GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 20 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

This Grant Agreement AV0824#7 ("Agreement") is made and entered into this 25th day of November,

2024, by and between the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District (hereinafter

"AVAQMD") and County Sanitation District No. 20 of Los Angeles County (hereinafter "Grantee").

Grantee and AVAQMD are hereafter collectively referred to as "the Parties" and individually as "Party".

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Carl Moyer Program is to reduce emissions by providing grants for the incremental cost of cleaner-than-required engines, equipment and other sources of air pollutions with a focus on zero-emission technologies including installation of fueling or energy infrastructure to fuel or power covered sources; and

WHEREAS, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) as the original source of the monies used to fund this project, are able to audit and enforce this Agreement pursuant to the terms of the underlying Carl Moyer Program Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the AVAQMD is authorized to implement the Carl Moyer Program, select, fund and monitor eligible projects that meet state and local air quality objectives; and

WHEREAS, Grantee applied for grant funding toward development of an EV Charging Station; and

WHEREAS, the Charging Station will be located at 39300 30th Street East, Palmdale, CA 93550 and not publicly accessible; and

WHEREAS, AVAQMD staff has evaluated the Project based on the Carl Moyer Program Guidelines criteria and found the Project to be eligible for grant funding; and

WHEREAS, the AVAQMD Governing Board approved the Project proposed by Grantee; and WHEREAS, the AVAQMD Governing Board's funding approval is contingent upon Grantee's execution of this Agreement and the successful placement of the Project; and

WHEREAS, Grantee is qualified and experienced in its professional field and is able to perform the activities described in the initial application also described in Exhibit A – Scope of Work.

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NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions listed below, the Parties agree as follows:

GRANT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 1. Due Diligence: Upon the commencement of the Term of this Agreement, Grantee agrees to proceed with due diligence to perform the Scope of Work.
- 2. Purpose: The purpose of this Agreement is to provide grant funding toward the proposed EV charging project (hereinafter "Project"). Grantee shall complete, own, operate and maintain the Project during the Term of the Agreement, in a manner that does not willfully void any warranty provided by a third party for any component of the Project. Grantee represents that it shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local air quality rules and regulations during the Term of the Agreement.
- Schedule: Grantee shall follow the general schedule specified in Exhibit A (also referred to as Scope of Work) attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.
- 4. Term: This Agreement shall commence on the date it is fully executed and shall terminate three (3) years after the date the Project is in place and put into operation, which date is currently estimated to be on or before April 30, 2025, or later if approved in writing by the AVAQMD. During the Term, either the AVAQMD or the California Air Resources Board ("CARB") or their designee has, upon adequate notice as provided in Paragraph 11, the right to inspect the Project, enforce the provisions of this Agreement, conduct a fiscal audit, and seek any remedies available under the law for non-compliance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- 5. Project Award: The total payment to Grantee shall not exceed One Hundred Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$112,500.00) or fifty percent (50%) of the costs of the final invoice, whichever is less, also described in Exhibit A, to be used towards the Project costs, including all applicable sales and use taxes incurred. Grantee shall be responsible for covering the remaining balance of the Project costs through other funding sources as disclosed in the Grantee's application ("Supplementary Funds"). AVAQMD will not release funds until provided with satisfactory evidence of Grantee's procurement or allocation of Supplementary Funds.
 - Payments. a.
 - AVAQMD shall not make any advance payment under this Agreement. Grant shall

become due and payable to Grantee by AVAQMD in one lump sum amount upon receipt by AVAQMD of a written final itemized invoice from Grantee along with all supporting documentation as specified in Exhibit A. The invoice must be submitted to AVAQMD, Attention: Julie McKeehan.

