# MEDITERA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

October 19, 2022
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA

# MEDITERRA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

# AGENDA LETTER

### Mediterra Community Development District OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER

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October 12, 2022

Board of Supervisors Mediterra Community Development District

### **ATTENDEES:**

Please identify yourself each time you speak to facilitate accurate transcription of meeting minutes.

### Dear Board Members:

The Board of Supervisors of the Mediterra Community Development District will hold a Regular Meeting on October 19, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the Bella Vita I Room at the Sports Club at Mediterra, 15735 Corso Mediterra Circle, Naples, Florida 34110. The agenda is as follows:

- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call
- 2. Public Comments (3 minutes)
- 3. Chairman's Comments
- 4. Consideration of Agreement with MBS Capital Markets, LLC to Monitor Markets for Potential Refinance of Series 2013 Bonds
- 5. Discussion: Erosion Lake 6 Repair Options/Costs
- 6. Consideration of Johnson Engineering, Inc., Fee Modification
- 7. Continued Discussion: Nature Trail Design and Analysis (Plans, Costs, etc.)
- 8. Acceptance of Unaudited Financial Statements
  - A. As of July 31, 2022
  - B. As of August 31, 2022
- 9. Approval of September 7, 2022 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes
- 10. Staff Reports
  - A. District Counsel: Kutak Rock LLP
  - B. District Engineer: Johnson Engineering, Inc.
  - C. District Manager: Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC
    - NEXT MEETING DATE: November 16, 2022 at 9:00 A.M.

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### QUORUM CHECK

Mary Wheeler	In-Person	PHONE	☐ No
Kenneth Tarr	In-Person	PHONE	☐ No
John Henry	☐ IN-PERSON	PHONE	□No
Robert Greenberg	In-Person	PHONE	☐ No
Vicki Gartland	In-Person	PHONE	No

- D. Operations Manager: Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC
  - Key Activity Dates
- 11. Action/Agenda or Completed Items
- 12. Old Business
  - A. Discussion: Cintron Landscape Penalty
  - B. Update: Cintron Landscape Agreement for Preserve Area Clearing Services (Executed September 2021)
  - C. Update: EarthBalance Agreement for Preserve Management Plan Initial Trimming (Executed April 2018)
  - D. Update: Letter to Homeowners of Lots 7 & 8 Regarding the Installation of Sand Beach Areas (CDD Will Not Take Action)
- 13. Supervisors' Requests
  - Insurance Information Renewals
- 14. Public Comments (3 minutes)
- 15. Adjournment

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (239) 464-7114.

Sincerely,

Chesley "Chuck" E. Adams, Jr.

District Manager

FOR RESIDENTS TO 'LISTEN IN' TO THE BOARD MEETING

CALL IN NUMBER: 800-245-3047 CONFERENCE ID: MEDITERRA CONFIRMATION CODE: 83594

FOR BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF TO ATTEND BY TELEPHONE
CALL-IN NUMBER WILL BE PROVIDED WITHIN 24 HOURS OF MEETING
FEEL FREE TO CONTACT 561-571-0010 FOR CALL-IN NUMBER

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**EVENT TITLE: MEDITERRA CDD BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** 

# MEDITERRA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT



### AGREEMENT FOR UNDERWRITING SERVICES MEDITERRA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

October 19, 2022

Board of Supervisors Mediterra Community Development District

Dear Supervisors:

MBS Capital Markets, LLC (the "Underwriter") offers to enter into this agreement (the "Agreement") with the Mediterra Community Development District (the "District") which, upon your acceptance of this offer, will be binding upon the District and the Underwriter. This agreement relates to the proposed issuance of bonds (the "Bonds") for the purpose of refunding the District's outstanding Series 2013 Bonds (the "Prior Bonds"). This Agreement will cover the engagement for the Bonds and will be supplemented for future bond issuances as may be applicable.

- 1. <u>Scope of Services:</u> MBS intends to serve as the underwriter, and not as a financial advisor or municipal advisor, in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. The scope of services to be provided in a non-fiduciary capacity by the Underwriter for this transaction will include those listed below.
  - Advice regarding the structure, timing, terms, and other similar matters concerning the particular municipal securities described above.
  - Preparation of rating strategies and presentations related to the issue being underwritten.
  - Preparations for and assistance with investor "road shows," if any, and investor discussions related to the issue being underwritten.
  - Advice regarding retail order periods and institutional marketing if the District decides to engage in a negotiated sale.
  - Assistance in the preparation of the Preliminary Official Statement, if any, and the Final Official Statement.
  - Assistance with the closing of the issue, including negotiation and discussion with respect to all documents, certificates, and opinions needed for the closing.
  - Coordination with respect to obtaining CUSIP numbers and the registration with the Depository Trust Company.
  - Preparation of post-sale reports for the issue, if any.
  - Structuring of refunding escrow cash flow requirements, but not the recommendation of and brokerage of particular municipal escrow investments.



