# **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

# **BETWEEN**

# **COACHELLA VALLEY MOSQUITO & VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT**

**AND** 

**TEAMSTERS LOCAL 911** 

2021 - 2024

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### **PREAMBLE**

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereafter "Memorandum" or "Agreement") is entered into by and between the Coachella Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District (hereafter "District") and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 911 (hereinafter "Union"). This Memorandum is entered into pursuant to the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act (Government Code section 3500 et seq.) and has been jointly prepared by the parties.

The parties acknowledge that they have fully discharged their obligations to meet and confer under the Meyers-Milias Brown Act concerning all issues within the scope of representation of wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment for all District employees covered by this Memorandum.

### **ARTICLE 1: RECOGNITION**

1.1 The Union is recognized as the majority representative of the full-time and probationary District employees assigned to the job classifications as listed in **Appendix A** to this Agreement and incorporated herein.

### ARTICLE 2: UNION SECURITY AND RIGHTS

# 2.1 <u>Notice to Employees of Union Status</u>

When a person is hired in any of the classifications listed in Article 1, the District shall notify that person that the Union is the recognized bargaining representative for the employee's representation unit and give the employee a current copy of the Memorandum.

### 2.2 Dues Deduction

The District shall only deduct Union membership dues and any other mutually agreed upon payroll deduction from the biweekly pay of member employees who voluntarily become a member of the Union. The dues deduction must be authorized in writing by the employee on an authorization card acceptable to the District and the Union. The District shall remit the deducted dues and other fees to the Union as soon as possible after deduction. Notwithstanding the above, member employees may terminate their Union membership by notifying the Union in writing. The Union shall then notify the District of the member employee's withdrawal of Union membership.

2.2.1 <u>Indemnification and Hold Harmless</u>: The Union shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the District from any damage, liability, cost, or attorneys' fees in the event of any action in which the District is named as a party, which action

involves the deduction of dues, use of dues after deduction, negligence of the Union regarding the deducted dues or any similar claim.

# 2.3 <u>Bargaining Unit Information</u>

Upon request from the Union, but not more than once every six (6) months, the District shall supply the Union with a list of the names, addresses, and classifications of all unit employees except those who file written notice with the District objecting to release of their addresses, in which case information will be transmitted without the objecting employees' addresses.

### 2.4 <u>Notice and Opportunity to Meet and Confer</u>

Except in case of emergency, the Union shall be given reasonable advance written notice of any resolution, rule or regulation directly relating to matters within the scope of representation proposed to be adopted by the District and shall be given the opportunity to meet and confer or meet and consult, where a meet and confer is not required, with the appropriate Management representatives prior to adoption.

# 2.5 <u>Electronic Usage</u>

Employee use of email shall comply with the District's Computer Use Policy.

### 2.6 Use of Facilities

Union representatives shall have the right to use District facilities and equipment at the site at reasonable hours for Union meetings of District employees during their non-work hours when such facilities are not otherwise in use. The Union shall provide a written request two (2) days prior to the District; the District shall provide the individual responsible for securing the facility a copy of said notice.

- 2.6.1 <u>Procedures:</u> The Union representatives will follow standard facilities or equipment use procedures for the reservation and use of facilities or equipment. The Union shall provide a written request two (2) days prior to such meeting date.
- 2.6.2 <u>Activities:</u> The requested activities or use will not interfere or interrupt normal District operations.
- 2.6.3 <u>Equipment:</u> The use of District equipment, other than items normally used in the conduct of meetings, is not permitted. The Union shall reimburse the District for any materials consumed while using District equipment.

# 2.7 <u>Defining At-Will Classifications</u>

The following classifications within the bargaining unit shall be held "at-will." This means that the District has the right to discipline and/or terminate employees in these classifications with or without advance notice and without any opportunity to appeal the disciplinary action, notwithstanding any provision of the District's Personnel Policies, Procedures & Regulations Manual. Classifications that are "at-will" are set forth below:

Vector Ecologist
Environmental Biologist
Lead Supervisor
Field Supervisor
IT/GIS Analyst
Public Information Officer

All classifications within the bargaining unit that are not identified as "at-will", as set forth above, are non at-will positions and non-probationary employees holding those classifications are subject to discipline only for just cause.

# 2.8 <u>Exempt Classifications</u>

The following classifications within the bargaining unit are considered "exempt" classifications. Employees in the following classifications shall be paid on a salary basis and are exempt from overtime compensation:

Supervisory/Exempt Unit
Vector Ecologist
Environmental Biologist
Lead Supervisor
Field Supervisor
IT/GIS Analyst
Public Information Officer

The following classifications within the bargaining unit are considered "non-exempt" classifications. Employees in the following classifications are not exempt from overtime compensation:

Clerical Unit/Non-Exempt Unit
Accounting Technician I
Accounting Technician II
Administrative Clerk

Professional/ Non-Exempt Unit
Biologist
Community Liaison
IT/GIS Assistant
Public Outreach Coordinator

### **ARTICLE 3: REPRESENTATION**

### 3.1 Stewards

It is agreed that, as long as there is no disruption of work, one steward shall be assigned to each bargaining unit and the Union shall be allowed eighty (80) hours of cumulative leave release time per calendar year that shall be pooled and used by any designated Union steward for steward training, to act in representing a unit employee or employees on grievances, or to address matters requiring representation before District representatives. The Union shall distribute the eighty (80) hours of pooled release time among the stewards at its discretion. In January, the Union shall designate in writing to the District the names of the Union stewards and shall notify the District of changes in designated representatives. Only one (1) steward shall be entitled to release time under this Section for anyone (1) grievance or group of related grievances.

# 3.2 Handling Grievances

The parties understand and agree that the handling of grievances will not unreasonably interfere with the work duties of the steward, the employee grievant or other bargaining unit employees. Accordingly, the steward will first attempt to perform necessary grievance responsibilities on non-work time. Release time is subject to the legitimate scheduling needs of the department. A steward who is released by a supervisor to investigate a grievance or to meet with a District representative shall promptly return to their assigned duties.

A steward shall notify and receive prior approval of their immediate supervisor before leaving their work site. The immediate supervisor will authorize the steward to leave their work unless the immediate needs of the District as determined by the supervisor require refusal of such permission, in which case the immediate supervisor shall inform the steward of the reasons for the denial and establish an alternate time when the steward can reasonably expect to be released from their work assignment.

When a steward desires to contact an employee at their work location, the steward shall first contact the immediate supervisor of that employee, advise the supervisor of the nature of the business, and obtain permission of the supervisor to meet with the employee. The immediate supervisor will make the employee available promptly unless the needs of the District, as determined by the supervisor, require the employee's

presence at their work site in which case the supervisor will notify the steward when they can reasonably expect to contact the employee.

# 3.3 Union Representative

An authorized representative of the Union who is not a District employee shall be permitted reasonable access to work locations for the purposes of assisting represented employees in processing grievances and observing working conditions. This right shall be exercised by following standard visitor protocol by signing-in and signing-out at the front desk, and the exercise of this right shall not interfere with District work and operations. The Union shall provide and maintain with the District a written list of authorized representatives who may be granted work site access pursuant to this Section 3.3. An authorized Union representative shall request access to work sites from the designated District representative(s) a reasonable amount of time before visiting the work site.

