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**Subject: Engineering Services for
Planning – Well 5 Water Treatment and Well 9 Well Site and Water Treatment, Pinedale,
California**

Jason:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this proposal to provide engineering services for the subject project. This proposal discusses our understanding of the project, recommends a scope of services together with associated fees, deliverables and approximate schedules, sets forth our assumptions and discusses other services that may be of interest as the project proceeds.

PROJECT UNDERSTANDING

We understand that Pinedale County Water District (PCWD) has two wells (Well 5 & 9) that testing has shown contain Pfas. We are aware that Pinedale County Water District (PCWD) was notified on July 29, 2025, by the State Water Resources Control Board – Division of Drinking Water that PCWD's Well 5 has met the Notification or Consumer Confidence Report Detection Level for one of the PFAS compounds. Since that time, we understand that Pinedale is still operating this well. Provost & Pritchard (P&P) and PCWD have discussed this issue and understand that there is available space on this well-site to house treatment facilities. We anticipate the design for this project will encompass the design of new treatment facilities on the existing well-site to treat the domestic well and ensure the PFAS compounds are below the Notification Levels.

For Well 9 we are aware that PCWD was notified on June 10, 2025, by the State Water Resources Control Board – Division of Drinking Water that PCWD's Well 9 has exceeded the Response Level for one of the PFAS compounds. Since that time, we understand that Pinedale has switched Well 9 to be on standby and will only be operating during emergency or low-pressure circumstances. Since the Well has been switched to standby, Provost & Pritchard (P&P) and PCWD have discussed various options moving forward and if there are viable options to continue to utilize the existing well-site. Through those discussions, it was determined that it is not feasible to provide treatment facilities on the existing well site due to site constraints. With that said, PCWD has communicated that they would like to develop an existing property they own in the Palm Bluff area that was designated to be a new well site in the future. We understand that PCWD has already gone through the process of completing a test hole and conducting water quality testing on this site as well as preparing a site plan for the proposed well-site in the past. The PCWD would like to develop a new well at the site on Palm Bluffs with the intent of designing a well that will not require treatment. However, if treatment is required there is space for treatment facilities at the new site. Due to the significant time that has passed since the work was completed, we anticipate the design for this project will encompass a desktop hydrogeological investigation, design of a dedicated test well, coordination with well drillers to perform

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depth-specific water zone sampling to estimate capacity and quality of a well at this site, conversion of the test well into a domestic well, and if necessary design treatment plant on the new well-site.

PCWD has expressed a desire to apply for funding through the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). Provost & Pritchard is submitting this proposal to provide engineering services to prepare an application for Planning Funding through the SWRCB.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

PHASE 001: DWSRF PLANNING APPLICATION

The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Planning Application includes several application packages. These include a General Information, Technical, Environmental, and Financial Security Package. The following tasks are broken down by application package including the required information in each package for clarity.

GENERAL INFORMATION PACKAGE

- Section I – Applicant Information
 - a. Coordinate with PCWD to populate general applicant information. This includes Applicant Total Population, Total Number of Service Connections, Current year Median household income, Congressional District(s), Federal Tax ID No., etc..
- Section II – Project Information and Proposed Schedules
 - a. Coordinate with PCWD to populate the following information:
 - i. Project Description and Objectives
 - ii. Current status of plans and specifications
 - iii. Amount of financial assistance requested
 - iv. Total project cost
 - v. Water supply Permit Number
 - vi. Population served by Project
 - vii. Estimated Project Schedule
 - viii. Consultation with Other Agencies
 - ix. Partnering Agencies
 - x. Other Funding Sources
- Section III – Managerial Information
 - a. Coordinate with PCWD to populate the following information:
 - i. Classification of Water System
 - ii. Ownership and Organization of the Water System
 - iii. Municipalities
 - iv. Privately-owned entities
 - v. CPUC information
 - vi. Organizational Chart
 - vii. Outstanding Litigation
 - viii. Purchasing agreements on subject property
 - ix. Service Area Map
 - x. Potential Flags
 - xi. Authorized Representative Resolution/Ordinance
 - xii. Payee Data Record
 - xiii. Government Agency Taxpayer ID Form
- Section IV – Attachments

- a. Coordination with PCWD in the preparation of the following attachments:
 - i. Water Supply Permit and Enforcement Orders
 - ii. Pending Litigation, Sale, or Audit/Investigation (if applicable)
 - iii. Service Area Map
 - iv. Operating Agreement (if applicable)
 - v. Urban Water Supplier Conservation Document (if applicable)
 - vi. Certification for Compliance with Water Metering Form
 - vii. Potential DWSRF Flags Worksheet
 - viii. Authorized Representative Resolution/Ordinance
 - ix. Government Agency Taxpayer ID Form

