

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO AND REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

This Agreement is entered into this 1ST day of July, 2022 by and between the County of San Mateo, a political subdivision of the state of California, hereinafter called "County," and The Regents of the University of California, hereinafter called "Contractor."

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Whereas, pursuant to Section 31000 of the California Government Code, County may contract with independent contractors for the furnishing of such services to or for County or any Department thereof; and

Whereas, it is necessary and desirable that Contractor be retained for the purpose of conducting field and lab research to develop management tools for mitigating human-wildlife conflicts in San Mateo County as further described in the attached Exhibit A, which is hereby incorporated.

Now, therefore, it is agreed by the parties to this Agreement as follows:

1. Exhibits and Attachments

The following exhibits and attachments are attached to this Agreement and incorporated into this Agreement by this reference:

- Exhibit A—Services
- Exhibit B—Payments and Rates
- Attachment I—§ 504 Compliance

2. Services to be performed by Contractor

In consideration of the payments set forth in this Agreement and in Exhibit B, Contractor shall perform services for County in accordance with the terms, conditions, and specifications set forth in this Agreement and in Exhibit A.

3. Payments

In consideration of the services provided by Contractor in accordance with all terms, conditions, and specifications set forth in this Agreement and in Exhibit A, County shall make payment to Contractor based on the rates and in the manner specified in Exhibit B. County reserves the right to withhold payment if County determines that the quantity or quality of the work performed is unacceptable. In no event shall County's total fiscal obligation under this Agreement exceed TWO HUNDRED FORTY-NINE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO DOLLARS (\$249,832). In the event that the County makes any advance payments, Contractor agrees to

refund any amounts in excess of the amount owed by the County at the time of contract termination or expiration. Contractor is not entitled to payment for work not performed as required by this agreement.

4. Term

Subject to compliance with all terms and conditions, the term of this Agreement shall be from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2025.

5. Termination

This Agreement may be terminated by Contractor or by the San Mateo County Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer or his/her designee at any time without a requirement of good cause upon thirty (30) days' advance written notice to the other party. Subject to availability of funding, Contractor shall be entitled to receive payment for work/services provided prior to termination of the Agreement. Such payment shall be that prorated portion of the full payment determined by comparing the work/services actually completed to the work/services required by the Agreement.

County may terminate this Agreement or a portion of the services referenced in the Attachments and Exhibits based upon the unavailability of Federal, State, or County funds by providing written notice to Contractor as soon as is reasonably possible after County learns of said unavailability of outside funding.

County may terminate this Agreement for cause. In order to terminate for cause, County must first give Contractor notice of the alleged breach. Contractor shall have five business days after receipt of such notice to respond and a total of ten calendar days after receipt of such notice to cure the alleged breach. If Contractor fails to cure the breach within this period, County may immediately terminate this Agreement without further action. The option available in this paragraph is separate from the ability to terminate without cause with appropriate notice described above. In the event that County provides notice of an alleged breach pursuant to this section, County may, in extreme circumstances, immediately suspend performance of services and payment under this Agreement pending the resolution of the process described in this paragraph. County has sole discretion to determine what constitutes an extreme circumstance for purposes of this paragraph, and County shall use reasonable judgment in making that determination.

6. Contract Materials

At the end of this Agreement, or in the event of termination, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, maps, photographs, reports, and other written materials (collectively referred to as "contract materials") prepared by Contractor under this Agreement shall become the property of County and shall be promptly delivered to County. Upon termination, Contractor may make and retain a copy of such contract materials if permitted by law.

7. Relationship of Parties

Contractor agrees and understands that the work/services performed under this Agreement are performed as an independent contractor and not as an employee of County and that neither Contractor nor its employees acquire any of the rights, privileges, powers, or advantages of County employees.

8. Hold Harmless

a. General Hold Harmless

Contractor shall indemnify and save harmless County and its officers, agents, employees, and servants from all claims, suits, or actions of every name, kind, and description resulting from this Agreement, the performance of any work or services required of Contractor under this Agreement, or payments made pursuant to this Agreement brought for, or on account of, any of the following:

(A) injuries to or death of any person, including Contractor or its employees/officers/agents;

(B) damage to any property of any kind whatsoever and to whomsoever belonging;

(C) any sanctions, penalties, or claims of damages resulting from Contractor's failure to comply, if applicable, with the requirements set forth in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) and all Federal regulations promulgated thereunder, as amended; or

(D) any other loss or cost, including but not limited to that caused by the concurrent active or passive negligence of County and/or its officers, agents, employees, or servants (collectively "Claims"), but only in proportion to and to the extent that such Claims arise from the negligent or intentional acts or omissions of Contractor, its officers, agents or employees.

