

JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT

**TO ESTABLISH AN
INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
FOR THE CITIES OF
SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

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THIS SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this ___ day of _____, 2022, by and between the incorporated cities of Arroyo Grande, Atascadero, El Paso de Robles, Grover Beach, Morro Bay, Pismo Beach, and San Luis Obispo, all being municipal corporations of the State of California and located within the boundaries of the County of San Luis Obispo California, hereinafter called “Cities.”

WHEREAS, on May 10, 1994, an agreement was executed by and between the Cities and the County of San Luis Obispo (“County”) forming a joint powers authority pursuant to the provisions of the Joint Exercise of Powers Act (Government Code section 6500 et seq., for the purpose of facilitating the development of waste diversion programs and projects that provide economies of scale without interfering with individual agencies’ exercise of power within their own jurisdiction (hereinafter referred to as the “Original JPA Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Original JPA Agreement, the member agencies created and established a public entity identified as the San Luis Obispo County Integrated Waste Management Authority (“IWMA”); and

WHEREAS, in or around 2001, a Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) was executed by and between the Cities, the County, and certain special districts within the County (“Authorized Districts”) amending the Original JPA Agreement to include the Authorized Districts for representation on the IWMA Board; and

WHEREAS, on or about November 15, 2021, the County withdrew from the IWMA; and the Cities and Authorized Districts determined that a single regional agency remained advantageous to advise, plan for, and implement solutions to common solid waste and a waste diversion efforts; and

WHEREAS, the IWMA was originally formed to meet the requirements of the California Integrated Waste Management Act (California Public Resources

Code section 40000 et seq.) and all regulations adopted under that legislation require, among other things, that certain public agencies in California make adequate provision for solid waste management within their jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, since the IWMA's formation, Assembly Bill 341 (Chesbro, 2011) (Recycling of Commercial Solid Waste ("MCR")) was signed into law and established requirements for jurisdictions to implement a commercial solid waste recycling program designed to divert commercial solid waste; and

WHEREAS, since the IWMA's formation, Assembly Bill 1826 (Chesbro, 2014) (Recycling of Commercial Organic Waste ("MORE")) was signed into law and established the requirement for jurisdictions to implement an organic waste recycling program to divert organic waste generated by businesses; and

WHEREAS, since the IWMA's formation, Senate Bill 1383 (Lara, 2016) was signed into law requiring jurisdictions to implement organic waste diversion programs that include providing organic waste collection services to businesses and residences, edible food recovery goals, public education and outreach, contamination monitoring and sampling activities, recordkeeping and reporting, organic materials and edible food recovery, infrastructure capacity planning, procurement of recovered organic waste products, and enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the Cities and Authorized Districts continue to believe that by combining their separate powers they can achieve their waste diversion goals and satisfy the requirements of the Integrated Waste Management Act and other legislation more effectively than if they exercise those powers separately; and

WHEREAS, the Cities affirm, that pursuant to this Second Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement, the IWMA remains a regional agency in accordance with Public Resources Code section 40970 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 40977, the Cities shall include one (1) Authorized District to be included as a member in the IWMA regional agency for the purpose of representation on the IWMA Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Authorized District "member" may change from time to time; the current elected or appointed Authorized District representative shall represent the collective interests of all Authorized Districts; and

WHEREAS, this Second Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement shall be considered a Memorandum of Understanding between the Cities and the

Authorized Districts to enable and allow one (1) representative of the Authorized Districts to participate in the governance of the IWMA as a member agency pursuant to Section 40977 of the Public Resource Code to represent the interests of all Authorized Districts; and

WHEREAS, the Cities and the Authorized Districts (together “Participating Agencies”) desire to establish and confer upon a separate legal entity the powers necessary to enable them to achieve their waste diversion goals and to comply with the Integrated Waste Management Act, Assembly Bill 341, Assembly Bill 1826, Senate Bill 1383, and all current and future state-mandated laws, rules and regulations to the extent allowed by law and by the terms and conditions of this Second Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Participating Agencies desire to avoid a series of amendments to the Agreement over time due to future state-mandated legislation and programs, and as such, the parties desire to authorize the IWMA Board to enact policies, resolutions, and ordinances as are necessary to ensure and oversee compliance with any and all future state-mandated programs related to solid waste, recycling, waste diversion, and any other purpose of the Authority as provided in this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Definitions.

To the extent that any of the following definitions conflict with any definition set forth in the California Integrated Waste Management Act, (Pub. Resources Code, § 40000 et seq.), and the Regulations promulgated thereunder, said Act and/or Regulations shall take priority. The terms defined in this Section that begin in this Agreement with quotation marks have the following meanings:

1.1 “Act” means the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Pub. Resources Code, § 40000 et seq.) and all regulations adopted under

that legislation, as that legislation and those regulations may be amended from time to time.

1.2 “Agreement” means this Second Amended and Restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, as it may be amended from time to time.