2. <u>Fees:</u> The Underwriter will be responsible for its own out-of-pocket expenses other than the fees and disbursements of underwriter's or disclosure counsel which fees shall be paid from the proceeds of the Bonds. Any fees payable to the Underwriter will be contingent upon the successful sale and delivery or placement of the Bonds. The underwriting fee for the sale or placement of the Bonds will be the greater of \$50,000 or 1.50% of the total par amount of Bonds issued.

The Underwriter shall also bear the cost of obtaining an investment grade rating with the actual cost of the rating to be paid from the proceeds of the Bonds only to the extent Bonds are issued.

- **3.** <u>Termination:</u> Both the District and the Underwriter will have the right to terminate this Agreement without cause upon written notice to the non-terminating party.
- **4.** Purchase Contract: At or before such time as the District gives its final authorization for the Bonds, the Underwriter and its counsel will deliver to the District a purchase or placement contract (the "Purchase Contract") detailing the terms of the Bonds.
- 5. <u>Notice of Meetings:</u> The District shall provide timely notice to the Underwriter for all regular and special meetings of the District. The District will provide, in writing, to the Underwriter, at least one week prior to any meeting, except in the case of an emergency meeting for which the notice time shall be the same as that required by law for the meeting itself, of matters and items for which it desires the Underwriter's input.
- 6. Disclosures Concerning the Underwriter's Role Required by MSRB Rule G-17. The Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board's Rule G-17 requires underwriters to make certain disclosures to issuers in connection with the issuance of municipal securities. Those disclosures are attached hereto as "Exhibit A." By execution of this Agreement, you are acknowledging receipt of the same. If you or any other Issuer officials have any questions or concerns about these disclosures, please make those questions or concerns known immediately to the undersigned. In addition, you should consult with the Issuer's own financial and/or municipal, legal, accounting, tax and other advisors, as applicable, to the extent you deem appropriate. It is our understanding that you have the authority to bind the Issuer by contract with us, and that you are not a party to any conflict of interest relating to the subject transaction. If our understanding is incorrect, please notify the undersigned immediately.



This Agreement shall be effective upon your acceptance hereof and shall remain effective until such time as the Agreement has been terminated in accordance with Section 3 hereof.

We are required to seek your acknowledgement that you have received the disclosures referenced herein and attached hereto as Exhibit A. By execution of this agreement, you are acknowledging receipt of the same.

Sincerely, MBS Capital Markets, LLC	
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Brett Sealy Managing Partner	
Approved and Accepted By:	
Title:	
Date:	



### **EXHIBIT A**

### **Disclosures Concerning the Underwriter's Role**

- (i) MSRB Rule G-17 requires an underwriter to deal fairly at all times with both municipal issuers and investors.
- (ii) The underwriter's primary role is to purchase the Bonds with a view to distribution in an arm's-length commercial transaction with the Issuer. The underwriters has financial and other interests that differ from those of the District.
- (iii) Unlike a municipal advisor, the underwriter does not have a fiduciary duty to the District under the federal securities laws and are, therefore, is required by federal law to act in the best interests of the District without regard to their own financial or other interests.
- (iv) The underwriter has a duty to purchase the Bonds from the Issuer at a fair and reasonable price but must balance that duty with their duty to sell the Bonds to investors at prices that are fair and reasonable.
- (v) The underwriter will review the official statement for the Bonds in accordance with, and as part of, its respective responsibilities to investors under the federal securities laws, as applied to the facts and circumstances of this transaction.

### Disclosure Concerning the Underwriter's Compensation

The underwriter will be compensated by a fee and/or an underwriting discount that will be set forth in the bond purchase agreement to be negotiated and entered into in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. Payment or receipt of the underwriting fee or discount will be contingent on the closing of the transaction and the amount of the fee or discount may be based, in whole or in part, on a percentage of the principal amount of the Bonds. While this form of compensation is customary in the municipal securities market, it presents a conflict of interest since the underwriter may have an incentive to recommend to the District a transaction that is unnecessary or to recommend that the size of the transaction be larger than is necessary.