The duty of Contractor to indemnify and save harmless as set forth by this Section shall include the duty to defend as set forth in Section 2778 of the California Civil Code.

9. Assignability and Subcontracting

Contractor shall not assign this Agreement or any portion of it to a third party or subcontract with a third party to provide services required by Contractor under this Agreement without the prior written consent of County. Any such assignment or subcontract without County's prior written

consent shall give County the right to automatically and immediately terminate this Agreement without penalty or advance notice.

10. Insurance

a. General Requirements

Contractor shall not commence work or be required to commence work under this Agreement unless and until all insurance required under this Section has been obtained and such insurance has been approved by County's Risk Management, and Contractor shall use diligence to obtain such insurance and to obtain such approval. Contractor shall furnish County with certificates of insurance evidencing the required coverage, and there shall be a specific contractual liability endorsement extending Contractor's coverage to include the contractual liability assumed by Contractor pursuant to this Agreement. These certificates shall specify or be endorsed to provide that thirty (30) days' notice must be given, in writing, to County of any pending change in the limits of liability or of any cancellation or modification of the policy.

b. Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance

Contractor shall have in effect during the entire term of this Agreement workers' compensation and employer's liability insurance providing full statutory coverage. In signing this Agreement, Contractor certifies, as required by Section 1861 of the California Labor Code, that (a) it is aware of the provisions of Section 3700 of the California Labor Code, which require every employer to be insured against liability for workers' compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions of the Labor Code, and (b) it will comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of work under this Agreement.

c. Liability Insurance

Contractor shall take out and maintain during the term of this Agreement such bodily injury liability and property damage liability insurance as shall protect Contractor and all of its employees/officers/agents while performing work covered by this Agreement from any and all claims for damages for bodily injury, including accidental death, as well as any and all claims for property damage which may arise from Contractor's operations under this Agreement, whether such operations be by Contractor, any subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by either of them, or an agent of either of them. Such insurance shall be combined single limit bodily injury and property damage for each occurrence and shall not be less than the amounts specified below:

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| (a) Comprehensive General Liability... | \$1,000,000 |
| (b) Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance... | \$1,000,000 |

County and its officers, agents, employees, and servants shall be named as additional insured on any such policies of insurance, which shall also contain a provision that (a) the insurance

afforded thereby to County and its officers, agents, employees, and servants shall be primary insurance to the full limits of liability of the policy and (b) if the County or its officers, agents, employees, and servants have other insurance against the loss covered by such a policy, such other insurance shall be excess insurance only.

In the event of the breach of any provision of this Section, or in the event any notice is received which indicates any required insurance coverage will be diminished or canceled, County, at its option, may, notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, immediately declare a material breach of this Agreement and suspend all further work and payment pursuant to this Agreement.

11. Compliance With Laws

All services to be performed by Contractor pursuant to this Agreement shall be performed in accordance with all applicable Federal, State, County, and municipal laws, ordinances, and regulations, including but not limited to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) and the Federal Regulations promulgated thereunder, as amended (if applicable), the Business Associate requirements set forth in Attachment H (if attached), the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in programs and activities receiving any Federal or County financial assistance. Such services shall also be performed in accordance with all applicable ordinances and regulations, including but not limited to appropriate licensure, certification regulations, provisions pertaining to confidentiality of records, and applicable quality assurance regulations. In the event of a conflict between the terms of this Agreement and any applicable State, Federal, County, or municipal law or regulation, the requirements of the applicable law or regulation will take precedence over the requirements set forth in this Agreement.

Contractor will timely and accurately complete, sign, and submit all necessary documentation of compliance.

12. Non-Discrimination and Other Requirements

a. General Non-discrimination

No person shall be denied any services provided pursuant to this Agreement (except as limited by the scope of services) on the grounds of race, color, national origin, ancestry, age, disability (physical or mental), sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital or domestic partner status, religion, political beliefs or affiliation, familial or parental status (including pregnancy), medical condition (cancer-related), military service, or genetic information.

b. Equal Employment Opportunity

Contractor shall ensure equal employment opportunity based on objective standards of recruitment, classification, selection, promotion, compensation, performance evaluation, and management relations for all employees under this Agreement. Contractor's equal employment policies shall be made available to County upon request.

c. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

Contractor shall comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, which provides that no otherwise qualified individual with a disability shall, solely by reason of a disability, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination in the performance of any services this Agreement. This Section applies only to contractors who are providing services to members of the public under this Agreement.

d. Compliance with County's Equal Benefits Ordinance

Contractor shall comply with all laws relating to the provision of benefits to its employees and their spouses or domestic partners, including, but not limited to, such laws prohibiting discrimination in the provision of such benefits on the basis that the spouse or domestic partner of the Contractor's employee is of the same or opposite sex as the employee.

e. Discrimination Against Individuals with Disabilities

The nondiscrimination requirements of 41 C.F.R. 60-741.5(a) are incorporated into this Agreement as if fully set forth here, and Contractor and any subcontractor shall abide by the requirements of 41 C.F.R. 60-741.5(a). This regulation prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals on the basis of disability and requires affirmative action by covered prime contractors and subcontractors to employ and advance in employment qualified individuals with disabilities.

f. History of Discrimination

Contractor certifies that no finding of discrimination has been issued in the past 365 days against Contractor by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing, or any other investigative entity. If any finding(s) of discrimination have been issued against Contractor within the past 365 days by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing, or other investigative entity, Contractor shall provide County with a written explanation of the outcome(s) or remedy for the discrimination prior to execution of this Agreement. Failure to comply with this Section shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement and subjects the Agreement to immediate termination at the sole option of the County.

g. Reporting; Violation of Non-discrimination Provisions

Contractor shall report to the County Manager the filing in any court or with any administrative agency of any complaint or allegation of discrimination on any of the bases prohibited by this Section of the Agreement or the Section titled "Compliance with Laws". Such duty shall include reporting of the filing of any and all charges with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing, or any other entity charged with the investigation or adjudication of allegations covered by this subsection within 30 days of such filing, provided that within such 30 days such entity has not notified Contractor that such charges are dismissed or otherwise unfounded. Such notification shall include a general description of the circumstances involved and a general description of the kind of discrimination alleged (for example, gender-, sexual orientation-, religion-, or race-based discrimination).

Violation of the non-discrimination provisions of this Agreement shall be considered a breach of this Agreement and subject the Contractor to penalties, to be determined by the County Manager, including but not limited to the following:

- i. termination of this Agreement;
- ii. disqualification of the Contractor from being considered for or being awarded a County contract for a period of up to 3 years;
- iii. liquidated damages of \$2,500 per violation; and/or
- iv. imposition of other appropriate contractual and civil remedies and sanctions, as determined by the County Manager.

To effectuate the provisions of this Section, the County Manager shall have the authority to offset all or any portion of the amount described in this Section against amounts due to Contractor under this Agreement or any other agreement between Contractor and County.

h. Compliance with Living Wage Ordinance

As required by Chapter 2.88 of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code, Contractor certifies all contractor(s) and subcontractor(s) obligated under this contract shall fully comply with the provisions of the County of San Mateo Living Wage Ordinance, including, but not limited to, paying all Covered Employees the current Living Wage and providing notice to all Covered Employees and Subcontractors as required under the Ordinance.

13. Compliance with County Employee Jury Service Ordinance

Contractor shall comply with Chapter 2.85 of the County's Ordinance Code, which states that Contractor shall have and adhere to a written policy providing that its employees, to the extent they are full-time employees and live in San Mateo County, shall receive from the Contractor, on an annual basis, no fewer than five days of regular pay for jury service in San Mateo County, with jury pay being provided only for each day of actual jury service. The policy may provide that such employees deposit any fees received for such jury service with Contractor or that the Contractor may deduct from an employee's regular pay the fees received for jury service in San Mateo County. By signing this Agreement, Contractor certifies that it has and adheres to a policy consistent with Chapter 2.85. For purposes of this Section, if Contractor has no employees in San Mateo County, it is sufficient for Contractor to provide the following written statement to County: "For purposes of San Mateo County's jury service ordinance, Contractor certifies that it has no full-time employees who live in San Mateo County. To the extent that it hires any such employees during the term of its Agreement with San Mateo County, Contractor shall adopt a policy that complies with Chapter 2.85 of the County's Ordinance Code." The requirements of Chapter 2.85 do not apply unless this Agreement's total value listed in the Section titled "Payments", exceeds two-hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000); Contractor acknowledges that Chapter 2.85's requirements will apply if this Agreement is amended such that its total value exceeds that threshold amount.