1.3 “Authority” means the San Luis Obispo County Integrated Waste Management Authority, a joint exercise of powers agency created by the Members pursuant to this Agreement.

1.4 “Authorized Districts” means certain special districts with solid waste authority participating in the IWMA through this Second Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement, including but not limited to the Avila Beach Community Services District, California Valley Community Services District, Cambria Community Services District, Cayucos Sanitary District, Ground Squirrel Hollow Community Services District, Heritage Ranch Community Services District, Los Osos Community Services District, Nipomo Community Services District, Oceano Community Services District, San Miguel Community Services District, San Simeon Community Services District, and Templeton Community Services District, or other qualified agencies that may later determine to become a Participating Agency by execution of this Agreement.

1.5 “Authorized District Representative” means the representative, or alternate, elected or appointed by the Authorized Districts to represent the Authorized Districts’ interests as a member of the IWMA regional agency pursuant to Section 40977 of the Public Resources Code.

1.6 “Board” means the Board of Directors of the Authority.

1.7 “CalRecycle” means the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery.

1.8 “City” means any Participating Agency that is a city, and “Cities” means all of the Participating Agencies that are Cities.

1.9 “Composting Facility” means a facility at which composting is conducted and which produces a product meeting the definition of compost in Public Resources Code (PRC) section 40116. (“Compost” means the product resulting from the controlled biological decomposition of organic wastes that are source separated from the municipal solid waste stream, or which are separated at a centralized facility. “Compost” includes vegetable, yard and wood wastes which are not hazardous waste, and biosolids where combined with other organic materials in a mixture that consists largely of decayed organic matter, and is used for fertilizing and conditioning land.)

1.10 “Executive Director” means the person hired and appointed by the Board as the Authority's chief administrative officer to administer the affairs of the Authority and to implement the policies of the Board.

1.11 “Fiscal Year” means the period commencing on each July 1 and ending on the following June 30.

1.12 “HHW” means household hazardous waste as described in the household hazardous waste element as required by the Act (Pub. Resources Code, § 40000 et seq.), as that element may be amended from time to time. .

1.13 “HHWE” means the Household Hazardous Waste Element as required by the Act (Pub. Resources Code, § 40000 et seq.) as that element may be amended from time to time.

1.14 “IWMA” means the Authority as defined herein.

1.15 “IWMA Region” means the jurisdictional territory and boundaries of all Participating Agencies.

1.16 “Joint Facilities” means a materials recovery facility, composting or HHW Facility, or other facility developed for the purpose of complying with requirements established by state legislation or the regulations of CalRecycle, or combination thereof, which is owned by some or all of the Participating Agencies directly, or by the Authority, or by a private entity, or a public agency, for the benefit of some or all of the Participating Agencies.

1.17 “Members” means the Cities who are members of this regional agency, formed pursuant to Public Resources Code section 40970 et seq, and the one (1) Authorized District Representative pursuant to Public Resources Code section 40977. “MRF” means a “materials recovery facility” which means a permitted solid waste facility where solid wastes or recyclable materials are sorted or separated, by hand or by use of machinery, for the purposes of recycling or composting. (Title 14, Ch. 9, Art. 3, Section 18720, “Definitions.”) “MRF” also means a transfer station which is designed to, and, as a condition of its permit, shall recover for reuse or recycling at least 15 percent of the total volume of material received by the facility. (Pub. Resources Code, § 50000(a)(4).)

1.18 “Participating Agency” or “Participating Agencies” means and shall include the Cities and the Authorized Districts who are signatories to this Agreement, delegating powers to the Authority pursuant to this Agreement, and participating in the governance of the IWMA.

1.19 “NDFE” means a Nondisposal Facility Element as required by the Act (Pub. Resources Code, § 40000 et seq.), as that element may be amended from time to time.

1.20 “Revenue Bonds” means revenue bonds, notes, certificates of participation and any other instruments and evidences of indebtedness issued by

the Authority from time to time pursuant to the law or any other applicable law in order to finance the MRF, any Joint Facilities or any Sole Use Facilities.

1.21 “Sole Use Facilities” means an integrated resource recovery facility, performing one or more of the functions of a MRF, composting or HHW Facility which is located within the boundary of the Authority and is owned by one Participating Agency or a private entity, but in all events is operated for the benefit of the residents and/or constituents of the IWMA Region.

1.22 “Solid Waste Landfill” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 40195.1 of the Public Resources Code, as that section may be amended from time to time.

1.23 “SRRE” means a Source Reduction And Recycling Element as required by the Act (Pub. Resources Code, § 40000 et seq.), as that element may be amended from time to time.

SECTION 2. Purpose.

Government Code section 6500 et seq. provides that two or more public agencies by agreement may jointly exercise any power common to the contracting parties. Public Resources Code section 40977 authorizes a district to be included as a member of a regional agency. Public Resources Code section 40976 authorizes a city or county to enter into a memorandum of understanding with another city, county, or district for the purpose of preparing and implementing source reduction and recycling elements or a countywide integrated waste management plan. It is the intent of the Participating Agencies to utilize these statutory authorizations in this Agreement.