# 3.4 <u>Meet and Confer Representatives</u>

Union representatives, in a number agreed to by the Union and Management, who are District employees, shall be allowed a reasonable amount of time off without loss of pay for formal meet and confer meetings with Management. It is agreed and understood by the parties that Union and Management shall be subject to and abide by the meet and confer obligations set forth under the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act, Government Code section 3505.

# 3.5 <u>Self-Representation</u>

Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be constructed to discriminate against any individual who chooses to exercise their right to self-representation under Government Code section 3502 or to limit or to abridge that right. An employee who chooses to represent themselves in consulting with Management concerning a term or condition of employment shall first request release time from their immediate supervisor. Release time for self-representation shall be granted subject to applicable provisions of this Article 3.

# 3.6 <u>Employee Orientation — AB 119</u>

In accordance with AB 119, the District shall provide Union representatives' access to new employees during their employee orientations. An employee orientation shall be defined as the onboarding process, whether in person, online or through other means, during which new employees are advised of their employment status, rights, benefits, duties and responsibilities, or any other employment-related matters.

### **ARTICLE 4: PERSONNEL PRACTICES**

# 4.1 <u>Promotions and Transfers</u>

- 4.1.1 <u>Promotional Opportunities:</u> For purposes of this Article 4, a "promotional opportunity" shall consist of the upgrading of a bargaining unit member from a position in one classification to a position in another classification with a higher salary range.
- 4.1.2 <u>Location Transfer:</u> A "location transfer" shall consist of a change in work location of a bargaining unit member within the same classification, same number of work hours, and same pay, within the District. A location transfer does not encompass the process of assignment or reassignment of responsibilities within the department or present work location. A location transfer may be initiated by an employee ("Employee Requested") or by the District ("Administrative").
- 4.1.3 <u>Involuntary Transfers:</u> In the event that an employee is transferred against the employee's will, the District and Union shall meet regarding such transfer. Such transfer shall not be arbitrary, capricious and discriminatory in nature. An employee shall be notified in writing of the reasons no less than three (3) working days prior to such transfer.

# 4.2 <u>Posting of Vacancies</u>

In order to attract, retain and advance outstanding individuals to positions of greater responsibility, it shall be the District's policy to encourage advancement of personnel within the organization where feasible. Promotional opportunities (available to District employees) will be posted on District bulletin boards in the Administrative Office and employee lunchroom at least five (5) working days before a selection is made. Interested employees may obtain application forms from the Human Resources Department.

Selection will be made based upon factors including performance, ability, training, experience and education. Length of continuous service shall be considered in promotions where it is the only significant difference among employees with equal qualifications. The General Manager reserves the right to recruit outside the District service to obtain persons most qualified for the job opening after five (5) working days from the internal posting of any position within the District, regardless if the position is within the bargaining unit.

4.2.1 <u>Promotional Probationary Period:</u> Upon the effective date of promotion, employees shall serve a promotional probationary period of 130 workdays. The General Manager reserves the right to extend a promotional probationary period for 130 additional workdays. For purpose of this Article, "workdays" shall

include paid holidays and/or floating holidays taken by an employee during the promotional probation period. An employee who is rejected or deemed to be unsatisfactory during or upon the completion of their evaluation shall be reinstated to the position held immediately prior to promotion or assigned to a position in the classification held immediately prior to promotion or assigned to a position in a lower classification for which the employee qualifies.

4.2.2 Pay Scale: An employee who is promoted to a position which has a maximum pay rate which is higher than the maximum pay rate for the employee's current position, will be placed at either the minimum rate for the new classification or at a rate which is at least 5% higher than the employee's current pay rate, whichever is greater and shall not exceed the top step. If an employee is promoted within six weeks (42 calendar days) prior to the employee's performance review date for the employee's current classification and is eligible for a merit increase, the employee's current supervisor will complete a performance review and make a recommendation regarding the merit increase.

### 4.3 Personnel Files

- 4.3.1 <u>Files:</u> The personnel file of each employee shall be maintained by the District's Human Resources Department.
- 4.3.2 Review: An employee and/or a Union representative/steward authorized in writing by the unit member to review the unit member's personnel file may review and/or obtain copies of any material from the employee's personnel file with the exception of material that includes letters of reference, ratings, reports or records which were obtained prior to the employment of the employee involved. Any employee or authorized Union representative/steward must provide at least two (2) working days' notice to the District's Human Resources Department of any request to inspect a personnel file. In addition, inspection of personnel files must be conducted at reasonable intervals and during regular business hours of the District.
- 4.3.2 <u>Notification:</u> An employee shall be provided with copies of any disciplinary written material before it is placed in the employee's personnel file. The employee shall be given an opportunity during normal working hours and without loss of pay to initial and review the material. Any written response prepared by the unit member shall be attached to the material and placed in the personnel file.

# 4.4 <u>Seniority</u>

Employment in the District service on a continuous basis in a regular or probationary fulltime status excluding unauthorized leaves of absence and employment in extra help, part-time, and temporary/seasonal positions.

# 4.5 <u>Probationary Period and Regular Status</u>

- 4.5.1 <u>Probationary Period:</u> Upon initial employment, employees shall serve a probationary period of 130 workdays. The General Manager reserves the right to extend an initial probationary employment for no more than an additional 130 workdays. For purposes of this Article 4, "workdays" shall include any paid holidays and/or floating holidays taken by a probationary employee within the probationary period. The probationary period is automatically extended by the length of any authorized leave(s) of absence of one continuous work week or more. During the probationary period, an employee serves at the discretion of the District and may be discharged for any reason without notice, recourse or appeal.
- 4.5.2 <u>Regular Status:</u> In order to achieve regular status, an employee must successfully complete the probationary period and receive a satisfactory performance evaluation by their supervisor. A regular employee is subject to discipline and discharge as set forth in this Memorandum, or the District's Personnel Policies, Procedures and Regulations Manual.

# 4.6 <u>Layoff and Recall</u>

Employees may be subject to layoff by the General Manager with approval of the Board of Trustees due to changes in duties, organization, abolition of position, shortage of work or funds or completion of work or other reasons. In cases involving regular full-time employees only, notice of reduction in force shall be given to affected employees at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the effective date of termination. The District shall meet and confer with the Union over the impact and implementation.

Seniority shall determine the order of layoffs, beginning with the least senior employee in the impacted class.

Should such separated employees be rehired, the employee's years of service will be reinstated along with all rights reserved, such as seniority.

# 4.7 <u>Payment of Accrued Benefits</u>

At time of separation due to layoffs and/or recall, payment for all accrued vacation, sick leave, and compensatory time shall be paid to an employee in accordance with the

governing laws and in accordance with the provisions of the personnel and policy manual.

### 4.8 <u>Contracting Out</u>

Should the District contract out or subcontract work in a manner that results in the layoff or reduction of employees, the District shall meet and confer with the Union over the impact and implementation.

# 4.9 <u>Temporary Employees</u>

The District shall not utilize a temporary employee for more than six (6) months or 890 hours, whichever is exhausted first during a single fiscal year.

# 4.10 <u>Classification and Compensation Study</u>

In the case of a classification and compensation study which results in a reclassification of an employee's job class, the District shall meet and confer with the Union over the impact and implementation.

### ARTICLE 5: HOURS AND OVERTIME

# 5.1 Work Schedule

Work schedule is defined as the number of hours per day and specified days in a pay period. The District currently has in place a schedule which consists of two (2) consecutive days off: five (5) days, eight (8) hours per day. The District will notify the Union of any significant changes to employee's work schedules and/or hours of work ten (10) days prior to such change.