- ii. Payment to Grantee under this Agreement shall be the amount awarded by the AVAQMD Governing Board as specified in Exhibit A that includes all applicable sales and use taxes incurred by Grantee for the Project. Grantee shall not receive additional funds for reimbursement of the sales and use taxes and shall not decrease work to offset therefor.
- iii. In the event Grantee contracts with subcontractors to complete the Project, then concurrently with the submission of any claim for payment, Grantee shall certify that payment to any and all subcontractors has been made in full. Grantee shall support such certification by appropriate copies of invoices issued, checks, receipts, and similar documents.
- b. Close-out Period.
 - i. All final invoices shall be submitted by Grantee within sixty (60) days following the completion of the Project. AVAQMD shall have no obligation to pay or take any action on an invoice submitted after the 60-day close-out period.
- c. Repayment of Grant.
 - i. Grantee agrees to return all or a portion of the Grant ("Repayment") to AVAQMD if any of the following occur:
 - 1. The Project is sold or transferred and the buyer/owner fails to accept and perform the obligations set forth in this Agreement; or
 - 2. The Project is destroyed or otherwise rendered inoperable during the Term of the Agreement and will not be restored within thirty (30) days thereof.
 - ii. The amount of Repayment shall be calculated as follows:

Repayment amount =
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Where:

G = "Grant amount" is the amount of money Grantee receives as reimbursement for the Project pursuant to this Agreement.

N = "project life in years" which, for the purposes of this Agreement, shall be three (3) years or thirty-six (36) months

6. Maintenance: Grantee shall operate and maintain the Project pursuant to the manufacturer's specifications for the entire term. If during the term the Project fails for any reason, Grantee shall immediately notify the AVAQMD of the failure and must promptly repair or replace the non-operating Project component.

7. <u>Independent Contractor</u>:

- a. The relationship of Grantee to AVAQMD under this Agreement is that of an independent contractor. Grantee is to exercise its own discretion as to the method and manner of performing its duties. AVAQMD will not exercise control over Grantee, its employees, agents, or subcontractors, except regarding the result to be obtained and to verify compliance with the terms of this Agreement. Grantee and AVAQMD shall comply with all applicable provisions of law and the rules and regulations, if any, of governmental authorities having jurisdiction over matters the subject thereof.
- b. Grantee understands that this Agreement does not preclude Grantee from performing services for other projects under the jurisdiction of the AVAQMD as long as such services are not in conflict with this Agreement and as long as such services do not create conflict of interest under applicable laws.
- c. The Parties further agree that since the status of Grantee is that of an independent contractor, Grantee shall not become entitled to any employment rights or benefits that are available to the employees of AVAQMD. The Parties further agree that Grantee shall be solely responsible for providing to itself, and on behalf of itself, all legally required employment benefits.

8. <u>Termination</u>:

- a. Breach of Agreement: AVAQMD may immediately suspend or terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, where in the reasonable determination of AVAQMD there is:
 - i. An illegal or improper use of the Grant;

- ii. A breach by Grantee of any material term of this Agreement and failure to cure such breach within thirty (30) days following written notice from AVAQMD; or
- iii. A substantially incorrect or incomplete report submitted to AVAQMD that is not corrected within thirty (30) days following written notice by the AVAQMD of the report deficiencies.
- iv. A breach by sublet, transfer of any rights or obligations, modification or sale of the Project equipment by Grantee in violation of Paragraph 16c or 16d of this Agreement prior to the termination of this Agreement.
- b. In no event shall any reimbursement by AVAQMD constitute a waiver by AVAQMD of any breach of this Agreement or any default which may then exist on the part of Grantee. Neither shall such reimbursement impair or prejudice any remedy available to AVAQMD with respect to the breach or default. AVAQMD shall have the right to demand of Grantee Repayment to AVAQMD of any funds disbursed to Grantee under this Agreement which in the judgment of AVAQMD were not expended in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. Grantee shall promptly submit the Repayment upon written demand by AVAQMD.
- c. In addition to immediate suspension or termination, AVAQMD may seek any other remedies available at law, in equity, or otherwise specified in this Agreement.
 - d. Termination Without Cause: In the event of unavailability of funds because of fault or no fault of either Party, such Party may terminate this Agreement upon giving written notice to the other Party at least thirty (30) days before the effective date of such termination.
 - e. Termination For Cause: AVAQMD may terminate this Agreement upon the conviction for any criminal act by Grantee, its agents, officers and employees if such criminal act directly relates to the Project that is the subject of this Agreement.
- 9. <u>Indemnification</u>: Grantee agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless AVAQMD and its authorized agents, officers, volunteers and employees against any and all claims or actions arising from Grantee's acts, errors or omissions in performing services pursuant to this Agreement. Grantee agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless AVAQMD, its authorized agents, officers, volunteers and employees against any and all losses sustained by a third party due to the third party's use of the Project

equipment pursuant to this Agreement. AVAQMD agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Grantee and its authorized agents, officers, volunteers and employees against any and all claims or actions arising from AVAQMD's acts, errors or omissions in performing services pursuant to this Agreement.