The Participating Agencies enter this Agreement with the intent to operate the Authority in compliance with the requirements of the Act and other state legislation, with a minimum level of staff, addressing those operations and programs that can be most cost-effectively handled at the regional level by maximizing local resources, private sector participation, and contract services provision. The duties and responsibilities of each Participating Agency are described in the applicable adopted plans. The Authority is formed with the purpose and intent of facilitating the development of programs and projects related to waste diversion for the benefits of the residents and/or constituents of the IWMA Region that provide economies of scale without interfering with individual agencies' exercise of power within their own jurisdiction.

SECTION 3. Creation of Authority.

3.1 The Cities hereby re-create and re-establish an authority and public entity to continue to be known as the “San Luis Obispo County Integrated Waste Management Authority,” (hereinafter referred to as the “Authority” or “IWMA”) it being understood that the Board shall be entitled to change the Authority's name from time to time. The Authority shall be a public entity separate from each of the Cities and the Authorized Districts.

3.2 The Authority shall constitute and remain as a regional agency pursuant to Public Resources Code section 40970 et seq. The regional agency shall include one (1) Authorized District Representative as a member pursuant to Public Resources Code section 40977. Said regional agency, and not the Participating Agencies of the regional agency, shall be responsible for compliance with the waste diversion requirements set forth in Public Resources Code, Article 1 of

Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 41780). In the event that the regional agency fails to comply with said waste diversion requirements, it is expressly understood and agreed that Section 14 of this Agreement shall provide for indemnification for the benefit of the regional agency and its Participating Agencies as specifically set forth therein.

3.3 The assets, rights, debts, liabilities, and obligations of the Authority shall not constitute assets, rights, debts, liabilities, or obligations of any of the Participating Agencies. However, nothing in this Agreement shall prevent any Participating Agency from separately contracting for, or assuming responsibility for, specific debts, liabilities, or obligations of the Authority, provided that both the Board and that Participating Agency approve such contract or assumption in writing.

3.4 This Second Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement shall take effect upon its adoption by each of the Cities. The Authorized Districts, and each of them, may elect to participate in the IWMA by execution of this agreement wherein they shall be bound by its terms and conditions. All prior agreements, including the MOA, shall be extinguished upon the execution of this Agreement by the Cities.

SECTION 4. Inclusion of the Authorized Districts.

4.1 This Second Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement shall be considered a Memorandum of Understanding between the Cities and the Authorized Districts to allow one (1) representatives of the Authorized Districts to participate in the governance of the IWMA pursuant to Section 40977 of the Public Resources Code. Participation of the Authorized Districts is limited to special

districts within San Luis Obispo County that possess solid waste authority. The Authorized District Representative shall have all the governing rights and powers granted to an IWMA City Member. This Second Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement shall supersede, replace, and supplant the Memorandum of Agreement executed by and between the Cities, the County, and the Authorized Districts in or around 2001.

4.2 Authorized Districts, collectively, shall appoint or elect one representative and one alternate to represent the Authorized Districts on the IWMA Board of Directors. Authorized District Representative shall be limited to elected or appointed officials of an Authorized District. Said representatives shall represent the collective interests of all Authorized Districts. The selected Authorized District Representative shall serve a defined term, if so determined by the Authorized Districts, or so long as they hold an elected or appointed office with their Participating Agency, or until they resign or are removed prior to the end of their term. The Authorized District Representative alternate shall be entitled to vote on IWMA matters only in the absence of the Authorized District Representative.

4.3 The Authorized Districts, as Participating Agencies, shall have no individual powers and/or authority other than through the Authorized District Representative.

SECTION 5. Term.

The Authority is and remains effective as of the date of this Agreement. It shall continue until dissolved in accordance with Section 15 of this Agreement. However, in no event shall the Authority be dissolved if its dissolution would

conflict with or violate the terms or conditions of any Revenue Bonds or related documentation including, without limitation, indentures, resolutions, and letter of credit agreements.

SECTION 6. Powers.

6.1 The Authority is empowered to acquire, construct, finance, refinance, operate, regulate and maintain a Solid Waste Landfill, transfer station, MRF, composting, HHW, or Joint Facilities and Sole Use Facilities subject, however, to the conditions and restrictions contained in this Agreement. The Authority shall also have the power to plan, study and recommend proper solid waste management consistent with the Act and other legislation and, to the extent permitted by the Act and this Agreement, implement plans approved by the IWMA and the programs specified in the state approved and locally adopted SRREs, the HHWE, the NDFE, and the Countywide or Regional Siting Element for all or any portion of the area included within the IWMA Region. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement, the Authority shall not acquire, regulate, set fees for, or operate any solid waste landfills, recycling, or composting facilities owned or operated by Participating Agencies without the express written consent of such Participating Agency.