# 5.2 Overtime

- 5.2.1 <u>Time Worked:</u> Overtime is any time worked in excess of a regularly scheduled workweek of forty (40) hours.
- 5.2.2 <u>Compensation:</u> Overtime for regular non-exempt employees shall be compensated at the rate of one and one-half (1½) times the employee's regular rate of pay.
- 5.2.3 <u>Compensatory Time:</u> At the employee's option and subject to a maximum accrual of eighty (80) hours, a non-exempt employee may receive compensatory time off in lieu of overtime pay. Compensatory Time Off (CTO) shall be earned in amounts equal to the appropriate rate of overtime in accordance with this Article 5.

# 5.3 <u>Lunch Periods</u>

All employees working a regular workweek shall be entitled to an unpaid lunch period of not less than thirty (30) minutes or more than sixty (60) minutes. Lunch periods shall be scheduled with the approval of the immediate supervisor.

# 5.4 Rest Periods

One (1) fifteen (15) minute rest break with pay shall be provided to employees for each ½ day of service. Rest periods and lunch periods may not be aggregated and used to extend the lunch period or shorten the workday.

# 5.5 <u>Personal Clean Up</u>

If appropriate for the nature of the work performed, ten (10) minutes at the beginning and end of each shift shall be available for employees to clean up and change clothes.

# 5.6 <u>Lactation</u>

The District shall provide a reasonable amount of break time to accommodate an employee desiring to express breast milk for the employee's infant child. The break time shall, if possible, run concurrently with any break time already provided to the employee. Break time for an employee that does not run concurrently with the rest time authorized for the employee shall be unpaid. The District shall make reasonable efforts to provide the employee with the use of a room or other location, other than a toilet stall, in close proximity to the employee's work area, for the employee to express milk in private. The room or location may include the place where the employee normally works if it otherwise meets the requirements of this section.

### ARTICLE 6: PAY RATES AND PRACTICES

# 6.1 Pay Period. Work Week and Pay Day

Pay period shall be every two (2) weeks. The work week shall begin Sunday at 12:01 a.m. and end Saturday at 12:00 midnight. Each employee will be paid regularly and the District shall make every reasonable effort to distribute paychecks on Friday following the close of the pay period. In the event a holiday falls on Friday, payday will be on Thursday. In the event a holiday falls on Thursday and there will be closure on the following Friday, payday will be Wednesday.

# 6.2 Retirement

- A. Each eligible employee of the District shall participate with the District in a retirement plan under the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) and be subject to such terms and conditions as the District may contract with that system.
- B. Employees hired before January 1, 2013 will are defined as "Classic" and pay 7.0% of the employee's CalPERS member contribution
- C. Employees hired after January 1, 2013, and defined as "new members" under the Public Employee's Pension Reform Act of 2013 (PEPRA), Government Code section 7522, et. seq., will receive the 2% @ 62 formula and will pay one-half (½) of their total normal cost rate as determined by CalPERS.
- D. All CalPERS member contributions shall be deducted on a pre-tax basis. Said contribution shall not be considered special compensation for calculation of the employee's retirement benefits.
- E. Nothing herein shall be interpreted to require the District to violate any applicable federal, state, or local law with regards to the employee's pension contribution.

# 6.3 <u>Salary Schedule</u>

- 6.3.1 Employees in the listed classes will be compensated in accordance with the salary schedule set forth in Appendix B. New hires typically will be assigned to Step 1 of the salary range. However, the District reserves the right to start new hires at up to Step 3 when, in the opinion of the General Manager, experience or other factors warrant such consideration.
- 6.3.2 Except as otherwise provided herein, employees who are not at the top step (Step 6) in the salary range set forth for their class will be eligible for additional step increases on their anniversary dates based on satisfactory performance (3.0 or above).
- 6.3.3 The District's monthly salary table shall reflect salary ranges and steps for regular full-time employees and be maintained to provide a five percent (5%) separation between six (6) steps. A copy of the District's salary table is attached as **Appendix B** to this Agreement and incorporated herein.

# 6.3.4 Base Salary Adjustments:

- A. Effective July 1, 2021, the District shall implement a 3% base salary increase for FY 2021-2022.
- B. Effective July 1, 2022, the District shall implement a 3% base salary increase for FY 2022-2023.
- C. Effective July 1, 2023, the District shall implement a 3% base salary increase for FY 2023-2024.
- D. All base salary increases provided for in this Memorandum shall be implemented at Step 1 of the salary schedule and incrementally implemented through Step 6.
- E. Within six (6) months of the adoption date of the successor Agreement, the District and Union shall meet and confer over the class specifications and salary schedules of the following positions:

Accounting Technician I Accounting Technician II IT/GIS Assistant IT/GIS Analyst

### 6.4 Call-Back Pay

- 6.4.1 <u>Eligibility:</u> Non-exempt employees within the bargaining units represented by the Union shall receive call-back pay whenever they are unexpectedly required to return to duty because of unanticipated work requirements if notice to return is given to the employees following termination of their normal work shift and their departure from their headquarters.
- 6.4.2 <u>Minimum Pay:</u> Call-back pay shall be a minimum of three (3) hours of pay at the overtime rate. If more than one call-back occurs within the original three (3) hour minimum call-back, this will be considered one occurrence. If a call-back issue can be resolved by the employee without leaving their residence, that employee shall receive a minimum of one (1) hour's pay at the overtime rate.
- 6.4.3 <u>Additional Overtime:</u> Hours worked after the minimum call-back overtime pay period shall continue to be paid at the employee's overtime rate until the start of their regularly scheduled shift.

6.4.4 <u>Travel Time:</u> For purposes of overtime computation for call-back pay, travel time from the employee's residence to their reporting station and return shall be included in the minimum overtime pay period except that if the employee is required to remain on duty until the start of their regularly scheduled shift, return travel time to the employee's residence will not be paid. Overtime pay for call-back situations shall be computed as follows: If the combined travel time and work time is less than three (3) hours, the employee total pay shall be three (3) hours. If the combined travel time and work time is more than the three (3) hours the employee shall be paid the total of the actual work and travel time.

# 6.5 Working Out of Classification

- 6.5.1 <u>Temporary Assignment:</u> "Working out of classification" is a Management-authorized temporary assignment of a bargaining unit member to perform work which is inconsistent with the employee's normally assigned work and which includes a significant number of duties and responsibilities which are associated with a higher job classification.
- 6.5.2 <u>Compensation:</u> Compensation for an employee required to work out of classification will be at the lowest step in the salary range of the higher classification which will provide a five percent (5%) increase over the employee's regular salary for the entire period in which the out of classification assignment is in effect. In no event shall an employee receive more than the top step.
- 6.5.3 <u>Assignments:</u> Working out of classification assignments shall normally be used for vacation or leave replacements and during the recruitment and selection process for vacant positions. The District will make a reasonable effort to consult with an employee prior to assigning out of class work. However, the determination of out of classification assignments is solely within the discretion of the District.

# 6.9 Merit Pay

- 6.9.1 Probationary employees (new hires and promotions) will be considered for a merit increase twelve (12) months after the employee passes the applicable probationary period and in twelve (12) month intervals thereafter. Regular employees will receive a performance evaluation and consideration for a merit increase once a year following their first annual review.
- 6.9.2 <u>Late Reviews:</u> Performance reviews are due within two (2) weeks after the end of the review period, but not later than forty-five (45) days after the due date. If the performance review is not completed within the forty-five (45) day period, the employee may contact the General Manager.