10. Insurance:

In order to accomplish the indemnification herein provided for, Grantee shall procure and maintain throughout the Term of this Agreement, insurance coverage against loss, destruction, vandalism, and breach of warranty on the Project including coverage for personal injury and property damage.

11. <u>Audits, Inspections and Reports</u>:

- a. During the Term, either or both the AVAQMD and CARB or their designee shall have the right to inspect the Project, enforce the terms of this Agreement, and pursue a refund for any noncompliance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Grantee shall make available to AVAQMD at any time during regular business hours following a three (3) day notice from the AVAQMD, and as often as AVAQMD may deem necessary, all of its records and data for examination related to the Project. Grantee shall allow AVAQMD upon a three (3) day advance request, at AVAQMD's cost, to audit and inspect all such records and data necessary to ensure Grantee's compliance with the terms of this Agreement. In the event it becomes necessary, Grantee shall be subject to an audit by AVAQMD to determine if the funds received by Grantee were spent for the Project in accordance with this Agreement. If after said audit AVAQMD determines that the Grant was not spent in conformance with this Agreement, and following resolution of any appeal of such determination by Grantee to the Board of the AVAQMD, Grantee agrees to immediately reimburse AVAQMD all funds determined to have been expended not in conformance with said provisions.
- b. Grantee shall deliver usage reports commencing twelve (12) months after the completion date of the Project and annually thereafter, throughout the Term of this Agreement. Failure to submit a usage report may result in on-site monitoring or inspection(s) by AVAQMD.
- c. Grantee shall retain all records and data for activities performed under this Agreement for Page 6 of 9

at least three (3) years after the termination or expiration of this Agreement or until all state and federal audits are completed, whichever is later.

12. <u>Notices</u>: The persons and their addresses having authority to give and receive notices under this Agreement are as follows:

County Sanitation District No. 20 AVAQMD AVAQMD
of Los Angeles County Julie McKeehan Barbara Lods
Dave Bolderoff Grants Analyst Executive Director
Fleet Manager 2551 West Avenue H, Ste. 102 2551 West Avenue H, Ste. 102
1955 Workman Mill Road Lancaster, CA 93536 Lancaster, CA 93536

Whittier, CA 90601

Any and all notices to AVAQMD and Grantee provided for or permitted under this Agreement or by law shall be in writing and shall be deemed duly served via electronic mail, personally delivered, courier service or united states postal service addressed to such party.

- 13. <u>Political Activity Prohibited</u>: None of the funds, materials, property, or services provided under this Agreement shall be used for any political activity, or to further the election or defeat of any candidate for public office contrary to federal or state laws, statutes, regulations, rules, or guidelines.
- 14. <u>Lobbying Prohibited</u>: None of the funds provided under this Agreement shall be used for publicity, lobbying, or propaganda purposes designed to support or defeat legislation before the Congress of the United States of America or the Legislature of the State of California.
- 15. <u>Conflict Of Interest</u>: No officer, employee or agent of AVAQMD who exercises any function or responsibility for planning and carrying out the services provided under this Agreement shall have any direct or indirect personal financial interest in this Agreement. Grantee shall comply with all federal, state and local conflict of interest laws, statutes, and regulations.

16. <u>Succession</u>:

a. Each Party and its respective partners, successors, and legal representatives, and to the extent permitted herein the assigns, are hereby bound to the other Party and its partners, successors, legal representatives and assigns, with respect to all covenants and obligations under this Agreement.

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without the prior written consent of the other. However, Grantee is authorized to use employees of or assign this Agreement to an affiliate as it may deem appropriate to assist in the completion of the Project or as a result of an internal reorganization.