6.2 To the full extent permitted by applicable law, the Authority is authorized, in its own name, to do all acts necessary or convenient for the exercise of such powers that each Member could exercise separately including, without limitation, any and all of the following:

- (a) to make and enter into contracts;
- (b) to apply for and accept grants, advances and contributions;

- (c) to contract for the services of engineers, attorneys, accountants, planners, consultants, fiscal agents and other persons and entities;
- (d) to make plans and conduct studies;
- (e) to acquire, improve, hold, lease and dispose of real and personal property of all types;
- (f) to sue and be sued in its own name;
- (g) to incur and discharge debts, liabilities and obligations;
- (h) to establish rates, tolls, tipping fees, other fees, rentals and other charges in connection with the Authority's facilities identified in Paragraph 6.1 herein, as well as any and all services and programs provided and/or implemented by the Authority;
- (i) to hire agents and employees;
- (j) to exercise the power of eminent domain for the acquisition of real and personal property;
- (k) to issue Revenue Bonds, grant or bond anticipation notes, or other governmental financing instruments, in accordance with all applicable laws for the purpose of raising funds to finance or refinance the acquisition, construction, improvement, renovation, repair, operation, regulation or maintenance of the facilities identified in Paragraph 6.1 herein or as otherwise deemed necessary or beneficial to the Authority;

- (l) to sell or lease the facilities identified in Paragraph 6.1 herein;
- (m) to loan the proceeds of Revenue Bonds to any person or entity to finance or refinance the acquisition, construction, improvement, renovation or repair of the facilities identified in Paragraph 6.1 herein;
- (n) to provide that the holders of Revenue Bonds, whether directly or through a representative such as an indenture trustee, be third party beneficiaries of any of the obligations of any Member to the Authority and to covenant with the holders of any Revenue Bonds on behalf of any such Member to perform such obligations and comply with any agreements that Member may have with the Authority;
- (o) to prepare and implement plans and programs as deemed necessary and/or beneficial to the Authority in carrying out the purposes of this Agreement;
- (p) to provide public education, outreach, and marketing activities in support of diversion and edible food recovery programs;
- (q) to enter into memorandums of understanding with other regional agencies, cities, counties, and special districts;
- (r) to adopt, as authorized by California law, ordinances as are necessary to ensure and oversee compliance with any and all current and future state-mandated legislation and

programs related to solid waste, recycling, and waste diversion;

- (s) to act as the delegate, on behalf of the Participating Agencies, for the responsibilities of compliance, monitoring, reporting, and education of all state-mandated legislation, including, but not limited to the Integrated Waste Management Act, Assembly Bill 341, Assembly Bill 1826, and Senate Bill 1383.

6.3 Such powers shall be exercised subject only to the limitations set forth in this Agreement, applicable law, and such restrictions upon the manner of exercising such powers as are imposed by law in the exercise of similar powers. The Authority hereby designates the City of San Luis Obispo as the Member required to be designated by Section 6509 of the California Government Code. Should the Participating Agencies desire to designate an alternative agency for the purposes of Section 6509, such new designation may be changed by resolution of the Participating Agencies without need for an amendment to this Agreement.

6.4 This Agreement shall not limit the ability of the Participating Agencies to plan, administer, implement, and otherwise conduct waste management and other related local programs as deemed appropriate by the agency and consistent with the purpose and intent of this Agreement.

SECTION 7. Expressed Limitation of Powers.

The Authority's power to adopt, impose, implement, and/or comply with regulations and ordinances is expressly limited to state-mandated legislation and

regulations related to solid waste, recycling, organic waste, and waste diversion. The Authority shall establish a budget policy requiring Board consideration of the minimum work required to comply with state mandates and regulations in the most demonstrably cost-effective way possible. Said policy shall not preclude other requirements such as Board consideration of the equitable distribution of services throughout the IWMA Region and program enhancements that are funded by grant revenues and/or reimbursements from Participating Agencies. Additionally, the IWMA shall establish a purchasing policy with a similar provision when preparing scopes of work for consultants and independent contractors who are engaged in implementing the Authority's projects and programs. Notwithstanding the foregoing, all existing IWMA ordinances, rules, and regulations, whether or not mandated by the state, shall remain in full force and effect and not subject to this limitation of power unless otherwise determined by the Board.

SECTION 8. Boundaries.

The boundaries of the Authority shall be the boundaries of the Cities and the Authorized Districts identified herein as the IWMA Region. In the event a Participating Agency withdraws from the Authority, the boundaries shall be modified to exclude the area of the withdrawing agency. In the event a qualified city or district joins the Authority, the boundaries shall be modified to include the area of the joining Participating Agency. Section 8 shall not prevent the Authority's use and/or operation of facilities outside of its boundaries within the County of San Luis Obispo.

SECTION 9. Organization.

9.1 The Board. The Authority shall be governed by the Board, which shall exercise or oversee the exercise of all powers and authority on behalf of the Authority.