# 6.10 Special Merit Pay

Any employee who has reached the top step of their salary range shall, in succeeding years, may be eligible for a one-time lump sum annual payment with a recommendation and concurrence from the General Manager. Such payment shall not be included in base pay.

- 6.10.1 <u>1.5% Bonus Pay:</u> An amount equal to 1.5% of the employee's base salary if the employee achieves an overall evaluation rating between 3.0 and 3.5 on their evaluation.
- 6.10.2 <u>2.5% Bonus Pay:</u> An amount equal to 2.5% of the employee's base salary if the employee achieves an overall evaluation rating of 3.6 or greater on their evaluation.
- 6.10.3 <u>Bonus Terms:</u> Said lump sum payments shall not be cumulative, shall be mutually exclusive, and no employee shall receive both payments in the same year. The fact that an employee has received either of the payments described herein in a given year shall have no effect on the employee's entitlement to payment in any subsequent year.

# 6.11 <u>Deferred Compensation</u>

During the term of this Agreement, the District agrees to contribute to the District's Deferred Compensation Program at 3.825%.

### 6.12 Uniforms

Work uniforms shall be furnished by the District to designated employees.

### 6.13 Severance

Any Supervisory unit employee terminated without cause shall be paid as severance a sum equal to two (2) weeks' pay at the employee's final rate of pay for each year of employment with the District up to a maximum of three (3) months' pay, conditional upon the employee executing a comprehensive release of all claims.

### 6.14 Longevity Pay

In recognition of extended service to the District, employees shall become eligible for "Longevity Pay" as per the Longevity Schedule below. An employee's eligibility for Longevity Pay shall become effective on the anniversary date of the employee's regular full-time duty in the employee's 10th year of service with the District. Qualifying employees shall receive increased Longevity Pay pursuant to the schedule set forth as follows:

Years of Service	Annual Rate
10-14	\$500
15-19	\$1000
20-24	\$1500
25-29	\$2500
30+	\$3500

# 6.15 Nighttime Spraying

Night (i.e., spraying done before the start of the normal workday, or in the evening after the workday) spraying may be by assignment. The District will endeavor to use employees on a voluntary basis where possible. Nighttime spraying pay will be for a minimum of one and one-half  $(1^1/2)$  hours and will be paid at the appropriate rate. Unless the District provides notice by 1:00 pm the day of the potential nighttime spraying assignment that no spraying will be done within the next 24 hours, employees shall be entitled to on-call pay for that evening at a minimum of one and one-half  $(1^1/2)$  hours.

### **ARTICLE 7: BENEFIT PROGRAMS**

# 7.1 Health Insurance

# 7.1.1 <u>Employee Health Insurance:</u>

The District contracts with the Public Employee's Retirement System for medical insurance coverage of eligible employees and retirees. Eligible new hires are covered under the program on the first day of the month following a 30-day waiting period that begins on the hire date. The District contributes the CalPERS statuary minimum on behalf of each employee in the program.

The District will provide current employees with flexible benefits through a cafeteria plan as provided below.

Except as set forth herein, effective July 1, 2021, upon an employee's satisfactory completion of the thirty (30) day period of employment, the District will contribute to the employee's cafeteria plan (medical, dental, vision, and life insurance) the

following amounts per month based upon the employee's designation of the Single, Employee + 1 or Family health insurance. The contribution amounts are based upon, and are equal to, the applicable cost of providing health benefits based upon, the average increase of all health plans offered through CaIPERS that are listed on CaIPERS' 1/1/2021 — 12/31/2021 "Monthly Premiums for Contracting Agencies —Other Southern California Region."

Effective July 1, 2022, employees shall receive a one-time increase to each tier of the Cafeteria Plan as follows:

<u>Single Contribution:</u> The District will contribute the amount of \$844.71 to the Cafeteria Plan.

<u>Employee +1 Contribution:</u> The District will contribute the amount of \$1,646.15 to the Cafeteria Plan.

<u>Family Contribution</u>: The District will contribute the amount of \$2,160.35 to the Cafeteria Plan.

The District shall adjust its health insurance contributions during the term of this Memorandum to match any percentage increase to the cost of all health plans offered through CalPERS that are listed on CalPERS' annual "Monthly Premiums for Contracting Agencies — Other Southern California Region up to a maximum of a three percent (3%) increase per calendar year. Any adjustment to health insurance contributions shall become effective as of January 1 of the calendar year following issuance of the CalPERS' annual "Monthly Premiums for Contracting Agencies — Other Southern California Region." The District shall not decrease its health insurance contribution, but it shall remain the same as the previous fiscal year.

At a minimum, all employees must elect health insurance coverage under the cafeteria plan at the Single level or present proof to the District that they have health insurance coverage through their spouse or domestic partner or parent. If an employee who is eligible for the Employee +1 benefit or Family benefit but elects to "opt-out" of benefits due to health insurance coverage through their spouse or domestic partner, then in that event, the benefit level applied to that employee shall be 50% of the benefits provided for the Single Contribution level.

During the term of this Agreement, should the District agree with any other group of represented employees to provide a contribution amount that is more than the contribution amount provided to employees covered by this Agreement in any fiscal year, employees covered by this Agreement shall be entitled to the identical contribution amount.

7.1.2 Retiree Health Insurance: The District will provide the following retiree health insurance benefits for bargaining unit employees: The District has adopted the minimum CalPERS vesting schedule for bargaining unit employees with benefits calculated at the minimum required by CalPERS. The percentage of the District's contribution for post-retirement health benefits for bargaining unit employee shall be based on the employee's completed years of credited state service at retirement as stated in Government Code section 22893 of California Public Employees' Retirement Law, and shown in the following table:

Credited Years of State	Percentage of District
Service of Employee	Contribution
10 years	50 percent
11 years	55 percent
12 years	60 percent
13 years	65 percent
14 years	70 percent
15 years	75 percent
16 years	80 percent
17 years	85 percent
18 years	90 percent
19 years	95 percent
20 years or more	100 percent

### 7.2 Life Insurance

The District shall provide life insurance coverage of \$100,000 for employees as part of the cafeteria plan.

# 7.3 <u>Meal and Travel</u>

Meal and Travel reimbursement shall be pursuant to the District Policy.

# 7.4 <u>Compensation for Time for Medical Treatment for Job-Related Injury/Illness</u>

The employee will turn over to the District any Worker's Compensation disability income benefits paid. If the period of disability exceeds thirty (30) calendar days, the employee may use such accumulated CTO, sick leave or vacation time as may be available. The authorized mileage reimbursement will be paid for travel to and from the District's physician if the employee uses their personal automobile. This benefit will not be paid if compensable by worker's compensation. The District will continue the full salary of an employee injured on the job for thirty (30) calendar days.

# 7.5 Long Term Disability

The District shall continue the current Long Term Disability plan for the duration of the Agreement.

# 7.6 <u>Tuition Reimbursement</u>

Tuition Reimbursement shall be pursuant to the District Policy.

# 7.7 Automatic Payroll Deposit

The District will maintain an automatic payroll deposit at banking institutions compatible with the District's financial system.

### **ARTICLE 8: HOLIDAYS**

# 8.1 <u>Authorized Holidays</u>

Except as otherwise provided, employees shall have the below listed holidays with pay.

An employee must be in a paid status with the District on the day immediately preceding the holiday and the day immediately following the holiday in order to receive holiday pay.