Grantee shall not sublet transfer any rights or obligations, pertaining to the equipment

Neither Party shall assign, sublet or transfer any rights or obligations under this Agreement

- c. Grantee shall not sublet, transfer any rights or obligations, pertaining to the equipment under this Agreement, during the Term of the Agreement without prior written authorization from the AVAQMD.
- d. Grantee shall not sell or otherwise modify the Project, during the Term of the Agreement without prior written authorization from the AVAQMD.
- 17. <u>Time is of Essence</u>: Time is of the essence in completion of the services in this Agreement.
- 18. <u>Benefit to Parties</u>: Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed to give any rights or benefits to any person other than the Parties, and all duties and responsibilities undertaken pursuant to this Agreement will be for the sole and exclusive benefit of the Parties and not for the benefit of any other person.
- 19. <u>Change in Scope of Work</u>: Changes or amendments to the Project application as it exists at the time the AVAQMD Governing Board awards the Grant, including any increase or decrease in the Grant amount, and any changes in a material term of this Agreement, shall only be effective upon the written agreement of AVAQMD and Grantee, and shall only be effective by a duly-executed written amendment to this Agreement.
- 20. <u>Severability</u>: In the event that any word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, section, article or provision contained in this Agreement is held to be unenforceable for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the remaining portions of this Agreement, and the Agreement shall then be construed as if such unenforceable provisions are not a part hereof.
- 21. <u>Captions</u>: The Paragraph captions of this Agreement are for convenience only and shall have no effect on its construction or interpretation.
- 22. <u>Entire Agreement</u>: This Agreement, together with the Project application and Exhibits A & B, constitutes the entire Agreement between the Parties and supersede all prior written or oral

1	understandings. This Agreement and its Exhibits	s may only be amended, supplemented, modified or
2	canceled by a duly-executed written instrument signed by the Parties.	
3	23. <u>Rights to Emission Reductions:</u> Grant for	anded projects cannot generate Emission Reduction
4	Credits (ERCs) pursuant to AVAQMD Regulation XIV or be used for emission offsets pursuant to	
5	AVAQMD Regulation XIII. Additionally, Grantee shall disclose during the term of this Agreement any	
6	federal or State claims to emission reductions and/or carbon credits.	
7	24. Governing Law: This Agreement shall be interpreted under the laws of the State of California.	
8	Venue for any action arising out of this Agreement shall only be in Los Angeles County, California.	
9	This Agreement was entered into in Lancaster, California.	
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11	ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT	COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 20 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY
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14	BARBARA LODS,	Chairperson, Board of Directors
15	Executive Director	1
16	Dated:	Dated:
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18		ATTEST:
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21		Secretary to the Board
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23		APPROVED AS TO FORM:
24		LEWIS, BRISBOIS, BISGAARD & SMITH LLP
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26		By District Counsel
27	END OF AGREEMENT	
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SCOPE OF WORK

Maximum Amount of Grant Funds Awarded: \$112,500.00

The total payment to Grantee shall not exceed One Hundred Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$112,500.00) or fifty percent (50%) of the cost of the final invoice, whichever is less. Payment consist of Carl Moyer Program funds for the reimbursement of the Project costs, including all applicable sales and use taxes incurred. Grantee shall be responsible for covering any other costs not included in the initial estimate pursuant to the Grant Agreement Section (5)(a).

This Grant Agreement shall commence on the date it is fully executed and shall terminate three (3) years following the date in which the new replacement equipment is first placed into service dated on or before April 30, 2025.

Task I: Equipment Procurement and Installation

GRANTEE shall establish construction and equipment necessary for the installation of a Dual-Port Level III charging station.

Estimated Cost: \$225,000.00

Task II: Project Implementation & Deliverables

GRANTEE agrees that all electric vehicle charging infrastructure and equipment located on the customer side of the electrical meter shall be installed by a contractor with the appropriate license classification, as determined by the Contractor's State License Board, and that at least one electrician on each crew, at any given time, holds an Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program (EVITP) certification. Projects that include installation of a charging port supplying 25 kilowatts or more to a vehicle must have at least 25 percent of the total electricians working on the crew for the project, at any given time, holding EVITP certification. One member of each crew may be both the contractor and an EVITP certified electrician.