9.2 Participating Agencies.

- (a) Cities. City membership in the Authority shall be voluntary, but only the cities incorporated in the County of San Luis Obispo presently or in the future, are declared eligible for membership in the Authority as a regional agency. City representatives to the Authority shall consist of one (1) member from the governing body of each incorporated City within the boundaries of the County of San Luis Obispo which is a party to this Agreement. The Cities may elect to have an alternate member(s) in addition to any official member, but said alternate shall be an elected or appointed official and shall be able to vote only in the absence of the official representative.
- (b) Authorized Districts. The Authorized Districts shall be collectively represented on the Board by one (1) representative and one (1) alternate elected or appointed by and among themselves. The Authorized District Representative shall have all rights, power, and authority granted to a City representative. The Authorized District alternate shall be elected or

appointed officials and entitled to vote only in the absence of the official Authorized District Representative.

- (c) Representatives of the shall be appointed to serve on the Board in accordance with procedures established by each of the governing bodies of their respective agencies, except that the Authorized District Representative and alternate shall be elected or appointed pursuant to Section 4. Representatives shall serve so long as they hold office with their member agency, until they shall resign or are removed by a majority vote of their member agency, or pursuant to a set term established by their member agency. Vacancies among representatives or alternates shall be filled in the same manner as the first appointment.
- (d) Designation of the official representative or alternate(s), or changes thereto, shall be transmitted in writing to the Executive Director of the Authority by the appointing agency.
- (e) In addition to the incorporated Cities and Authorized Districts presently a party to this Agreement, any other city or qualified special district which may desire to participate in the activities of the Authority may do so by executing this Agreement without prior

approval or ratification of the named parties to this Agreement and shall thereafter be governed by all the terms and provisions of this Agreement as of the date of execution.

- (f) Membership and/or participation of any Participating Agency shall be contingent upon the execution of this Second Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement, as same may be further amended from time to time, with no requirement to execute the Original JPA or any prior amendments thereto.

9.3 Principal Office. The principal office of the Authority shall be located at 870 Osos Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401. The Board may change that principal office upon giving at least 15 days' notice to each Participating Agency and to CalRecycle.

9.4 Officers.

- (a) The officers of the Board shall consist of a President and Vice President elected for a term of one year by a majority vote of the Board.
- (b) Both the President and Vice President of the Board shall be elected at the last meeting preceding July of each year.
- (c) The officers shall serve until their successors are elected.
- (d) The duties of the officers shall be as follows:
 - 1) President

- a) Shall preside over all meetings of the Board.
 - b) Shall appoint all ad hoc committees subject to ratification by the Board.
 - c) Shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.
 - d) Shall execute all contracts and legal documents on behalf of the Authority except those that have been delegated to the Executive Director through purchasing policies or other actions of the Board of Directors.
- 2) Vice President
- a) Shall serve as President pro-tem in the absence of the President.
 - b) Shall give whatever aid necessary to the President.
 - c) Shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.
 - d) In the event of a vacancy occurring in the office of either the President or Vice President upon said officer's death, resignation, removal or his/her ceasing to be an official representative of a member agency, such vacancy will be

filled by majority vote of the Board, the officer elected to serve for the balance of the unexpired term.

9.5 Executive Director. The Board shall employ or contract for the services of a general manager (the “Executive Director”) who shall be the chief administrative officer of the Authority. The Authority shall select a qualified Executive Director using professional personnel standards and an open competitive process. The Executive Director shall plan, organize and direct the administration and operations of the Authority, either directly or by means of delegation to IWMA staff, shall advise the Board on policy matters, shall recommend an administrative structure to the Board, shall hire and discharge administrative staff, shall develop and recommend budgets, shall reply to communications on behalf of the Authority, shall approve payments of amounts duly authorized by the Board, shall implement Board policy, shall carry out such other duties that may be assigned to the Executive Director by the Board from time to time, and shall attend meetings of the Board and committees as directed.

9.6 Committees.

- (a) Committees, subcommittees, and advisory committees may be established as the Board may deem appropriate.
- (b) Membership on “ad-hoc” policy committees shall be at the discretion of the President, subject to ratification by the Board, and consisting of less than a quorum of the Board. Nothing herein shall be construed to limit membership on these aforesaid

committees to officials of the member agencies. The President may appoint any individual deemed qualified to serve on a committee.

- (c) Standing Committees shall include an Executive Committee and other committees as established by the Board. The composition and bylaws of the standing committees shall be established by the Board by resolution. All Standing Committee meetings shall be held subject to the provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act (Sections 54950 et seq. of the California Government Code) and other applicable laws of the State of California.

SECTION 10. Meetings of the Board.

10.1 Notice of Meetings. All meetings of the Board shall be held subject to the provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act (Sections 54950 et seq. of the California Government Code) and other applicable laws of the State of California.