New Year's Day
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
President's Day
Cesar Chavez Day
Good Friday (½ day off)
Memorial Day
Independence Day
Labor Day
Columbus Day
Veterans Day
Thanksgiving
Day After Thanksgiving
Christmas Day
Floating Option

If a holiday falls on a Sunday, the holiday shall be observed on the following Monday. If a holiday falls on a Saturday, the holiday shall be observed on the Friday before the holiday.

# 8.2 Pay for Authorized Holidays

Non-exempt employees shall be paid eight (8) hours at their regular straight time base rate of pay for all authorized holidays as defined in Section 8.1 of this Agreement.

# 8.3 Work on Authorized Holidays

Non-exempt employees required to work on an authorized holiday shall be paid one and one-half (1½) times the regular rate of pay for such work in addition to their regular holiday pay. In lieu of cash payment, an employee required to work on an authorized holiday, may elect to receive compensatory time for such time worked in accordance with Section 5.2.3 of this Agreement.

# 8.4 <u>Holiday During Vacation</u>

In the event that any of the authorized holidays specified in Section 8.1 of this Agreement occurs while an employee is on vacation, the holiday shall not be charged to vacation.

# **ARTICLE 9: VACATION**

### 9.1 Accrual:

Employees are entitled to an annual paid vacation accrued as follows:

After completing the initial probationary period, an employee may take vacation as accrued.

9.1.1 <u>Computation:</u> In computing the amount of leave time due to an employee; all time on paid leave shall be included in determining the amount of vacation accrued.

### <u>Clerical</u>

- 1 3 years = 6.66 hours per month
- 4 7 years = 10 hours per month
- 8+ years = 13.33 hours per month

### **Professional**

- 1 3 years = 6.66 hours per month
- 4 7 years = 10 hours per month
- 8+ years = 13.33 hours per month

### Supervisory/Exempt

- 1 3 years = 10 hours per month
- 4 7 years = 13.33 hours per month
- 8+ years = 16.66 hours per month
- 9.1.2 <u>Continuous Service:</u> Service shall be deemed to be continuous if an employee's paid status with the District has not been interrupted for a period in excess of thirty (30) days.

# 9.2 Pay for Vacation

Pay for vacation leave shall be at the regular straight time base rate of pay currently paid to the employee at the time the vacation is taken.

# 9.3 Maximum Accrual and Cash Out

No employee shall accrue more than the amount earned in two (2) years of vacation time at the employee accrual rate. Employees may cash out accrued vacation in excess of 80 hours in June and/or December or when the employee reaches the maximum accrual permitted.

# **ARTICLE 10: LEAVE PROVISIONS**

### 10.1 Sick Leave

- 10.1.1 <u>Accrual:</u> Sick leave is earned at the rate of one (1) working day for each full calendar month of service.
- 10.1.2 <u>Usage:</u> Except as otherwise provided in this Article 10, earned sick leave credit may be used by the employee in increments of fifteen (15) minutes or more for personal sickness, disability, medical or dental treatment, illness or injury of an employee or a member of the employee's immediate family.
  - Exempt employees shall not be docked for partial day absences if the employee worked at least one (1) hour on the day of absence.
- 10.1.3 <u>Verification of Illness or Injury:</u> Upon reasonable belief of abuse of sick leave, and upon request by the District, an employee may be required to present a certificate signed by a healthcare professional.

If requested by the District, the employee shall not return to work until a medical doctor's authorization is submitted.

- 10.1.4 <u>Accrual Limit:</u> Sick leave shall be accrued without limit. Upon retirement an employee may convert accrued sick leave to CalPERS service credit. There shall be no pay out of sick leave on retirement.
- 10.1.5 <u>Cash Out:</u> At termination, separation, or resignation of employment, the employee shall cash out up to 480 hours at 50%, if the employee has three (3) years of service.

### 10.2 Bereavement Leave

Employees shall be granted paid leave for the death of an immediate family member, as that term is defined in section 10.3 of this Agreement, pursuant to the terms set forth below: An employee shall be granted three (3) days if he/she is traveling less than two hundred (200) miles one way. An employee shall be granted four (4) days if he/she is traveling two hundred (200) miles to four hundred ninety-nine (499) miles one way. An employee shall be granted five (5) days if he/she is traveling more than five hundred (500) miles one way.

# 10.3 <u>Immediate Family</u>

For purposes of section 10.2 of this Agreement, "immediate family" shall be defined as an employee's parents, legal guardian, child or stepchild, spouse, grandparents, grandchild, brothers or stepbrothers, sisters or stepsisters, aunt, uncle, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, mother-in-law, father-in-law, registered domestic partner, or any relative living in the immediate household.

# 10.4 <u>Leave for Pregnancy Disability</u>

- 10.4.1 <u>Pregnancy Leave of Absence:</u> Employees are entitled to a maximum of four (4) months leave for disabilities because of pregnancy, childbirth, and related conditions. The date on which an employee may resume duties shall be determined by the employee's physician. The employee shall be returned to the same or comparable position.
- 10.4.2 <u>Sick Leave Usage:</u> Employees are entitled to use sick leave for disability caused by pregnancy childbirth and related conditions on the same terms and conditions governing leave of absence for other illness or medical disability. The length of such disability leave, including the date on which the leave shall commence and the date on which the duties are to be resumed, shall be determined by the employee's physician.

# 10.5 Family and Medical Leave/California Family Rights

Employees shall be afforded unpaid leave as provided under the US Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) and the California Family Rights Act.

# 10.6 Jury Duty and Witness Leave

- 10.6.1 <u>Paid Leave:</u> Employees will be provided paid leave for regularly called jury duty and to appear as a witness in court, other than as litigant.
- 10.6.2 <u>Partial Days:</u> When an employee returns to complete a regular shift following time served on jury duty or as a witness, such time falling within work shift shall be considered as time worked for purposes of shift completion and overtime computation. In determining whether an employee shall return to their regular shift following performance of the duties above, reasonable consideration shall be given to such factors as travel time and a period of rest.

# **ARTICLE 11: SAFETY**

# 11.1 <u>Safety Committee</u>

The Teamsters representative bargaining unit will be allowed two (2) seats on the Safety Committee.

# 11.2 <u>Safety Clothing and Equipment</u>

- 11.2.1 <u>Definition:</u> Consistent with existing practices, the District shall provide to employees appropriate safety clothing, tools, devices and other articles to perform their assignments. All employees shall use and wear all safety equipment and clothing provided and shall be responsible for the reasonable care and proper use of all items furnished.
- 11.2.2 <u>Field Boots:</u> District shall provide, with approval of the employee's immediate supervisor, based on normal wear and tear, for an open purchase order for eligible employees to purchase waterproof field boots up to a maximum amount set by the District policy, but no less than \$200.00.

# 11.3 Compliance with Safety Rules

Each employee covered by this Agreement shall comply with all safety rules and regulations in effect and any subsequent rules and regulations which may be adopted. Employees further agree they will report all work-related accidents, injuries and safety hazards to the appropriate Management official immediately.

### **ARTICLE 12: MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

# 12.1 Lunchrooms

The District agrees to continue to provide lunchroom facilities.

# 12.2 <u>Employee Relations Meetings</u>

To foster labor-management communication and cooperation, the District and the Union agree that their designated representatives will meet at least twice during the year to discuss employee relations issues pertaining to the specific language of this Agreement and/or administrative rules and regulations affecting terms and conditions of employment. The parties expressly understand these meetings are not meet and confer sessions and do not constitute an agreement to reopen any provision of this Agreement for negotiations.