14. Retention of Records; Right to Monitor and Audit

(a) Contractor shall maintain all required records relating to services provided under this Agreement for three (3) years after County makes final payment and all other pending matters are closed, and Contractor shall be subject to the examination and/or audit by County, a Federal grantor agency, and the State of California.

(b) Contractor shall comply with all program and fiscal reporting requirements set forth by applicable Federal, State, and local agencies and as required by County.

(c) Contractor agrees upon reasonable notice to provide to County, to any Federal or State department having monitoring or review authority, to County's authorized representative, and/or to any of their respective audit agencies access to and the right to examine all records and documents necessary to determine compliance with relevant Federal, State, and local statutes, rules, and regulations, to determine compliance with this Agreement, and to evaluate the quality, appropriateness, and timeliness of services performed.

15. Merger Clause; Amendments

This Agreement, including the Exhibits and Attachments attached to this Agreement and incorporated by reference, constitutes the sole Agreement of the parties to this Agreement and correctly states the rights, duties, and obligations of each party as of this document's date. In the event that any term, condition, provision, requirement, or specification set forth in the body of this Agreement conflicts with or is inconsistent with any term, condition, provision, requirement, or specification in any Exhibit and/or Attachment to this Agreement, the provisions of the body of the Agreement shall prevail. Any prior agreement, promises, negotiations, or representations between the parties not expressly stated in this document are not binding. All subsequent modifications or amendments shall be in writing and signed by the parties.

16. Controlling Law; Venue

The validity of this Agreement and of its terms, the rights and duties of the parties under this Agreement, the interpretation of this Agreement, the performance of this Agreement, and any other dispute of any nature arising out of this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California without regard to its choice of law or conflict of law rules. Any dispute arising out of this Agreement shall be venued either in the San Mateo County Superior Court or in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California.

17. Notices

Any notice, request, demand, or other communication required or permitted under this Agreement shall be deemed to be properly given when both: (1) transmitted via facsimile to the telephone number listed below or transmitted via email to the email address listed below; and (2) sent to the physical address listed below by either being deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, or deposited for overnight delivery, charges prepaid, with an established overnight courier that provides a tracking number showing confirmation of receipt.

In the case of County, to:

Name/Title: Koren J. Widdel, Director, Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer
Address: 728 Heller St., Redwood City, CA 94063
Telephone: 650-363-4700
Facsimile: 650-367-0130
Email: kwiddel@smcgov.org

In the case of Contractor, to:

Name/Title: Kimberly Lamar, Associate Director, Office of Contracts & Grants
Address: 2801 Second Street, Davis, CA 95618
Telephone: 530-750-1305
Facsimile:
Email: ocg@ucanr.edu or kdlamar@ucanr.edu

18. Electronic Signature

Both County and Contractor wish to permit this Agreement and future documents relating to this Agreement to be digitally signed in accordance with California law and County's Electronic Signature Administrative Memo. Any party to this Agreement may revoke such agreement to permit electronic signatures at any time in relation to all future documents by providing notice pursuant to this Agreement.

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In witness of and in agreement with this Agreement's terms, the parties, by their duly authorized representatives, affix their respective signatures:

For Contractor: [THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA]

<u>Kimberly Lamar</u>	<u>05/26/2022</u>	<u>Kimberly Lamar</u>
Contractor Signature	Date	Contractor Name (please print)

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

By:
President, Board of Supervisors, San Mateo County

Date:

ATTEST:

By:
Clerk of Said Board

Exhibit A

In consideration of the payments set forth in Exhibit B, Contractor shall provide the following services:

- 1. Recruitment, hiring, and support (payroll, purchasing, human resources, evaluation and promotion, professional development) of a Human-Wildlife Interactions Advisor (hereinafter "Cooperative Extension Advisor" or "CE Advisor"), seated in San Mateo County with service to San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, and Sonoma Counties.**

The Position: UC ANR will recruit and hire a CE Advisor to serve, on an independent contractor basis, as an expert on wildlife species that impact or are impacted by human activities in Northern California, with emphasis in the San Francisco Bay Area where urban and rural communities and landscapes overlap. This CE Advisor will be at the nexus of livestock operators, land managers, scientists, wildlife advocates, and the public, and help facilitate productive understanding between groups sometimes at odds regarding wildlife management. This applied context is a specialized field combining wildlife biology, management, and conservation; environmental studies; rangeland science; and coupled socio-ecological systems. This program will draw from social, political, and ecological knowledge to develop best management practices, as well as inform relevant public policy and legislation, specific to carnivores (e.g., mountain lions, coyotes, etc.) and other vertebrates (e.g., ground squirrels).