TECHNICAL PACKAGE

- General Project Information
 - a. Provide the following general project information:
 - i. Project Name
 - ii. Water System Number
 - iii. Applicant Name
 - iv. Type of Project
- Section I – Technical Information
 - a. Coordinate with PCWD to provide a description of the Water System Facilities.
- Section II – Project Summary
 - a. Prepare the following items:
 - i. Problem Description
 - ii. Scope of Work, which will include:
 1. Project Background
 2. Tasks (milestones)
 3. Deliverables
 4. Project Schedule
 5. Engineer's Opinion of Probable Construction Costs
 6. Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reduction Efforts
 - iii. Provide P&P's Professional Engineering Services Contract
- Section III – Water Rights
 - a. Coordinate with PCWD to provide the following information:
 - i. Description of Water Rights (Surface Water, Groundwater, Purchased Water)
 - ii. Water Diversion Reporting
- Section IV – Comprehensive Response to Climate Change
 - a. This section will be deferred to the Construction Application.
- Section V – Drought Planning
 - a. Coordinate with PCWD to populate this section
- Section VI – Attachment Checklist
 - a. Coordination with PCWD in the preparation of the following attachments:
 - i. Schematic/Map of System and Facilities
 - ii. Supporting Documents of the Problem
 - iii. Scope of Work
 - iv. Professional Engineering Services Contract
 - v. Water Rights Documentation
 - vi. Documentation for Compliance with Drought Planning

ENVIRONMENTAL PACKAGE

- General Project Information
 - a. Provide the following general project information:
 - i. Applicant Name
 - ii. Project Title
 - iii. Project Number
 - iv. Contact Person and Phone
- Section I – CEQA Status
 - a. Identify if a CEQA Document has been prepared
 - b. Confirm if a CEQA Lead Agency has been identified
- Section II – General Information
 - a. Provide a description of the work to be completed in the construction phase
- Section III – Attachment Checklist
 - a. Coordination with PCWD in the preparation of the following attachments:
 - i. Parcel or Project Schematic Map

FINANCIAL SECURITY PACKAGE

- General Project Information
 - a. Provide the following general project information:
 - i. Applicant Name
 - ii. Proposed Security
 - iii. Project Title
 - iv. Contact Person and Phone
- Section I – Financial Amount Requested
 - a. Provide an estimate of Project Costs to be funded by State Water Board DWSRF Funds
- Section II – Other Project Funding Sources
 - a. Identify how the entire project is estimated to be funded
- Section III – Current Year Median Household Income (MHI)
 - a. Coordinate with PCWD to provide the MHI
- Section IV – Current Year Estimated Population Served
 - a. Coordinate with PCWD to provide an estimated population served
- Section V – Active Service Connections
 - a. Coordinate with PCWD to determine total number of service connections, projected average monthly service charge, and average monthly billing for last 12 months
 - b. Convey any Rate Increases effective date for projected monthly service charges
- Section VI – Discussion of Material Events, Material Obligation Conditions, and Any Debt Limit
 - a. Coordinate with PCWD to populate this section
- Section VII – Water Rate Study
 - a. Attach previous rate study
- Section VIII – Attachments
 - a. Coordination with PCWD in the preparation of the following attachments:
 - i. Audited Financial Statements
 - ii. Budget Projections (Revenue/Expense)
 - iii. Authorized Resolution/Ordinance
 - iv. Corporate Resolution to Apply, Borrow, and Grant Security
 - v. Rate Adoption Resolution, Copy of Rates, and Public Notice of Proposition 218 Meeting
 - vi. Schedule of Related Debt and Debt Document Copies
 - vii. Debt Management Policy

- viii. New Special Tax, Assessment District, or service charge projections
- ix. Relevant Service, Management, Operating, or Joint Powers Agreements (if applicable)

PROFESSIONAL FEES

Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group will perform the services in this Phase on a time and materials basis, in accordance with our Standard Fee Schedule in effect at the time services are rendered. For budgeting purposes, our preliminary estimate is that over the next 3 months, our fees will be \$20,000 to \$25,000. These fees will be invoiced monthly as they are accrued. Reimbursable expenses are incorporated into the estimated ranges above. If it appears we will need to exceed the upper range above, we will notify you in writing before we do so, and will provide a revised estimate. We will not continue work beyond the initial budget without additional authorization.

PROPOSED FEE – PLANNING-WELL 9 WELL-SITE AND WATER TREATMENT FACILITIES	
PHASE	ESTIMATED FEE
Phase 001 – DWSRF Planning Application	\$25,000
Total Estimated Fee:	\$25,000

SCHEDULE

Once we receive an executed copy of this Proposal together with the signed Consultant Services Agreement and are authorized to proceed, we can prepare the Planning Application (incorporating all packages noted above) for initial submittal in approximately 8-12 weeks. Agency review time is beyond our control. If an additional submittal is required after initial review, we will be prepared to re-submit 3 weeks after we receive agency comments.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

In order to convey a clear understanding of our mutual responsibilities under this proposal (or amendment), our standard Consultant Services Agreement is attached. Please sign both of these documents and mail or email a copy to our office. These documents will serve as our Notice to Proceed. This proposal is valid for 30 days from the date above.

Respectfully,
Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group



Harrison Hughes, RCE 90639
Senior Engineer



Matthew W. Kemp, RCE 66088
Principal Engineer, Chief Strategic Officer

TERMS AND CONDITIONS ACCEPTED

By Pinedale County Water District

Signature

Printed Name

Title

Date