# 12.3 <u>Employee Assistance Program</u>

The parties agree to the implementation of an Employee Assistance Program (EAP). All employees are encouraged to seek voluntary assistance through the EAP. All self-referral contacts are held in confidence by the EAP. Management will consult with the Union prior to initiating a mandatory referral of a bargaining unit member to the EAP. Participation in the EAP will not preclude the use of normal disciplinary procedures for unsatisfactory job performance or for violation of any District policy.

### **ARTICLE 13: GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

### 13.1 Definitions

- 13.1.1 <u>Grievance:</u> A grievance is defined as an alleged violation, misinterpretation or misapplication of the provisions of this Memorandum.
- 13.1.2 <u>Grievant:</u> A "grievant" is any employee of the bargaining unit adversely affected by an alleged violation of the specific provision of this Memorandum, or the Union. Unless the Union is grieving Article 2 of this Agreement, the Union shall identify a bargaining unit member or members for each grievance filed.
- 13.1.3 <u>Business Day:</u> A "day" is any day in which the District is open for business.
- 13.1.4 <u>Immediate Supervisor</u>: The "immediate supervisor" is the lowest level administrator who has been designated to adjust grievances and who has immediate jurisdiction over the grievant.

# 13.2 General Provisions

- 13.2.1 <u>Grievance Settlement:</u> Every effort will be made by the parties to settle grievances at the lowest possible level.
- 13.2.2 <u>Documents:</u> All documents dealing with the processing of a grievance shall be filed separately from the personnel files of the participants.
- 13.2.3 <u>Reprisals:</u> No party to a grievance shall take any reprisals against the other party to the grievance because the party participated in an orderly manner in the grievance procedure.
- 13.2.4 <u>Appeal:</u> If the District fails to respond in writing to the grievance within the specified time limit, the grievant has the right to process the grievance at the next level. If the grievant does not process the appeal within the given time limits, the grievance shall be considered as settled and the grievant cannot thereafter grieve the specific incident again. The time limits specified at each level should be

considered maximums, and every effort should be made to expedite the process. The time limits for a specific grievance, however, may be extended by mutual written agreement.

- 13.2.5 <u>Scheduling:</u> Every effort will be made to schedule meetings for the processing of grievances at times which will not interfere with the regular workday of the participants.
- 13.2.6 <u>Representation:</u> Either the District or the grievant may be represented at any step of the grievance procedure by an individual of the party's choice.
- 13.2.7 <u>Resolution:</u> Any unit member may at any time present grievances to the District and have such grievances adjusted without the intervention of the Union, as long as the adjustment is reached prior to advisory arbitration and is not inconsistent with the terms of this Memorandum; provided the District shall not agree to a resolution of the grievance until the Union has received a copy of the grievance and the proposed resolution and has been given the opportunity to file a response. Upon request of the grievant, the grievant may be represented at any stage of the grievance procedure by a representative of the Union.
- 13.2.8 <u>Consolidation:</u> The District and Union may agree to consolidate grievances at Level III and beyond.

# 13.3 <u>Informal Resolution</u>

Employees who believe they have a grievance shall present the grievance orally to their immediate supervisor within ten (10) days after the grievant knew, or reasonably should have known, of the circumstances which form the basis for the grievance. Failure to do so will render the grievance null and void. The immediate supervisor shall hold discussions and attempt to resolve the matter within five (5) days after the presentation of the grievance. It is the intent of this informal meeting that at least one (1) personal conference be held between the aggrieved unit member and the immediate supervisor.

### 13.4 Level I -- Formal Written Grievance

- 13.4.1 <u>Requirements:</u> An employee who believes they have a grievance shall present the grievance in writing to their Department Head within ten (10) days after the grievant knew, or reasonably should have known, of the circumstances which form the basis for the grievance. The written information shall include:
  - a) a description of the specific grounds of the grievance including names, dates, and places necessary for a complete understanding of the grievance;

- b) a listing of the provisions of this Memorandum which are alleged to have been violated; and
- c) a listing of specific actions requested by the grievant of the District which will remedy the grievance.
- 13.4.2 <u>Decision:</u> The Department Head shall communicate the decision to the grievant in writing within ten (10) days after receiving the grievance. If the Department Head does not respond within the time limits, the grievant may appeal to the next level.
- 13.4.3 <u>Personal Conference:</u> Within the above time limits either party may request a personal conference.

# 13.5 <u>Level II -- Appeal to General Manager</u>

- 13.5.1 <u>Procedure:</u> If the grievant is not satisfied with the decision at Level I, the grievant may within ten (10) days of the receipt of the decision at Level II appeal the decision on the General Manger. This statement shall include a copy of the original grievance and appeal, and a clear, concise statement of the reasons for the appeal.
- 13.5.2 <u>Decision:</u> The General Manager shall communicate the decision to the grievant within ten (10) days. If the department head does not respond within the time limits provided, the grievant may appeal to the next level.
- 13.5.3 <u>Personal Conference:</u> Within the above time limits either party may request a personal conference.

# 13.6 <u>Level III -- Arbitration</u>

13.6.1 Procedure: If the grievant is not satisfied with the decision at Level II, the grievant may within five (5) days of the receipt of the decision submit a request in writing to the Union for arbitration of the dispute. Within fifteen (15) days of the grievant's receipt of the decision at Level IV, the Union shall inform the District of its intent as to whether or not the grievance will be arbitrated. The Union and the District shall attempt to agree upon an arbitrator. If no agreement can be reached, they shall request that the State Mediation and Conciliation Service supply a panel of five (5) names of persons experienced in hearing grievances involving public agency employees. Each party shall alternately strike a name until only one (1) name remains. The remaining panel member shall be the arbitrator. The order of striking shall be determined by lot.

- 13.6.2 Request for Arbitrator: If either the District or the Union so requests, a separate arbitrator shall be selected to hear the merits of any issue raised regarding the arbitrability of a grievance. No hearing on the merits of the grievance will be conducted until the issue or arbitrability has been decided. The process to be used in selecting an arbitrator shall be as set forth in Section 13.6.1 of this Agreement.
- 13.6.3 <u>Decision of Arbitrator:</u> The arbitrator shall, as soon as possible, hear evidence and render a decision on the issue or issues submitted. If the parties cannot agree upon a submission agreement, the arbitrator shall determine the issues by referring to the written grievance and the answers at each step.
- 13.6.4 Non-Binding Arbitration: The District and the Union agree the jurisdiction and District of the arbitrator selected and the opinions the arbitrator expresses will be confined exclusively to the interpretation of the express provision or provisions of this Memorandum at issue between parties. The arbitrator shall have no Authority to add to, subtract from, alter, amend, or modify any provisions of this Memorandum or impose any limitations or obligations not specifically provided for under the terms of this Memorandum. The arbitrator shall be without power or Authority to make any decision that requires the District to do an act prohibited by law. The General Manager shall determine whether to adopt, reject, or modify the arbitrator decision.
- 13.6.5 <u>Arbitration Hearing:</u> After a hearing and after both parties have had an opportunity to make written arguments, the arbitrator shall submit in writing to all parties the recommended findings and award.
- 13.6.6 <u>Fees and Expense:</u> The fees and expenses of the arbitrator and a court reporter shall be shared equally by the District and the Union. All other expenses shall be borne by the party incurring them, and neither party shall be responsible for the expense of witnesses called by the other.