### **Conflicts of Interest**

The Underwriter has not identified any additional potential or actual material conflicts that require disclosure including those listed below.

Payments to or from Third Parties. There are no undisclosed payments, values, or credits to be received by the Underwriter in connection with its underwriting of this new issue from parties other than the District, and there are no undisclosed payments to be made by the Underwriter in connection with this new issue to parties other than the District (in either case including payments, values, or credits that relate directly or indirectly to collateral transactions integrally related to the issue being underwritten). In addition, there are no third-party arrangements for the marketing of the District's securities.



**Profit-Sharing with Investors**. There are no arrangements between the Underwriter and an investor purchasing new issue securities from the Underwriter (including purchases that are contingent upon the delivery by the District to the Underwriter of the securities) according to which profits realized from the resale by such investor of the securities are directly or indirectly split or otherwise shared with the Underwriter.

**Credit Default Swaps**. There will be no issuance or purchase by the Underwriter of credit default swaps for which the reference is the District for which the Underwriter is serving as underwriter, or an obligation of that District.

**Retail Order Periods.** For new issues in which there is a retail order period, the Underwriter will honor such agreement to provide the retail order period. No allocation of securities in a manner that is inconsistent with a District's requirements will be made without the District's consent. In addition, when the Underwriter has agreed to underwrite a transaction with a retail order period, it will take reasonable measures to ensure that retail clients are bona fide.

**Dealer Payments to District Personnel**. Reimbursements, if any, made to personnel of the District will be made in compliance with MSRB Rule G-20, on gifts, gratuities, and non-cash compensation, and Rule G-17, in connection with certain payments made to, and expenses reimbursed for, District personnel during the municipal bond issuance process.

### **Disclosures Concerning Complex Municipal Securities Financing**

Since the Underwriter has not recommended a "complex municipal securities financing" to the Issuer, additional disclosures regarding the financing structure for the Bonds are not required under MSRB Rule G-17.

# MEDITERRA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT



September 2, 2022

Mr. Chuck Adams, District Manager Mediterra CDD c/o Wrathell, Hart, Hunt & Associates 9220 Bonita Beach Road Suite 214 Bonita Springs, Florida 34135 Delivered via adamsc@whhassociates.com

Re:

Johnson Engineering, Inc. - New Rate Schedule

Dear Mr. Adams and Board of Supervisors:

Like many firms, we try to absorb increased expenses on a yearly basis but rising labor, health care, home and fuel costs have exceeded everyone's expectations, especially here in Southwest Florida. Revising our rates has also become necessary for us to retain and attract employees with the level of professional expertise that you have come to expect from us.

Attached is our new rate schedule that went into effect on August 9, 2022. Our master contract allows us to take a fee modification before the Board once a year. We believe our new rates continue to remain competitive with that of other top-tier consulting firms. We would appreciate it if this could be addressed at the next Board Meeting in September for an October 1, 2022, start date. You may want to attach these new rates to your Professional Services Agreement with us for future reference.

After 75 years, our firm's focus remains the same and that is your satisfaction. Your project is important to us and if there is anything we can do better to help you, please let us know.

Very truly yours,

JOHNSON ENGINEERING, INC.

Andrew D Tilton Digitally signed by Andrew D Tilton Date: 2022.09.02 13:38:28 -04'00'

Andrew D. Tilton For the Firm

Enclosure ADT/mfc 20023589-001

\$185 \$165 \$150 \$125 \$115 \$105 \$95 \$85 \$95 \$70



### PROFESSIONAL SERVICES HOURLY RATE SCHEDULE August 9, 2022

Professional		Construction Engineering and Inspection
9	\$300	(CEI Services)
8	\$245	CEI Services Manager \$
7	\$225	CEI Senior Project Administrator \$
6	\$200	CEI Project Administrator \$
5	\$175	Contract Support Specialist \$
4	\$160	Senior Inspector \$
3	\$150	CEI Inspector III \$
2	\$125	CEI Inspector II \$
1	\$115	CEI Inspector I
		Compliance Specialist \$
Technician		CEI Inspector's Aide
6	\$165	
5	\$140	
4	\$120	
3	\$100	
2	\$80	
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Administrative		
3	\$95	
2	\$85	
I	\$70	
Field Crew		
4-Person	\$245	
3-Person	\$210	
2-Person	\$165	