Position Appointment: Should the CE Advisor position holder leave the position prior to the three-year term, ANR and the County will discuss options, including whether a search will be conducted to fill the position for the remainder of the term, development of a new agreement with new timelines and terms that are reflective of the current situation, and discontinuation of the partnership.

- 2. Development and delivery of a research-based outreach program to reduce human-wildlife conflict in the San Francisco Bay area with primary research and extension activity in San Mateo County.**

Primary activities:

- The CE Advisor will establish collaborations with local stakeholders across a spectrum of issues addressing human-wildlife conflicts in natural resource areas, specifically rangeland and open space parklands with a focus on predator, ungulate, and rodent.
- The CE Advisor will conduct applied field and lab research designed to develop management tools and inform policy for mitigating human-wildlife conflict, including tools and policies that mitigate human-wildlife conflict issues while minimally impacting the natural environment.
- The CE Advisor will conduct independent and collaborative applied research on carnivore ecology and livestock behavior with respect to minimizing conflict between

the two, focusing efforts on the design of depredation prevention tools; creating extension opportunities; and technical assistance in implementing preventative methods and practices.

- Key to the position is the development of extension outreach methodologies that lead to adoption of practices that reduce the risks from vertebrate pests and pest management practices to natural resource managers, ranchers, our food supply, community, and the environment.
- The CE Advisor will create and deliver programs and provide consultations and technical assistance in response to requests. Organizations through which the CE Advisor will conduct activities include: regional and county UCCE and Farm Bureau offices, producer and community organizations, the Central Coast Rangeland Coalition (CCRC), the Society for Range Management, etc. The Advisor will evaluate tool and extension efficacy via interactive community forums with practitioners, email surveys, and targeted interviews, and will tailor activities to meet local demands.
- The CE Advisor will disseminate research findings in peer-reviewed journals, *Cal Ag* articles, technical reports and guides, newsletters, online posting, and blogs as well as create written updates and reports accessible to a wide variety of audiences.
- The CE Advisor shall document work performed under this contract and provide a status report of the work efforts outlined above to the San Mateo County Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer on an annual basis (July). The status report will include information on the following performance measures: “Total number of individuals served through meetings, presentations, and online engagements” and “Number of San Mateo County-based stakeholders that received research-based consultation and technical assistance on human-wildlife conflict management.”

Program Priorities and Goals: For the purpose of identifying relevant issues and establishing program goals in alignment with county and community needs, the CE Wildlife Management- Human-Wild Life Interactions Advisor position-holder shall seek the recommendations of the San Mateo County Agricultural Commissioner.

3. Extension of the Agreement

The continuation of the CE Advisor position beyond the term is contingent upon the agreement of both parties, in writing, to continue funding the position at the amount shown in Exhibit B or an amount to be determined by mutual agreement. Prior to the end of the three-year term, ANR and the County will discuss renewing the agreement for the CE Advisor position. If both parties agree to renew the contract, a new term date and pledge schedule will be established under the new agreement and shall be executed once, and if approved by the relevant governing bodies and signed by both parties.

Exhibit B

In consideration of the services provided by Contractor described in Exhibit A and subject to the terms of the Agreement, County shall pay Contractor based on the following fee schedule and terms:

Contractor shall bill County on an annual basis beginning July 2022 following the payment schedule below. Total payments under this contract shall not exceed an amount of \$249,832 for the full term of the contract (July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025).

Payments will be issued to the Contractor in accordance with the following payment schedule:

July 2022 (FY2022-23 installment): \$81,030.00

July 2023 (FY2023-24 installment): \$83,255.00

July 2024 (FY2024-25 installment): \$85,547.00

Payment Schedule:

Expense Type	FY 22-23	FY 23-24	FY 24-25	Total for 3 yr. contract
Cost for Advisor w/3% COLA	\$74,160.00	\$76,385.00	\$78,677.00	\$ 229,222.00
Transportation*	\$ 6,870.00	\$ 6,870.00	\$ 6,870.00	\$ 20,610.00
Total	\$81,030.00	\$83,255.00	\$85,547.00	\$ 249,832.00

* This includes 50% cost share for the lease of a Ram 1500 crew cab or a similar vehicle, including maintenance, insurance, and other travel costs associated with the leased vehicle.

Contractor must provide documentation from the leasing agency to verify the terms and total costs associated with the leased vehicle prior to claiming any of the transportation expenses.

Invoices are due and payable to the Regents of the University of California within 30 days of submission.