

# Attachment 1

## RESOLUTION 24-XXX

### RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CONSULTING WITH BERQUIST RECOVERY CONSULTING, LLC

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is the federal agency responsible for leading the Nation's effort to prepare for, protect and mitigate against, respond to, and recover from the impacts of natural disasters and man-made incidents or terrorist events; and

WHEREAS, FEMA's Public Assistance Program provides supplemental grants to state, tribal, territorial, and local governments, and certain types of private non-profit for debris removal, emergency protective measures, and the restoration of disaster-damage; the program also encourages protection of these damaged facilities from future incidents by providing assistance for hazard mitigation measures; and

WHEREAS, any entity receiving public assistance must comply with all applicable Federal Regulations and the Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide; and

WHEREAS, without a dedicated team well-versed in the interplay between insurance, FEMA, and California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), recovery efforts may encounter significant disparities in scope, pricing, and expectation; this can also lead to delays in reimbursement or a shortfall of funds; and

WHEREAS, FEMA Public Assistance consultants like Berquist Recovery Consulting, LLC, possess extensive expertise in navigating the FEMA grant process, help entities obtain reimbursement for response, recovery and mitigation, have in-depth knowledge of the FEMA guidelines, regulations, and documentation requirements; and

WHEREAS, with Berquist Recovery Consulting, LLC guidance, the City can optimize our applications and appeals, increase our chances of securing and keeping the funding the City needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. All of the above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. The City finds that this action authorizing the agreement for FEMA consulting is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State Guidelines Section State CEQA Guidelines, SS 15060, subd. (c)(2)-(3), 15378, because it can be seen with certainty the activity will not result in a physical change in the environment.

Section 3. The City Council hereby approves the Berquist Recover Consulting, LLC for FEMA Disaster Recovery consulting and representation services for an amount not to exceed \$150,000, in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, and incorporated herein by reference, and authorizes the City Manager to execute the Agreement, subject to any minor, technical, or non-substantive changes as approved by the City Manager and the City Attorney.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect on the date it is approved by the City Council.

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APPROVED this 16th day of January 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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John R. Hamon, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melissa Boyer, City Clerk

**Attachments:**

Exhibit A – PSA FEMA Consultant Professional Services Agreement