10.2 Regular Meetings. The Board shall hold at least four regular meetings each year. The date upon which, and the hour and place at which, each regular meeting shall be fixed by resolution of the Board.

10.3 Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board may be called in accordance with the provisions of the California Government Code.

10.4 Notice of Meetings. All meetings of the Board shall be held subject to the provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act (Sections 54950 et seq. of the California Government Code) and other applicable laws of the State of California.

10.5 Minutes. The Executive Director shall cause minutes of all meetings of the Board and any standing committees of the Board to be kept and shall, after each meeting and approval of the Board, cause a copy of the minutes to be forwarded to each Participating Agency.

10.6 Quorum and Voting. For purposes of conducting business, there shall be present a quorum consisting of a majority of the Board. Each director shall have one vote. No action shall be effective without the affirmative votes of a majority of those present. The Board shall adopt such procedures as are consistent with this Agreement and applicable law and are necessary or helpful in conducting the business of the Authority in an orderly manner.

10.7 Budget. The Cities and the County have entered into a *Memorandum of Agreement among the County of San Luis Obispo and the Cities of Arroyo Grande, Atascadero, El Paso de Robles, Grover Beach, Morro Bay, Pismo Beach, and San Luis Obispo for the Establishment and Payment of Landfill Tipping Fee Surcharges To Support The San Luis Obispo Integrated Waste Management Authority* (the “MOA”). Pursuant to the MOA, those members of the Authority having jurisdiction over such matters have agreed to establish tipping fee surcharges (the “Tipping Fee Surcharges”) which shall be paid into a Solid Waste Authority—Trust Fund (as defined in the MOA) for the purposes therein.

- (a) A line item and program budget for the Authority's operations shall be adopted by the Board for the ensuing Fiscal Year prior to June 30 of each year. All costs incurred by the Authority shall be set forth in the budget and shall be paid out of the solid waste

fund derived from tipping fee surcharges and other sources as approved by the Board.

The line item and program budget shall be submitted in draft form to all Participating Agencies for review and comment prior to adoption.

The line item and program budget shall include sufficient detail to constitute an operating guideline, the anticipated sources of funds, and the anticipated expenditures to be made for the operations of the Authority and the administration, maintenance and operating costs of the facilities identified in Paragraph 6.1 herein. Any budget for Sole Use Facilities shall be maintained separately. Approval of the line item and program budget by the Board shall constitute authority for the Executive Director to expend funds for the purposes outlined in the approved budget, subject to the availability of funds.

- (b) A budget for the acquisition, construction, or operation of facilities, or for contracting for the acquisition, construction, or operation of facilities, identified in Paragraph 6.1 herein shall be adopted by the Board before the Authority commits any acquisition or construction funds or contracts. It may be amended if and when determined by the

Board. Approval of the budget(s) for the facilities identified in Paragraph 6.1 herein shall constitute authority for the Executive Director (or any trustee or other fiduciary appointed by the Authority) to receive state or federal grant funds and proceeds of Revenue Bonds and to expend funds for the acquisition, construction, or operation of the facilities identified in Paragraph 6.1 herein.

- (c) A budget(s) governing the acquisition, construction, or operation of Sole Use Facilities may be adopted by the affected Participating Agency or Agencies. When such budgets are adopted by affected parties, appropriate accounts shall be established by the Authority and designated as such participant or participant's fund. Disbursement of such funds by the Authority shall be made only upon receipt of written authorization from the designated finance officer of the affected Participating Agency or Agencies. Receipts and disbursements for the acquisition or construction of Sole Use Facilities may also be made directly by the affected Participating Agency or Agencies, in which case such budgets shall not be a part of the budget of the Authority.

10.8 Rules of Procedure. The Board shall from time to time, establish written rules and procedures for the conduct of their meetings.

SECTION 11. Joint Operating Fund and Contributions.

The Authority shall have the power to establish a joint operating fund. The fund shall be used to pay all administrative, operating, and other expenses incurred by the Authority. Funding shall be on an enterprise basis or as determined by the Board. All monies in the joint operating fund shall be paid out by the Auditor-Controller / Treasurer for the purposes for which the fund was created upon authorization by the President of the Board and approval by the Executive Director of demands for payment, or as otherwise authorized by resolution of the Board filed with the Auditor-Controller / Treasurer. No Participating Agency shall be obligated to make any contributions of funds to the Authority for facilities to be established in accordance with Section 6.1 or pay any other amounts on behalf of the Authority, other than as required by this Section 11, without that Participating Agency's consent evidenced by a written instrument signed by a duly authorized representative of that Participating Agency. The Authority shall contract with an independent certified professional accountant to conduct annual fiscal audits as required by applicable statute or legislation and report the results of such audit to the Board.

11.1 Auditor-Controller / Treasurer. The Auditor-Controller / Treasurer of San Luis Obispo County shall be the Auditor-Controller / Treasurer of the Authority. The Auditor-Controller / Treasurer shall preform all responsibilities and obligations as provided in Government Code section 6505.5. To the extent a conflict exists between this Section 11 and the Government Code, the Government Code shall control.

