SOLID WASTE FEE AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES FOR FISCAL YEARS 2015–2016 THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020

THIS AGREEMENT FOR COLLECTION OF SOLID WASTE FEES WITHIN THE TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES BY THE COUNTY OF MONO ("Agreement") is made and entered into by and between the County of Mono ("County") and the Town of Mammoth Lakes ("Town"):

RECITALS

WHEREAS, both the County and Town desire to provide solid waste services for their respective residents and businesses; and,

WHEREAS, the County is authorized to provide solid waste disposal services pursuant to California Government Code Section 25830; and,

WHEREAS, the Town is authorized to contract for solid waste disposal services pursuant to Public Resources Code, Section 49300; and,

WHEREAS, the County presently maintains a Class III municipal solid waste disposal site which is available for use by residents and businesses of the Town; and,

WHEREAS, the County has in previous years, most recently by Resolution No. R14-40, adopted and imposed a fee schedule and program for solid waste disposal services provided to the residents and businesses of Mono County; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Council has previously agreed/consented to the imposition of such fees in the Town of Mammoth Lakes and is willing to do so for a five-year period, based on the parties' mutual understanding that the County will by resolution or ordinance simply re-establish and extend the existing fees for fiscal years 2015-2016 through 2019-2020. Extension and re-establishment of the fees during the term of this agreement may include reductions to certain fees, but will not impose new or increased fees that would be subject to Proposition 218.

CONTRACT PROVISIONS

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, based upon the foregoing recitals, the parties to this Agreement hereto agree to the following:

- The County agrees to continue to provide a solid waste disposal site for the use by residents and businesses of the Town and by those persons or entities franchised by the Town to provide disposal services to Town residents and businesses pursuant to Public Resources Code, Section 49300.
- 2. The County agrees that there shall be no significant decrease in the level of services provided at the solid waste disposal site, except that if the County should be unable to continue operations at the site due to the actions or decisions of the site owner.
- 3. The County agrees that the solid waste disposal site shall meet all Federal, State, and local requirements, rules, and regulations, and that the County shall comply with the requirements of the California Government Code Section 25830.
- 4. The Town consents to the County's re-establishment and extension, by resolution or ordinance, upon its residents and businesses a fee consistent with the schedule of fees adopted by the County in previous years, which may include a reduction of certain fees, pursuant to California Government Code, Section 25830 and in accordance with Public Resources Code, Section 49300.
- 5. The County agrees to assume primary responsibility for the collection of fees from Town residents and businesses through annual fees to be charged to identified lands within the incorporated limits of the Town, consistent with previous years.
- 6. The Town agrees to use its best efforts to cooperate with the County regarding the collection of the above-referenced fees from its residents and businesses.
- 7. Both the Town and the County agree that the County shall be responsible for the provision of solid waste disposal services throughout the term of this Agreement, including, but not limited to: environmental monitoring costs: closure and post-closure funding: setting fees: resident appeals of fees: and all site operations.

- 8. Except as otherwise provided below, the County agrees to release, defend, hold harmless, and indemnify the Town, its officers, agents, and employees from and against all suits and cause of action, claims, laws, demands, expenses (including reasonable attorneys fees), damages, or liability of any nature whatsoever arising by reason of, or incident to, the adoption and implementation of the solid waste disposal program as defined and outlined in this Agreement, including, but not limited to, any and all claims with respect to Proposition 13 and Proposition 62. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the County shall have no obligation to release, defend, hold harmless, and indemnify the Town, its officers, agents, and employees from and against any suits and cause of action, claims, laws, demands, expenses (including reasonable attorneys fees) damages or liability of any nature whatsoever arising by reason of, or incident to, any noncompliance of the solid waste program and its fees with Proposition 218, which was enacted by the voters in November of 1996.
- 9. Both parties agree and understand that the County shall annually re-establish and extend the fee schedule previously imposed by Resolution No. R14-40, prior to July 1 of each year, without any increases, and that such fee setting shall be consistent with the requirements of Government Code Section 25830.
- 10. Both parties agree that fees may be established, billed, and collected on a monthly or annual basis, and may be billed and collected by the County Tax Collector as part of the regular County property tax billing system.
- 11. Both parties agree that this Agreement shall become effective upon execution by both the Town and the County.
- 12. The term of this Agreement shall be for a period of five years commencing on or retroactive to July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2020.
- 13. The Mono County Board of Supervisors agrees to use all legal means available to increase gate fees to reimburse the Town of Mammoth Lakes and/or the County for its legal and reimbursement fees regarding challenges pursuant to Proposition 218, with the caveat that should the County decide to mount a legal defense in response to a challenge of such fees, that the Town will become a partner in that defense and will be able to influence and terminate its involvement in the defense. In the event of such a legal challenge, the Town of Mammoth Lakes

agrees to use all legal means available to require its franchisee to continue to use the Benton Crossing Landfill until such additional gate fees needed to cover the added financial obligation to the Town and/or County are satisfied, not to exceed five years from the date of the challenge(s), or some other mutually agreeable number of years.

- 14. The County agrees to provide the Town with any and all documents, reports, or other materials relative to the calculation of fees and the administration of the program contemplated herein as the Town may reasonably request.
- 15. The County and its officers, agents, and employees are independent contractors for the purposes of this Agreement. As such they shall have the rights and duties of independent contractors in providing services under this Agreement.
- 16. In the event of a dispute over the meaning of this Agreement or its performance, the aggrieved party shall notify County Counsel and the Town Attorney who shall thereupon make reasonable efforts to resolve the dispute. In the event that County Counsel and the Town Attorney do not resolve the dispute within 30 days after the notice specified, the parties shall each appoint two members of their governing bodies who shall attempt to resolve the dispute. Neither party shall file a legal action to enforce its Agreement prior to 60 days from the date the specified notice is mailed.

EXECUTION

This Agreement shall be deemed executed as of the date that it is approved by both the Mono County Board of Supervisors and the Mammoth Lakes Town Council.

COUNTY OF MONO:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Public Works Director

County Counsel

TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES: APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Mayor

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Town Attorney