### **ARTICLE 14: PERMORMANCE EVALUATION**

### 14.1 General

The District and the Union have agreed to an evaluation format which includes standards and procedures for employee evaluation.

14.1.1 Performance evaluations are designed to provide constructive employee performance and should be used to identify employee's strength and/or opportunities for improvement. Performance evaluations shall not be used in disciplining employees except as a reference to show prior warning of performance or behavioral problems.

14.1.2 Nothing in this Article 14 shall preclude the District from observing or otherwise reprimanding employees for cause because of unsatisfactory work.

### 14.2 Evaluation Schedule

- 14.2.1 Probationary employees: Performance evaluations shall be required at or about the conclusion of each three (3) month interval.
- 14.2.2 Regular employees: Each regular employee shall receive an annual evaluation, whenever practicable, on or about the anniversary date on which the employee became a regular full time employee but no later than one (1) month from the anniversary date. In the event that the employee receives a step increase following an anniversary evaluation as provided under Section 14.3 below, the increase shall become effective as though given on the anniversary date notwithstanding the actual date of the evaluation.

### 14.3 Procedure

- 14.3.1 The employee's evaluator shall prepare the evaluation in the required evaluation format.
- 14.3.2 The evaluator shall discuss the evaluation with the employee.
- 14.3.3 The form shall be signed by the employee to indicate receipt, and the employee shall be given a signed and dated copy.
- 14.3.4 The employee shall be given ten (10) working days to respond to the evaluation before the evaluation is placed in the employee's personnel file. Said response shall be attached to the evaluation.

### 14.4 Recommendation for Improvement

- 14.4.1 A negative evaluation shall be considered a rating of Needs Improvement or Unsatisfactory in any performance evaluation category section. Category section means, for instance, "Work Habits," "Particular Job Skills," etc.
- 14.4.2 Prior to a negative evaluation, the evaluator shall provide a counseling meeting with the bargaining unit employee with regard to necessary improvements.
- 14.4.3 Any negative evaluation shall include specific recommendations for improvement(s) and provisions for assisting the employee in implementing any recommendations made.

- 14.4.4 A follow-up evaluation shall be conducted within three (3) months to determine if progress has been made towards the employee achieving the recommended improvement.
- 14.4.5 A formal evaluation shall be conducted within three (3) additional months to determine if progress has been made towards the employee achieving the recommended improvement.
- 14.4.6 The procedures set forth in Section 14.3 Procedure, above, and Section 14.5 -Appeal Rights, below, shall be used for any follow-up evaluation(s).

# 14.5 Appeal Rights

- 14.5.1 The contents of an evaluation shall not be subject to the grievance procedure of this Agreement. However, a grievance may be filed alleging failure to comply with the procedures set forth in this Article 14.
- 14.5.2 An employee who is not satisfied with the performance evaluation shall, upon written request, be granted a review conference with the General Manager, whose decision regarding the disposition of the evaluation shall be final.

### ARTICLE 15: EFFECT ON EXISTING PRACTICES

# 15.1 Effect of Agreement

This Memorandum shall prevail over any conflicting language in the <u>Personnel Policies</u>, <u>Procedures & Regulations Manual</u>. In all other cases the existing rules, regulations, resolutions, and provisions of the <u>Personnel Policies</u>, <u>Procedures & Regulations Manual</u> shall apply.

Existing practices, benefits, rules and regulations and/or provisions of the General Manager's Administrative Policies, or the <u>Personnel Policies</u>, <u>Procedures & Regulations Manual</u> which are not referenced in this Memorandum and which are subject to the meet and confer process shall continue without change unless the Union has been provided notice and opportunity to meet and confer over the proposed changes.

### **ARTICLE 16: NONDISCRIMINATION**

### 16.1 Race and Gender

The District and the Union agree that there shall be no discrimination against any employee in regard to any of the terms and conditions of employment on account of that

employee's race, color, religion, national origin, political beliefs or affiliations, age, physical disability, gender, ancestry, sexual orientation, mental disability, or medical condition of cancer or genetic characteristic. The parties further agree that this provision shall not be subject to the arbitration provisions of Article 13 of this Agreement.

### 16.2 Union Membership and/or Activities

The District and the Union agree there shall be no discrimination against any bargaining unit member in regard to terms and conditions of employment on account of Union membership or legitimate Union activities or lack of Union membership or activities under this Agreement.

### **ARTICLE 17: MANAGEMENT RIGHTS**

# 17.1 Legal Rights

The District hereby retains and reserves unto itself, without limitation, all powers, rights, authority, duties and responsibilities conferred upon and vested in it by the laws and the Constitution of the State of California, and of the United States, including, but not limiting the generality of the foregoing, the right: to set standards and levels of service; to determine the procedures and standards of selection for employment and promotions; to direct its employees; to determine the methods and means to relieve its employees from duty because of lack of funds or other lawful reasons; to determine the methods, means and numbers and kinds of personnel by which District operations are to be conducted, including the right to contract or subcontract bargaining unit work provided that the District will meet and confer in advance on the impact and implementation (see Section 4.8 of this Agreement) of subcontracting on work load and safety and any other matter within the scope of representation; to determine methods of financing; to determine size and composition of the work force and allocate and assign work by which the District operations are to be conducted; to determine and change work shifts; to determine and change the number of locations, relocations and types of operations, processes and materials to be used in carrying out all District functions; to make all decisions relating to merit, necessity or organization of District service; to discharge, suspend, demote, reprimand, withhold salary increases and benefits, or otherwise discipline employees in accordance with applicable law; to establish employee performance standards including, but not limited to, quality and standards, and to require compliance with established performance standards; to take necessary actions to carry out its mission in emergencies; and to exercise complete control and discretion over its organization and the technology of performing its work.

### 17.2 Exercise of Powers

The exercise of the foregoing powers, rights, duties and responsibilities by the District, the adoption of policies, rules, regulations and practices in furtherance thereof, and the

use of judgment and discretion in connection therewith shall be limited only by the specific express terms of this Memorandum and then only to the extent such specific express terms are in conformance with the Constitution and laws of the United States and the Constitution and laws of the State of California.

# 17.3 Meet and Confer

The exercise by the District through its Board of Directors and Management representatives of its rights described in this Article shall not in any way, directly or indirectly, be subject to meeting and conferring. However, the Union shall be able to grieve alleged failure by the District to meet and confer as to impact and implementation of the exercise of a right listed in Section 17.1 of this Agreement.

### **ARTICLE 18: CONCERTED ACTIVITIES**

# 18.1 No-Strike Clause

It is agreed and understood that there will be no strike, work stoppage, slowdown, or refusal to fully and faithfully perform job functions and responsibilities, or any interference with the operations of the District, or any concerted effort designed to improve its bargaining position which interferes with, impedes, or impairs District operations by the Union or by its officers, agents or members during the term of this Agreement. The Union agrees that neither the Union nor its officers, agents or members will, in any manner whatsoever, honor, assist or participate in any picketing activities, sanctions or any other form of interference with District operations by any other non-unit employees or members of other employee associations or groups.

# 18.2 Enforcement

Furthermore, the Union agrees and understands the provisions of this Agreement and this Article 18 are enforceable by the District in a court of law. The District may initiate such court action as it deems appropriate to enjoin or impose damages on the Union, its officers, agents or members for breach of contract for engaging in the activities referred to in this Article. Nothing in this Article shall be deemed to limit the remedies available to the District in dealing with concerted activities as described above.

