

## TERMINATION AGREEMENT AND MUTUAL RELEASE

This Termination Agreement and Mutual Release (the “**Termination Agreement**”) is between Arakelian Enterprises, Inc. dba Athens Services, a California corporation (“**Athens**”) and County Sanitation District No. 2 of Los Angeles County (“**District**”), a County Sanitation District organized and existing pursuant to the County Sanitation District Act, Health and Safety Code (collectively, the “**Parties**,” and each individually, a “**Party**”).

A. On or about February 9, 2022, Athens and the District entered into a Waste Disposal Agreement (the “**Disposal Agreement**”). All terms not defined in this Termination Agreement have the meanings set forth in the Disposal Agreement.

B. In the Disposal Agreement, Athens and the District agreed to allow the District to use facilities operated by Athens in San Bernardino County to dispose of Waste Materials.

C. The District and Athens have negotiated an updated Municipal Solid Waste Importation Capacity Transfer and Reciprocity Agreement (the “**Reciprocity Agreement**”) to address the transfer and disposal of Waste Materials previously addressed through the Disposal Agreement.

D. The Parties have mutually determined that they no longer desire to operate under the terms and conditions of the Disposal Agreement and will, going forward, operate under the terms and conditions of the Reciprocity Agreement. Therefore the Parties now desire to terminate the Disposal Agreement in all respects upon the terms and conditions of this Termination Agreement.

E. The Parties have further determined that in connection with the termination of the Disposal Agreement, it is in their respective best interests to fully and finally resolve any and all issues, litigation, and disputes between them with regard to the Disposal Agreement and desire to enter into this Termination Agreement to memorialize the terms of their agreements.

The Parties therefore agree as follows:

### **AGREEMENT**

1. Termination of the Disposal Agreement. Effective as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022 (the “**Effective Date**”), the Disposal Agreement is terminated and of no force or effect, and the Parties have no rights or obligations, past, present, or future, originating or deriving from the Disposal Agreement except only such obligations that expressly state that they survive the termination of the Disposal Agreement, including, without limitation, the indemnities set forth in Section 11 of the Disposal Agreement and any financial obligations of either parties arising from actions taken prior to the Effective Date.

2. General Release by District.

Except for the obligations arising under this Termination Agreement, as of the Effective Date, District, on behalf of itself and any Sanitation District of Los Angeles County, hereby releases and discharges Athens and each of their trustees, agents, employees, attorneys and

representatives from any and all causes of action, actions, judgments, liens, indebtedness, damages, losses, claims, claims for relief, liabilities and demands of every kind and character arising in connection with any matter whatsoever, whether known, or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, existing or prospective which have accrued from the beginning of time to the Effective Date (a "Claim" or "Claims") with respect to the performance of Athens under the Disposal Agreement.

3. General Release by Athens.

Except for the obligations arising under this Termination Agreement, as of the Effective Date the Athens hereby releases and discharges District, any Sanitation District of Los Angeles County and each of their directors, agents, employees, attorneys and representatives from any and all Claims with respect to the performance of the District under the Disposal Agreement.

4. Waiver.

The parties each expressly acknowledge that there may exist claims or facts in addition to or different from those which are now known or believed by them to exist and represent that, except as otherwise provided herein, by means of the releases set forth in this Agreement, it is nonetheless their intention to fully waive and release all such claims, whether known or unknown. The parties therefore expressly waive any right or protection under Section 1542 of the California Civil Code, which provides: A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS THAT THE CREDITOR OR RELEASING PARTY DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE AND THAT, IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER, WOULD HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR OR RELEASED PARTY.

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5. General Provisions.

a. The Parties warrant that the person executing this Termination Agreement on behalf of each Party is duly authorized to execute this Termination Agreement on behalf of that Party, that each Party by so executing this Termination Agreement is formally bound by the provisions of this Termination Agreement and that said Party has not sold, assigned or otherwise granted to any other person or entity, any claim, lien, demand, cause of action, obligation, damage or liability covered by this Termination Agreement.

b. The Parties agree that this Termination Agreement will be construed in accordance with the meaning of the language used and will not be construed for or against any Party by reason of the authorship of this Termination Agreement or any other rule of construction that might otherwise apply.

c. This Termination Agreement will be governed by and construed pursuant to the laws of the state of California. Any disputes arising from this Termination Agreement will be decided in an action or proceeding brought before the Los Angeles Superior Court. All Parties to this Termination Agreement agree that the Los Angeles Superior Court will have exclusive jurisdiction to adjudicate any dispute arising from or related to this Termination Agreement, to enter final judgments, and also consent to venue before the Los Angeles Superior Court.

d. If any provision of this Termination Agreement is held to be invalid, void, or illegal by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Termination Agreement will remain in full force and effect. If any provision of this Termination Agreement is deemed invalid due to its scope or breadth, that provision will be deemed valid to the extent of the scope or breadth permitted by law.

e. This Termination Agreement including all exhibits, constitutes the entire understanding between the Parties and supersedes all other agreements, representations and warranties, oral or written, with respect to the subject matter of this Termination Agreement. This is a fully integrated agreement.

f. No provision of this Termination Agreement may be waived, modified or amended except in writing signed by all Parties whose rights are thereby waived, modified or amended. Waiver of any one provision of this Termination Agreement will not be deemed to be a waiver of any other provision.

g. The Parties each agree to bear their own respective costs and attorneys' fees incurred.

h. If any legal action is brought to enforce the terms and conditions of this Termination Agreement, including the releases provided, the prevailing party in that action will be entitled to recover its actual costs, expenses and attorneys' fees in addition to any and all other remedies available by law or in equity. Each Party agrees that in the event any such legal action is commenced, that such party hereby waives its right to request a jury trial.

i. Any notice required or desired to be given relating to the Termination Agreement shall be provided by email with a copy to follow by fax or first-class mail addressed as follows:

If to Athens:

14048 Valley Blvd.  
City of Industry, CA 91716  
Attn: Anthony Bertrand  
[ABertrand@athensservices.com](mailto:ABertrand@athensservices.com)

If to District:

Chief Engineer and General Manager  
County Sanitation District No. 2 of Los Angeles County  
1955 Workman Mill Road  
Whittier, CA 90601  
Attn: Mark Revilla  
mrevilla@lacs.org

j. This Termination Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and all, when taken together, shall constitute the entire agreement between the Parties. For purposes of this provision, a facsimile or electronic signature shall be deemed to be the equivalent of an original signature and shall be effective to bind a Party hereto.

*[Signatures appear on following page.]*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto do execute and enter into this Termination Agreement as of the date first above written.

**ARAKELIAN ENTERPRISES, INC.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 2 OF  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

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Secretary to the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

LEWIS BRISBOIS BISGAARD & SMITH LLP

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District Counsel

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