Santa Cruz Local Agency Formation Commission Governmental Center 701 Ocean St. #318 D Santa Cruz CA 95060



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## **INDEMNIFICATION AND DEFENSE**

The undersigned applicant for the above-referenced application ("Applicant"), as a condition of submission of this application, approval of the application and any subsequent amendment of the approval which is requested by the Applicant, hereby agrees to defend, using counsel reasonably acceptable to the LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION, indemnify, and hold harmless the LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION, its officers, employees, and agents, from and against any claim, demand, damages, costs or liability of any kind (including attorneys' fees) against the LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION arising from or relating to this application or any approval or subsequent amendment to the approval thereof, subject to the conditions set forth below.

- A) <u>Notification and Cooperation</u>
  - 1) The LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION shall notify the Applicant of any claim, action, or proceeding against which the LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION seeks to be defended, indemnified, or held harmless.
  - 2) The LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION shall reasonably cooperate in such defense.

B) Fees and Costs:

Nothing contained herein shall prohibit the LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION from

participating in the defense of any claim, action, or proceeding if either of the following occur:

1) The LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION bears its own attorneys' fees and costs;

OR

- 2) The LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION and the Applicant agree in writing to the Applicant paying part or all of the Commission's attorneys' fees and costs.
- C) <u>Settlement:</u>
  - 1) When representing the LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION, the Applicant shall not enter into any stipulation or settlement modifying or affecting the interpretation or validity of any of the terms or conditions of the approval without the prior written consent of the LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION.
- D) <u>Successors Bound:</u>

The obligations of the Applicant under this Indemnity and Defense agreement are specifically associated with and shall run with the land that is the subject of the application and/ or approval and shall be binding upon the applicant and the successor(s) in interest, transferee(s), and assign(s) of the applicant in the land.

E) <u>Recordation:</u>

At any time after submission of the application, the LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION may, at its sole option, record in the office of the Santa Cruz County Recorder a memorandum of agreement which incorporates the provisions of this condition, or this approval shall become null and void.

(Signature of LAFCO Executive Officer)

Patrick M. McCormick (Printed Name) (Signature of Applicant)

(Printed Name)

(Date)

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