11.2 Notwithstanding Sections 11.1 above, designation of the Auditor-Controller / Treasurer may be changed from time to time by resolution of the Board without necessitating amendment to this Agreement.

SECTION 12. Records and Accounts.

This Section and Section 11 are intended to ensure strict accountability of all funds of the Authority and to provide accurate reporting of receipts and disbursements of such funds. The Authority shall maintain accurate and correct books of account, showing in detail the costs and expenses of any service or acquisition and construction and the maintenance, operation, regulation and administration of any service or Joint Facilities or Sole Use Facilities, and all financial transactions of the Participating Agencies relating to any service or Joint Facilities or Sole Use Facilities. Books and records shall be established and maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles promulgated by the California State Controller's Office and the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. The books of account shall correctly show any receipts and any costs, expenses, or charges to be paid by all or any of the Participating Agencies. The books of account shall be open to inspection at all times by a representative or agent of any of the Participating Agencies. In addition, if required by any resolution authorizing the issuance of Revenue Bonds, the Authority shall maintain appropriate books, records, accounts and files relating to each project as required by such resolution which shall be open to inspection by holders of Revenue Bonds if and to the extent, and in the manner, provided in the resolution.

SECTION 13. Rates and Fees.

The Authority shall be funded by a combination of rates, fees, and other funding mechanisms as allowed by applicable authority. Use of revenue from rates and fees shall not be restricted based upon the funding mechanism. The Authority shall establish and regulate rates and/or tipping fees at facilities within the County of San Luis Obispo, such as landfills or other collection sites, for (1) the operation, acquisition, construction, repair, and maintenance of new and existing facilities; (2) the implementation of state legislation and regulations; (3) the operation of programs, education, outreach, monitoring and enforcement efforts; and (4) the preparation, adoption, and implementation a regional management plan.

The Authority may impose fees in amounts sufficient for (1) the implementation of state legislation and supporting programs; (2) education outreach, monitoring, reporting and compliance efforts; (3) the preparation, adoption, and implementation of a regional management plan; and (4) any other purposes as provided for by this Agreement. Revenue generation may include fees imposed on “Haulers” (defined as companies with an agreement with a governmental entity for the collection of solid waste, recyclables, or green waste in San Luis Obispo County), assessments, or any other funding mechanism as allowed by applicable authority. Rates and fees shall be set or modified by resolution only.

Prior to the Authority increasing rates or fees, or imposing new rates or fees, the Authority shall provide the Participating Agencies with all necessary facts, data, information and analyses related to justification and/or explanation of the proposed rates and fees that meet all applicable legal requirements to support their adoption. The Authority shall coordinate with the Participating Agency

managers in this regard to ensure the facts, data, information and analyses provided by the Authority is adequate to enable the Participating Agencies to implement the Authority's proposed rates and fees through the Proposition 218 process, if deemed applicable to a Participating Agency by that Agency; however, determinations regarding the application of Proposition 218 to any proposed increased rate or fee shall be made solely by each Participating Agency with no Authority representations of any kind.

The Authority shall establish a rate and/or fee setting policy which shall govern the obligations of the Authority to its Participating Agencies in the implementation of any new or increased rates or fees.

SECTION 14. Failure to Meet Waste Stream Requirements.

The Authority shall be entitled to cause the waste streams of each Participating Agency to be monitored, pursuant to procedures approved by the Board, in order to determine whether state waste diversion requirements are being met. If the waste stream diversion of any Participating Agency fails to meet any such requirements, including but not limited to taking all actions necessary to comply with state mandates, that Participating Agency shall be solely responsible for any and all resulting liabilities, damages, fines, criminal and civil sanctions, and costs and expenses. That Participating Agency shall also indemnify and hold the Authority and the other Participating Agencies harmless from and against any and all liabilities, damages, fines, sanctions, costs and expenses that are incurred as a result of the violation or a claimed violation including, without limitation, all fees and costs of legal counsel. If two or more Participating Agencies are responsible

for a failure to meet any such requirements or are claimed to have violated any such requirements, the Participating Agencies responsible for the violations or which are the subject of such claims shall be responsible to, and shall indemnify, the Authority and the other Participating Agencies in proportion to their relative responsibility for the violations or claimed violations. Upon notification of any such violation or claim, the Participating Agency or Agencies shall take such prompt, corrective action as is necessary to meet the requirements. Nothing in this Section shall preclude one or more Participating Agencies or the Authority from imposing or establishing additional incentives to meet waste diversion requirements.

SECTION 15. Withdrawal and Dissolution.

15.1 The parties to this Agreement pledge full cooperation and agree to assign representatives to serve as official appointed representatives of the Authority or any committee or subcommittee thereof who shall act for and on behalf of their Participating Agency in any or all matters which shall come before the Authority, subject to any necessary approval of their acts by the governing bodies of the Participating Agencies.

