate of 18% per month to the "adjusted balance" of your account. We get the "adjusted balance" by taking the balance you owed at the end of the previous billing cycle and subtracting any payments and credits received during the present billing cycle.

If any checks are returned for insufficient funds, your account will be charged a penalty fee of \$20.00 per returned check.

- 7. Enforcement of this Agreement. If it becomes necessary to initiate legal proceedings in order to enforce the terms and conditions of this agreement (i.e. to collect an unpaid account), this firm shall be entitled to reasonable attorneys fees and related expenses incurred in bringing such proceeding in addition to any judgment obtained. It is agreed that the parties hereto shall submit to the jurisdiction and venue of the Tulare County, California, Justice, Municipal or Superior Court, whichever is applicable for any such legal proceedings, regardless of your location. Further, you hereby agree to accept service of a summons and complaint via notice and acknowledgment. Finally, a lien against your file is hereby granted by you to this firm in the event you owe Peltzer & Richardson, LC any money for attorney's fees or costs.
- 8. No Guarantees. Peltzer & Richardson, LC cannot give you any guarantees or make any representations as to the exact amount which you will incur for fees and costs in matters that we handle for you. The amount of time necessary to handle any given matter depends on the complexity of the issues involved and, to a large degree, on the posture and actions of other parties. Because of such inherent uncertainties, you understand that although we may give you good faith estimates from time to time, they are no more than that -- merely estimates -- and are not binding unless we have specifically agreed in writing to a maximum or flat fee.

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If you have any questions or comments regarding the matters in this letter, please contact me and I would be pleased to discuss it with you. If the terms and conditions of this agreement are satisfactory to you, please indicate your agreement by executing this agreement where indicated below. Thereafter, please return the agreement to me in the self-addressed envelope provided for your convenience. I have also enclosed a copy of the agreement for you to retain for your records.

Thank you very much for your cooperation and I look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

PELTZER & RICHARDSON LC

Alex M. Peltzek

AMP/am

AGREED AND ACCEPTED:

Dated: _______ Yvette Botello, Chair