GRANTEE shall provide a list of EVITP Certification Numbers of each certified electrician that installs EV charging infrastructure or equipment or provide a written statement for the reason AB 841 requirements do not apply to the Project. The statement shall be signed by the Grantee's authorized representative and a copy provided to the AVAQMD prior to commencement of any work.

GRANTEE shall notify the AVAQMD upon completion of the project for AVAQMD staff to witness operational charging ports and gather photo documentation.

GRANTEE shall provide AVAQMD a copy of an insurance policy against loss, destruction, vandalism, and breach of warranty including coverage for personal injury and property damage for the duration of the term of this Agreement.

GRANTEE shall provide AVAQMD a copy of warranty pertaining to operation and maintenance, repair and/or replacement of the infrastructure and/or equipment.

<u>Payment Request</u>: GRANTEE shall submit written request for payment via electronic mail, inperson delivery or US mail along with:

- Copy of itemized final invoice
- Copy of insurance policy
- Copy of warranty
- Proof of payment for the project in full
- List of EVITP Certification Numbers (if not previously submitted)
- Disclosure of any claims to emission reductions and/or carbon credits
- Report the EV charging station to the **Department of Energy Alternative Fuel Data**Center located at http://www.afdc.energy.gov/locator/stations/ and provide to the AVAQMD proof of report.

Task III: Operation, Maintenance and Annual Reporting Requirements

GRANTEE shall operate the EV charging equipment and observe the proposed project's monthly usage at an estimated 4,000 kWh.

GRANTEE shall: 1) operate and maintain the infrastructure, energy meter, and EV charging equipment to support a fully operational station and in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations throughout the contract term.

GRANTEE is responsible for ensuring that any and all repairs are made and station is up and running within 48 hours of equipment downtime. Downtime extending 48 hours, Grantee must notify the AVAQMD and work with air district to ensure station(s) are back into operation.

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GRANTEE shall prepare three (3) annual reports Commencing on the twelfth (12th) month after completion of the Project and annually thereafter for the Term of the Agreement.

Annual report (station metrics) may contain any or all of the following data: 1) The Project's total monthly or annual cumulative energy (kWh), dispensing volume or GGE; 2) GHG Savings (kg); 3) Gasoline Saved (Gal); 4) Charging Port I.D.; 5) Number of transactions at the Station; and 6) any Project operational or maintenance performance problems which may have been encountered for the preceding 12-month period.

Annual Reporting Submissions shall commence 12 months after charging stations are placed into operation, with first report due 2026 through 2028.

California Levine Act Statement

California Government Code Section 84308, commonly referred to as the "Levine Act," prohibits any AVAQMD official from participating in any action related to a contract, grant or application if he or she receives any political contributions totaling more than \$250 within the previous twelve months, and for twelve months following the date a final decision is rendered.

The Levine Act also requires an AVAQMD official who has received such a contribution to disclose the contribution on the record of the proceeding.

Current AVAQMD Board Members are listed at:

Date

https://avaqmd.ca.gov/board-members

Proposers are responsible for accessing this link to review the names prior to answering the following questions.

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	. Have you or your company, or any agent/board member on behalf of you or your	
c	company/entity, made any political contributions of more than \$250 to any AVAQMD official	
iı	n the 12 months preceding the date of the submission of your proposal or application, or the	
a	anticipated date of any Board action?	
_	YES If yes, please identify the AVAQMD official(s):	
_	NO	
2. Do you or your company/entity, or any agency on behalf of you or your company/entity		
a	anticipate or plan to make any political contribution of more than \$250 to any AVAQMD official in the 12 months following any Board action related to your proposal or application?	
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_	YES If yes, please identify the AVAQMD official(s):	
_	NO	
Answeri	ng yes to either of the two questions above does not preclude the AVAQMD Board from awarding	
a contra	ct or approving an application or any subsequent action. It does however, preclude the identified	
AVAQM	MD official(s) from participating in any actions related to your contract, grant, proposal or	
applicati	on.	
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As a government agency, Los Angeles County Sanitation District is not subject to the Levine Act. The form is not applicable.

Name:/Title:

Matthew A. Eaton, Deputy Assistant Chief Engineer