### **ARTICLE 19: SEPARABILITY**

If any provision of this Agreement shall be declared void or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of this agreement shall remain in full force and effect, except that either party to the Agreement may request the other party to meet and confer in regard to amending the Agreement to replace the provisions declared voice or unenforceable. However, there will be no obligation on either party to agree on a replacement provision.

# ARTICLE 20: VOLUNTARY "D.R.I.V.E." CONTRIBUTIONS

The District agrees to deduct from the paycheck of all employees who submit authorization cards and are covered by this Agreement voluntary contributions to D.R.I.V.E. D.R.I.V.E. shall notify the District of the amounts designated by each contributing employee that are to be deducted from their paycheck on a weekly basis for all weeks worked. The phrase "weeks worked" excludes any week other than a week in which the employee earned a wage. The District shall transmit to:

National D.R.I.V.E. P.O. Box 758637 Baltimore, MD 21275

On a monthly basis, in one check the total amount deducted along with the name of each employee on whose behalf a deduction is made, with the employee's social security number and the amount deducted from that employee's paycheck. No such authorization shall be recognized if in violation of State and Federal law. No deductions shall be made which is prohibited by applicable law.

### **ARTICLE 21: EQUITY CLAUSE**

In the event the District grants any increase of salary to any group of represented District employees, the District shall grant at the same time the identical economic benefit to employees covered by this Agreement.

In the event the District agrees with any other group of represented employees to base health insurance contributions amounts that are applicable to the entire bargaining group upon a health plan other than the Kaiser HMO plan, as set forth in Section 7.1.1 of this Agreement, employees covered by this Agreement shall have the right to request that the District base health insurance contribution amounts for the entire bargaining group upon the same health insurance plan applicable to the other bargaining group. Nothing herein provides the right to reopen Section 7.1.1 of this Agreement in the event individual employees of another bargaining group, as opposed to the other bargaining group in its entirety, receives health insurance contributions that are greater than those provided pursuant to Section 7.1.1.

### **ARTICLE 22: TERMS OF AGREEMENT**

This Agreement shall be effective as of July 1, 2021 and shall remain in effect until midnight of June 30, 2024. This Memorandum of Understanding is signed and entered into on , 2021.

FOR THE UNION:

DocuSigned by: Gregorio Daniel

Gregorio Daniel **Business Representative Teamsters Local 911** 

-DocuSigned by: Michael Martines

Michael Martinez

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Clerk of the Board of Trustees

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DocuSigned by: Lena D. Wade

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**General Counsel** 

# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN COACHELLA VALLEY MOSQUITO & VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT AND TEAMSTERS LOCAL 911 2021 – 2023

# Appendix A

Clerical Unit
Accounting Technician I
Accounting Technician II
Administrative Clerk

Professional Unit
Biologist
Public Outreach Coordinator
IT/GIS Assistant
Community Liaison

Supervisory Exempt Unit Lead Supervisor Field Supervisor Environmental Biologist Vector Ecologist IT/GIS Analyst Public Information Officer

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# <u>Appendix B</u>

# **Teamsters - Salary Schedule**

July 1, 2021						
Class	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6
Accounting Technician I	4,779.18	5,018.14	5,269.05	5,532.50	5,809.12	6,099.58
Accounting Technician II	5,342.30	5,609.42	5,889.89	6,184.38	6,493.60	6,818.28
Administrative Clerk	4,663.61	4,896.79	5,141.63	5,398.72	5,668.65	5,952.08
Biologist	6,524.23	6,850.44	7,192.96	7,552.61	7,930.24	8,326.75
Community Liaison	5,342.30	5,609.42	5,889.89	6,184.38	6,493.60	6,818.28
Public Outreach Coordinator	6,205.89	6,516.19	6,842.00	7,184.10	7,543.30	7,920.47
Environmental Biologist	7,943.59	8,340.77	8,757.80	9,195.69	9,655.48	10,138.25
Field Supervisor	7,565.37	7,943.64	8,340.82	8,757.86	9,195.76	9,655.54
Public Information Officer	7,565.37	7,943.64	8,340.82	8,757.86	9,195.76	9,655.54
IT/GIS Analyst	7,943.59	8,340.77	8,757.80	9,195.69	9,655.48	10,138.25
IT/GIS Assistant	6,205.89	6,516.19	6,842.00	7,184.10	7,543.30	7,920.47
Lead Supervisor	7,943.59	8,340.77	8,757.80	9,195.69	9,655.48	10,138.25
Vector Ecologist	7,943.59	8,340.77	8,757.80	9,195.69	9,655.48	10,138.25

July 1, 2022						
Class	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6
Accounting Technician I	4,922.55	5,168.68	5,427.12	5,698.47	5,983.40	6,282.57
Accounting Technician II	5,502.57	5,777.70	6,066.58	6,369.91	6,688.41	7,022.83
Administrative Clerk	4,803.52	5,043.70	5,295.88	5,560.68	5,838.71	6,130.65
Biologist	6,719.95	7,055.95	7,408.75	7,779.19	8,168.14	8,576.55
Community Liaison	5,502.57	5,777.70	6,066.58	6,369.91	6,688.41	7,022.83
Public Outreach Coordinator	6,392.07	6,711.67	7,047.26	7,399.62	7,769.60	8,158.08
Environmental Biologist	8,181.89	8,590.99	9,020.54	9,471.57	9,945.14	10,442.40
Field Supervisor	7,792.33	8,181.95	8,591.05	9,020.60	9,471.63	9,945.21
Public Information Officer	7,792.33	8,181.95	8,591.05	9,020.60	9,471.63	9,945.21
IT/GIS Analyst	8,181.89	8,590.99	9,020.54	9,471.57	9,945.14	10,442.40
IT/GIS Assistant	6,392.07	6,711.67	7,047.26	7,399.62	7,769.60	8,158.08
Lead Supervisor	8,181.89	8,590.99	9,020.54	9,471.57	9,945.14	10,442.40
Vector Ecologist	8,181.89	8,590.99	9,020.54	9,471.57	9,945.14	10,442.40

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Class	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6
Accounting Technician l	5,070.23	5,323.74	5,589.93	5,869.43	6,162.90	6,471.04
Accounting Technician II	5,667.65	5,951.03	6,248.58	6,561.01	6,889.06	7,233.51
Administrative Clerk	4,947.63	5,195.01	5,454.76	5,727.50	6,013.87	6,314.57
Biologist	6,921.55	7,267.63	7,631.01	8,012.56	8,413.19	8,833.85
Community Liaison	5,667.65	5,951.03	6,248.58	6,561.01	6,889.06	7,233.51
Public Outreach Coordinator	6,583.83	6,913.02	7,258.68	7,621.61	8,002.69	8,402.82
Environmental Biologist	8,427.35	8,848.72	9,291.15	9,755.71	10,243.50	10,755.67
Field Supervisor	8,026.10	8,427.41	8,848.78	9,291.22	9,755.78	10,243.57
Public Information Officer	8,026.10	8,427.41	8,848.78	9,291.22	9,755.78	10,243.57
IT/GIS Analyst	8,427.35	8,848.72	9,291.15	9,755.71	10,243.50	10,755.67
IT/GIS Assistant	6,583.83	6,913.02	7,258.68	7,621.61	8,002.69	8,402.82
Lead Supervisor	8,427.35	8,848.72	9,291.15	9,755.71	10,243.50	10,755.67
Vector Ecologist	8,427.35	8,848.72	9,291.15	9,755.71	10,243.50	10,755.67