### Field Equipment

Field Equipment on Separate Schedule

**Expert Witness** 

\$400

Reimbursable Expenses and Sub-Consultants

Cost + 10%

## MEDITERRA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

# UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS A

MEDITERRA
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JULY 31, 2022

# MEDITERRA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JULY 31, 2022

		Governme	ntal Funds			
		Debt	Debt	Debt	Total	
		Service	Service	Service	Governmental	
	General	Series 2012	Series 2013	Series 2022	Funds	
ASSETS						
Cash						
Operating	\$ 605,662	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 605,662	
Investments						
BB&T - CDARS	1,497	-	-	-	1,497	
Series 2013						
Revenue	-	-	197,896	-	197,896	
Reserve	-	-	75,000	-	75,000	
Series 2017 Note						
Reserve*	10,000	-	-	-	10,000	
Series 2022						
Revenue	-	-	-	102,574	102,574	
Principal	-	-	-	3	3	
Interest	-	-	-	69,538	69,538	
COI	-	-	-	124,017	124,017	
Electric deposit	2,346				2,346	
Total assets	\$ 619,505	\$ -	\$ 272,896	\$ 296,132	\$ 1,188,533	
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES Liabilities						
Accounts payable	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000	
Total liabilities	25,000				25,000	
Fund Balances						
Restricted for:						
Debt service	-	-	272,896	296,132	569,028	
3 months working capital	254,253	-	-	-	254,253	
Unassigned	340,252				340,252	
Total fund balances	594,505		272,896	296,132	1,163,533	
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 619,505	\$ -	\$ 272,896	\$ 296,132	\$ 1,188,533	

<sup>\*</sup> Required bank loan reserve which will be applied to final payment

# MEDITERRA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GENERAL FUND 001 FOR THE PERIOD ENDED JULY 31, 2022

	Current Month	Year to Date	Budget	% of Budget
REVENUE Special assessment: on roll Interest and miscellaneous	\$ - 6	\$ 1,108,439 82	\$ 1,107,013	100% N/A
Total revenues	6	1,108,521	1,107,013	100%
EXPENDITURES				
Administrative				
Supervisors	-	7,320	9,900	74%
Management	4,164	41,644	49,973	83%
Accounting	1,392	13,917	16,700	83%
Audit	-	4,000	10,000	40%
Legal	1,714	10,251	10,000	103%
Field management	1,275	12,750	15,300	83%
Engineering	6,721	53,818	95,000	57%
Trustee	-	-	10,000	0%
Dissemination agent	333	3,333	4,000	83%
Arbitrage rebate calculation	500	500	1,500	33%
Assessment roll preparation	417	4,167	5,000	83%
Postage	18	1,266	1,000	127%
Insurance	-	11,070	11,800	94%
Legal advertising	196	5,118	4,000	128%
Contingencies	160	1,566	2,500	63%
Annual district filing fee	-	175	175	100%
Website	-	705	705	100%
ADA website compliance	40.000	210	210	100%
Total administrative	16,890	171,810	247,763	69%
Water management				
Contractual services	18,739	169,145	237,400	71%
Aquascaping/cutbacks/pipe cleanout	49,000	60,200	100,000	60%
Conservation area fire mitigation clean up	25,000	151,000	175,000	86%
Lake bank erosion repairs	-	-	75,000	0%
Electricity	3,225	29,390	31,500	93%
Capital outlay-drain pipe repair	-	41,565	-	N/A
Future aeration replacement	5,797	19,993	9,000	222%
Capital outlay-aeration FCB loan pymt*		90,146	112,177	80%
Total water management	101,761	561,439	740,077	76%
Other fees & charges				
Property appraiser	_	2,807	14,587	19%
Tax collector	_	15,862	14,586	109%
Total other fees & charges		18,669	29,173	64%
Total expenditures	118,651	751,918	1,017,013	74%
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Excess/(deficiency) of revenues				
over/(under) expenditures	(118,645)	356,603	90,000	
Fund balances - beginning	713,150	237,902	206,899	
Fund balance - ending (projected)				
Assigned	054.050	054.050	054.050	
3 months working capital	254,253	254,253	254,253	
Unassigned Fund balances - ending	340,252 \$ 594,505	\$ 594.505	42,646 \$ 296,899	
*Florida Community Book in halding a \$10k daht	\$ 594,505	\$ 594,505	ψ 230,033	

<sup>\*</sup>Florida Community Bank is holding a \$10k debt service reserve amount

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES DEBT SERVICE FUND 210 - SERIES 2012 (REFUNDED 1999 & 2001 BONDS) FOR THE PERIOD ENDED JULY 31, 2022

	Current Year to Month Date		Budget	% of Budget
REVENUES				
Special assessment: on roll	\$ -	\$ 1,021,758	\$ 1,056,882	97% N/A
Interest		58	1 056 000	
Total revenues		1,021,816	1,056,882	97%
EXPENDITURES				
Debt service				
Principal	-	-	635,000	0%
Prepayment	-	25,000	-	N/A
Interest		200,089	400,178	50%
Total debt service		225,089	1,035,178	22%
Other fees & charges				
Property appraiser	-	1,841	10,852	17%
Tax collector	-	11,638	10,852	107%
Total other fees & charges	_	13,479	21,704	62%
Total expenditures		238,568	1,056,882	23%
Excess/(deficiency) of revenues over/(under) expenditures	-	783,248	-	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES/(USES)				
Transfers out	(20)	(1,818,691)	-	N/A
Total other financing sources/(uses)	(20)	(1,818,691)		N/A
Net increase/(decrease) in fund balance	(20)	(1,035,443)	-	
Fund balances - beginning	20	1,035,443	1,003,979	
Fund balances - ending	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,003,979	

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES DEBT SERVICE FUND 204 - SERIES 2013 (REFUNDED 2003A BONDS) FOR THE PERIOD ENDED JULY 31, 2022

	Current Month		Year to Date		Budget		% of Budget
REVENUES							
Special assessment: on roll	\$	-	\$	315,609	\$	315,756	100%
Interest		146		225		-	N/A
Total revenues		146		315,834		315,756	100%
EXPENDITURES							
Debt service							
Principal		-		165,000		165,000	100%
Interest		-		139,244		139,244	100%
Total debt service		-		304,244		304,244	100%
Other fees & charges							
Property appraiser		-		976		5,756	17%
Tax collector		-		6,312		5,756	110%
Total other fees & charges		-		7,288		11,512	63%
Total expenditures				311,532		315,756	99%
Excess/(deficiency) of revenues							
over/(under) expenditures		146		4,302		-	
Fund balances - beginning		272,750		268,594		259,704	
Fund balances - ending	\$	272,896	\$	272,896	\$	259,704	

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES DEBT SERVICE FUND 222 - SERIES 2022 (REFUNDED SERIES 2012) FOR THE PERIOD ENDED JULY 31, 2022

		Current Month	Year to Date		
REVENUES					
Special assessment: on roll	\$	-	\$	35,549	
Interest		154		210	
Total revenues		154		35,759	
EXPENDITURES					
Debt service					
Principal		_		404,000	
Interest		_		15,150	
Cost of issuance		_		37,425	
Total debt service		-		456,575	
Other fees & charges					
Tax collector				280	
Total other fees & charges				280	
Total expenditures				456,855	
Excess/(deficiency) of revenues					
over/(under) expenditures		154		(421,096)	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES/(USES)					
Transfers in		20		1,818,691	
Bond proceeds		_		7,053,000	
Payment to bond escrow agent		_		3,154,463)	
Total other financing sources/(uses)		20		717,228	
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Net increase/(decrease) in fund balance		174		296,132	
Fund balances - beginning		295,958		,	
Fund balances - ending	\$	296,132	\$	296,132	
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## MEDITERRA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

# UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS B

MEDITERRA
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AUGUST 31, 2022

# MEDITERRA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS AUGUST 31, 2022

		Governme	ental Funds		
		Debt	Debt	Debt	Total
		Service	Service	Service	Governmental
	General	Series 2012	Series 2013	Series 2022	Funds
ASSETS		_			
Cash					
Operating	\$ 572,891	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 572,891
Investments					
BB&T - CDARS	1,497	-	-	-	1,497
Series 2013					
Revenue	-	-	198,151	-	198,151
Reserve	-	-	75,000	-	75,000
Series 2017 Note					
Reserve*	10,000	-	-	-	10,000
Series 2022					
Revenue	-	-	-	102,662	102,662
Principal	-	-	-	3	3
Interest	-	-	-	69,603	69,603
COI	-	-	-	124,133	124,133
Electric deposit	2,346	-	-	-	2,346
Total assets	\$ 586,734	\$ -	\$ 273,151	\$ 296,401	\$ 1,156,286
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES Liabilities					
Accounts payable	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000
Total liabilities	25,000	-	-		25,000
Fund Balances					
Restricted for:					
Debt service	-	-	273,151	296,401	569,552
3 months working capital	254,253	_	, <u>-</u>	, -	254,253
Unassigned	307,481	-	-	-	307,481
Total fund balances	561,734		273,151	296,401	1,131,286
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 586,734	\$ -	\$ 273,151	\$ 296,401	\$ 1,156,286

<sup>\*</sup> Required bank loan reserve which will be applied to final payment

# MEDITERRA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES , EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GENERAL FUND 001 FOR THE PERIOD ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022

	Current Month	Year to Date	Budget	% of Budget
REVENUE Special assessment: on roll Interest and miscellaneous	\$ - 5	\$ 1,108,439 88	\$ 1,107,013	100% N/A
Total revenues	5	1,108,527	1,107,013	100%
EXPENDITURES Administrative				
Supervisors	_	7,320	9,900	74%
Management	4,164	45,809	49,973	92%
Accounting	1,392	15,308	16,700	92%
Audit	-	4,000	10,000	40%
Legal	375	10,627	10,000	106%
Field management	1,275	14,025	15,300	92%
Engineering	2,597	42,471	95,000	45%
Engineering storm water analysis	-	13,944	-	N/A
Trustee	-	-	10,000	0%
Dissemination agent	333	3,667	4,000	92%
Arbitrage rebate calculation	-	500	1,500	33%
Assessment roll preparation	417	4,583	5,000	92%
Postage	10	1,275	1,000	128%
Insurance	-	11,070	11,800	94%
Legal advertising	633	5,752	4,000	144%
Contingencies	86	1,652	2,500	66%
Annual district filing fee	-	175	175	100%
Website	-	705	705	100%
ADA website compliance	- 44 202	210	210	100%
Total administrative	11,282	183,093	247,763	74%
Water management				
Contractual services	18,409	187,554	237,400	79%
Aquascaping/cutbacks/pipe cleanout	-	60,200	100,000	60%
Conservation area fire mitigation clean up	-	151,000	175,000	86%
Lake bank erosion repairs	-	-	75,000	0%
Electricity	3,085	32,475	31,500	103%
Capital outlay-drain pipe repair	-	41,565	-	N/A
Future aeration replacement	-	19,993	9,000	222%
Capital outlay-aeration FCB loan pymt*		90,146	112,177	80%
Total water management	21,494	582,933	740,077	79%
Other fees & charges				
Property appraiser	-	2,807	14,587	19%
Tax collector	-	15,862	14,586	109%
Total other fees & charges	-	18,669	29,173	64%
Total expenditures	32,776	784,695	1,017,013	77%
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Excess/(deficiency) of revenues over/(under) expenditures	(32,771)	323,832	90,000	
Fund balances - beginning Fund balance - ending (projected) Assigned	594,505	237,902	206,899	
3 months working capital	254,253	254,253	254,253	
Unassigned	307,481	307,481	42,646	
Fund balances - ending	\$ 561,734	\$ 561,734	\$ 296,899	
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<sup>\*</sup>Florida Community Bank is holding a \$10k debt service reserve amount

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES DEBT SERVICE FUND 210 - SERIES 2012 (REFUNDED 1999 & 2001 BONDS) FOR THE PERIOD ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022

	Current Month				Budget	% of Budget
REVENUES						
Special assessment: on roll	\$ -	-	\$ 1,021,758	\$ 1,056,882	97%	
Interest			58_		N/A	
Total revenues			1,021,816	1,056,882	97%	
EXPENDITURES						
Debt service						
Principal	-	-	-	635,000	0%	
Prepayment	-	-	25,000	-	N/A	
Interest	-	-	200,089	400,178	50%	
Total debt service			225,089	1,035,178	22%	
Other fees & charges						
Property appraiser	-	-	1,841	10,852	17%	
Tax collector	-	-	11,638	10,852	107%	
Total other fees & charges			13,479	21,704	62%	
Total expenditures			238,568	1,056,882	23%	
Excess/(deficiency) of revenues over/(under) expenditures		-	783,248	-		
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES/(USES)						
Transfers out			(1,818,691)		N/A	
Total other financing sources/(uses)			(1,818,691)	-	N/A	
Net increase/(decrease) in fund balance		-	(1,035,443)	-		
Fund balances - beginning		-	1,035,443	1,003,979		
Fund balances - ending	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 1,003,979		

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES DEBT SERVICE FUND 204 - SERIES 2013 (REFUNDED 2003A BONDS) FOR THE PERIOD ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022

	Current Month		Year to Date		Budget		% of Budget
REVENUES	<u> </u>						
Special assessment: on roll	\$	-	\$	315,609	\$	315,756	100%
Interest		254		480		_	N/A
Total revenues		254		316,089		315,756	100%
EXPENDITURES							
Debt service							
Principal		-		165,000		165,000	100%
Interest		-		139,244		139,244	100%
Total debt service				304,244		304,244	100%
Other fees & charges							
Property appraiser		-		976		5,756	17%
Tax collector		-		6,312		5,756	110%
Total other fees & charges		-		7,288		11,512	63%
Total expenditures		-		311,532		315,756	99%
Excess/(deficiency) of revenues							
over/(under) expenditures		254		4,557		-	
Fund balances - beginning	:	272,897		268,594		259,704	
Fund balances - ending	\$ :	273,151	\$	273,151	\$	259,704	

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES DEBT SERVICE FUND 222 - SERIES 2022 (REFUNDED SERIES 2012) FOR THE PERIOD ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022

	Current Month		Year to Date	
REVENUES	•		•	
Special assessment: on roll	\$	-	\$	35,549
Interest		270		479
Total revenues		270		36,028
EXPENDITURES				
Debt service				
Principal		_		404,000
Interest		_		15,150
Cost of issuance		-		37,425
Total debt service		-		456,575
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Other fees & charges				
Tax collector				280
Total other fees & charges				280
Total expenditures		-		456,855
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Excess/(deficiency) of revenues		070		(400.007)
over/(under) expenditures		270		(420,827)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES/(USES)				
Transfers in		_	1	,818,691
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Payment to bond escrow agent		_		3,154,463)
Total other financing sources/(uses)				717,228
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Net increase/(decrease) in fund balance		270		296,401
Fund balances - beginning		296,131		, <u>-</u>
Fund balances - ending	\$	296,401	\$	296,401
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# MEDITERRA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

# MINUTES

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1 2 3 4	MINUTES OF MEETING  MEDITERRA  COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT				
5	The Board of Supervisors of the Medite	erra Community Development District held a			
6	Public Hearing and Regular Meeting on September 7, 2022 at 9:00 a.m., in the Bella Vita I Room				
7	at the Sports Club at Mediterra, 15735 Corso Mediterra Circle, Naples, Florida 34110.				
8 9	Present were:				
10	Robert Greenberg	Chair			
11	Ken Tarr (via telephone)	Vice Chair			
12	Mary Wheeler	Assistant Secretary			
13	John Henry	Assistant Secretary			
14	Vicki Gartland (via telephone)	Assistant Secretary			
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16	Also present were:				
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18	Chuck Adams	District Manager			
19	Cleo Adams	District Manager			
20	Shane Willis	Operations Manager			
21	Alyssa Willson (via telephone)	District Counsel			
22	Andy Tilton	District Engineer			
23	Mike Cintron	Cintron Landscape Services (Cintron)			
24	Tammy Campbell (via telephone)	McDirmit Davis			
25	Tim Burns	Resident			
26	Dave McGee	Resident			
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29	FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS	Call to Order/Roll Call			
30 31	Mr. Adams called the meeting to order a	at 9:03 a.m. Supervisors Wheeler, Greenberg,			
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32	and Henry were present. Supervisors Gartland ar	nd Tarr were attending via telephone.			
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34 35	SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS	Public Comments (3 minutes)			
36	No members of the public spoke.				
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38 39	THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS	Chairman's Comments			
40	Mr. Greenberg made the following comme	ents:			

- Referring to the Cintron email, this item was deferred while CDD Staff investigates and 41 42 can provide recommendations and until the entire Board is in attendance in person.
  - The MCA decided not to execute the Maintenance Agreement and plans to move the riprap from the CDD's easement.

Mr. Greenberg believed the MCA's decision does not matter to the CDD as long as it does not affect CDD property and, if it does, the CDD will deal with it at the appropriate time.

Mr. Greenberg asked why the Board received the revised budget yesterday. He stated it would be helpful to know where the changes were made to prevent spending time reviewing the entire budget. Mr. Tarr stated he instigated the changes, which involved the presentation but did not affect the budget. Mr. Adams stated there was an open column of figures in the assessment tables that were incorrect and belong to another CDD.

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### **FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Presentation of Mediterra Community **Development District's Audited Annual** Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2021, **Prepared McDirmit Davis** 

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Mr. Greenberg polled the Board, which agreed this does not warrant a presentation.

Mr. Tarr stated that he reviewed the Attorney General's website and noted that the Auditor did not file the Report timely. He asked if there is something the CDD is doing that caused them to not file the Audit until the end of June. Ms. Campbell would find out the reason for the delay. She noted her firm experienced unprecedented staffing issues, which caused some delays. Mr. Tarr stated this is not the CDD's first request to be able to review the Report sooner, while the entire Board is still in residence in Mediterra.

Mr. Greenberg advised Ms. Campbell that McDirmit Davis is on notice and, if the next Report is late, the CDD will likely take action with respect to the contract. The Board selected April 30<sup>th</sup> as the preferred completion date so the Report can be in the May agenda.

Ms. Wheeler stated that the public hearing notice was only published once in Lee County. Mr. Adams stated the proof of publication might have been omitted from the agenda. Mr. Tarr stated he reviewed the website, which showed no second publication, it only stated the ad was to be run the second time; he recalled raising the same question last year. He felt that Management should make sure that the ad runs a second time next year. Ms. Wheeler stated her notes from the last two years showed Lee County only published the notice once. Mr. Adams stated, assuming the newspaper website is up to date, he will research this.

Mr. Greenberg asked Ms. Willson for the affect if notice was not published twice. Ms. Willson stated that a failure to publish twice would mean the public hearing was not properly noticed; however, Chapter 190 has language that allows publication of notices for Special Districts, such as CDDs, to rely on the publication from the County with the majority of the CDD land; therefore, the Collier County publication will suffice for the public hearing.

Mr. Greenberg asked if there is an obligation to re-publish in Lee County. Mr. Willson replied no. Regarding the requirement to publish in both counties, Ms. Willson stated that, with certain notices, the CDD can rely on the single publication in the County where the majority of the CDD lies but publication of certain other notices needs to be in both Counties. Ms. Willson stated that, for today's budget public hearing, the CDD met the advertising requirements. She will work with Mr. Adams' office to create a comprehensive list of the notices that need to be published in both Counties and which only need to run in Collier County.

Mr. Henry requested the following stylistic changes to the next Audit Report:

- Page 3, Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A), 2<sup>nd</sup> bullet: Referring to the \$1,541,936 amount, include the page number where that information is located in the Report.
- 91 Ms. Campbell asked if he wanted to see additional wording guiding the reader to where 92 the numbers came from. Mr. Henry replied affirmatively.
- Page 20, Note 5, Paragraph 2, last sentence: Delete "from the North District"
- Page 20, Note 5, last paragraph and throughout: Change "current fiscal year" to "2021 95 Fiscal Year"
  - Mr. Henry asked if subsequent event disclosures, such as refinancing the Note in 2022, should be included. Board Members recalled that the Note closed around March 2022 and was approved in Fiscal Year 2021.

Ms. Davis stated it is typically reflected in the Fiscal Year Audit in which it occurs so it will be reflected in the Fiscal Year 2022 audit. She stated an update on your bond financing obligation is not included in the request for subsequent event information.

on Page 7 are incorrect and the "Fiscal Year 09.30.22 Principal" payment and "Costs of

issuance" figures are incorrect. Mr. Adams agreed and stated the amounts should match Page

Mr. Henry believed that, based on his calculations, the Debt Service expenditure figures

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5 of the Unaudited Financial Report. He will make those adjustments. Mr. Henry listed his calculations. Mr. Adams stated he will update the figures once the budget is adopted.

Mr. Tarr asked about the implications of the incorrect number. Mr. Greenberg stated that it seemed to him that a chart was just not updated. Regarding whether something needs to be published correcting this, Mr. Adams replied no, as the Board can make adjustments to the proposed budget at the public hearing and it does not affect the assessment levels. Mr. Greenberg reiterated that the chart showed the wrong numbers but it is a ministerial error that Mr. Adams will address. