

**EXHIBIT 4-B**



**Denise Duffy & Associates, Inc.**

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING

April 2, 2018

Larry Hampson  
District Engineer  
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District  
5 Harris Ct., Bldg. G  
Monterey, CA 93942

***Subject: Permit Assistance for the Los Padres Dam Gravel Augmentation Project***

Dear Mr. Hampson:

Denise Duffy & Associates, Inc. (DD&A) appreciates the opportunity to provide permitting assistance services for the Los Padres Dam Gravel Augmentation Project to the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD). As we understand, the project proposes from 1,500 to 2,000 tons of gravel be placed downstream of the Los Padres Dam spillway plunge pool (1,500 in a single year, up to 2,000 tons of gravel over a period of three years). DD&A will be retained to assist MPWMD in obtaining the necessary permits from U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACOE) Section 404 permit, Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (CC-RWQCB) Section 401 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, and County of Monterey Grading Permit.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (831) 373-4341 ext. 13. We look forward to working with the District on this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Denise Duffy". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Denise Duffy  
Principal  
DENISE DUFFY & ASSOCIATES, INC.

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### **TASKS and OVERVIEW OF SCOPE**

#### **Task 1. Project Initiation**

This task includes coordination with the MPWMD to further define the scope and project path, identify data needs, confirm deliverables, and establish schedules and protocols for communication. DD&A will coordinate with the District to obtain all relevant project information, including the project description, site plans, aerial photographs, and other pertinent documentation. DD&A will review the project information to evaluate existing environmental conditions, data sets and plans as required for permit acquisition. This task also includes confirmation of required level of environmental review.

#### **Task 2. Communication and Coordination with Regulatory Agencies**

DD&A will prepare a detailed list of application requirements early in the process so that the District has a clear definition of items needed for the permit processing. DD&A's approach to the permitting requirements is based on direct and recent experience, familiarity with regulatory agency staff and protocol, and successful completion of permit acquisition.

#### **Task 3. Preparation of Permit Application Packages**

DD&A will prepare and submit permit applications to the Corps of Engineers, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Regional Water Quality Control Board, and Monterey County.

##### *USACOE Section 404 Permit*

DD&A will assemble the application package which will include the required form and project information. USACOE will review the application for completeness, and if the application is incomplete, request additional information within 30 days. The USACOE will decide on all applications not later than 60 days after receipt of a complete application. USCOE will initiate Section 7 consultation with USFWS and NOAA Fisheries based on the effects determination included in the Biological Assessment.

##### *CC-RWQCB Section 401 NPDES Permit*

Projects involving discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States, including wetlands and other water bodies, that require a Section 404 permit also require a Section 401 permit. DD&A will prepare and submit a Section 401 permit application for RWQCB approval.

##### *CDFW LSAA Permit*

DD&A will prepare and submit the Streambed Alteration Agreement application materials to CDFW for the project. The draft agreement will include measures to protect fish and wildlife resources while conducting the project. If it is determined that the notification package is incomplete, CDFW will specify the information needed to make it complete. Once the notification package is complete, CDFW will process the notification. After CDFW receives a complete notification package, it has 60 days to submit a draft agreement. This task includes one round of comments/revisions from the District.

##### *County of Monterey Grading Permit*

DD&A will compile needed permit application materials for the required grading permit under Monterey County Resources Management Agency.

#### **Task 4. Assistance with Processing Permits/Additional Permits**

DD&A will coordinate with permitting agencies to address comments, data gaps, and concerns that arise during permit processing. Should additional permitting assistance be required, DD&A will complete assigned tasks for processing as requested.

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### **BUDGET and SCHEDULE**

The tasks required to complete the documentation for the necessary permits will be billed on a Time and Materials (T&M) basis. Attached is DD&A 2018 Fee Schedule.

DD&A is available to initiate the work immediately upon receiving signed authorization from the District.

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**2018  
SCHEDULE OF RATES**

**HOURLY PERSONNEL RATES**

Principal	\$220.00
Senior Project Manager/Engineering Specialist	\$184.00
Senior Project Manager	\$158.00
Senior Botanist	\$147.00
Senior Planner/Scientist II	\$147.00
Project Manager	\$138.00
Senior Planner/Scientist	\$128.00
Assistant Project Manager	\$116.00
Environmental Biologist	\$110.00
Associate Planner/Scientist	\$105.00
Assistant Planner/Scientist	\$ 94.00
GIS/Computer Specialist	\$100.00
Administrative Manager	\$ 82.00
Database/Designer/Graphics	\$ 77.00
Field Technician	\$ 66.00
Administrative Assistant	\$ 61.00

Direct reimbursable expenses are charged at DD&A cost, plus 15%.  
These expenses may include, but are not limited to: subconsultants, reproduction,  
courier, postage, long-distance phone, fax and cellular, mileage and field supplies.

Mileage will be charged at the current IRS mileage rate.

Above rates are effective through 12/31/18 and may be adjusted thereafter.