15.2 Any party to this Agreement may withdraw from the Authority, upon providing six (6) months' prior written notice, and terminate its participation in this Agreement by resolution of its governing body. The withdrawal of the Participating Agency shall have no effect on the continuance of this Agreement among the remaining Participating Agencies, and the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect with respect to the remaining Participating Agencies. No

withdrawal shall become effective until six (6) months after receipt of the written notice by the Authority.

15.3 A Participating Agency which has withdrawn from the Authority shall not be liable for the payment of further contributions falling due beyond the date of withdrawal and shall have no right to reimbursement of any monies previously paid to the Authority. The Authority may authorize a reimbursement if in its judgment such reimbursement is fair and equitable and can be done without jeopardy to the operation of the Authority. If any Participating Agency fails to pay a required contribution, as determined by the Board, that Participating Agency shall be provided with a sixty (60) day written notice and an opportunity to cure. If the Board determines that the Participating Agency has failed to cure or negotiate a cure within sixty (60) days following delivery of the written notice shall be deemed a voluntary withdrawal from the Authority.

15.4 The Authority may be dissolved at any time and this Agreement terminated by a joint agreement duly-approved and executed by a majority of the Members which are parties hereto. Said termination agreement shall provide for the orderly payment of all outstanding debts and obligations and for the return of any surplus funds of the Authority in proportion to the contributions made by the Participating Agencies. In the event the Authority is dissolved, the individual Participating Agencies shall be responsible for complying with the requirements of the Act as included in the approved SRREs, HHWE, NDFE, Countywide or Regional Siting Element and Integrated Waste Management Plan in addition to compliance with all waste management related legislation.

SECTION 16. Amendments Including Termination.

This Agreement may only be amended or terminated by a written instrument executed by a majority of the Members and meeting the requirements imposed by the terms or conditions of all Revenue Bonds and related documentation including, without limitation, indentures, resolutions, and letter of credit agreements. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no amendment or termination shall require any Participating Agency to contribute any funds to the Authority or become directly or contingently liable for any debts, liabilities or obligations of the Authority without the consent of that agency evidenced in a written instrument signed by a duly authorized representative of that Participating Agency.

SECTION 17. Filing with the Secretary of State.

The Secretary shall file all required notices with the Secretary of State in accordance with California Government Code sections 6503.5 and 53051

SECTION 18. Notices.

All notices which any Participating Agency of the Authority may wish to give in connection with this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be served by personal delivery, by electronic mail, or by US mail addressed to the Participating Agency, or Participating Agencies, or the Authority at its principal office, or to such other address as the Authority or Participating Agency or Participating Agencies may designate from time to time by written notice given in the manner specified in this Section. Service of notice pursuant to this Section shall be deemed complete on the day of service by personal delivery (but 24 hours after such delivery in the case

of notices of special meetings of the Board), two days after mailing if deposited in the United States mail, or in 24 hours if provided by electronic mail.

SECTION 19. Successors and Assigns.

This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the permitted successors and assigns of the Participating Agencies. However, no Participating Agency shall assign any of its rights under this Agreement except to a duly formed public entity organized and existing under the laws of the State of California approved by a majority of the voting Directors who do not represent the assigning Participating Agency. No assignment shall be effective unless and until the Authority, the Participating Agencies, and the proposed assignee comply with all then applicable requirements of law relating to changes in the composition of entities such as the Authority if and when they have Revenue Bonds outstanding and with the terms and conditions of all Revenue Bonds and related documentation including, without limitation, indentures, resolutions and letter of credit agreements.

SECTION 20. Severability.

Should any part, term, sentence, or provision of this Agreement be decided by a final judgment of a court or arbitrator to be illegal or in conflict with any law of the State of California or otherwise be unenforceable or ineffectual, the validity of its remaining parts, terms, sentences, and provisions shall not be affected and the Participating Agencies represent that they would have adopted this Agreement even without the ineffectual or non-valid provision(s).

SECTION 21. Section Headings.

All section headings contained in this Agreement are for convenience and reference. They are not intended to define or limit the scope of any provision of this Agreement.

SECTION 22. Effective Date.

This Agreement shall take effect upon its execution by all Members, pursuant to resolutions of such governing bodies authorizing such execution and shall remain in full force and effect until dissolved pursuant to the provisions herein. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts which together shall constitute a single agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first hereinabove written.

PARTICIPATING AGENCIES

CITIES	AUTHORIZED DISTRICTS
Arroyo Grande Atascadero El Paso de Robles Grover Beach Morro Bay Pismo Beach San Luis Obispo	Avila Beach CSD California Valley CSD Cambria CSD Cayucos Sanitary District Ground Squirrel Hollow CSD Heritage Ranch CSD Los Osos CSD Nipomo CSD Oceano CSD San Miguel CSD San Simeon CSD Templeton CSD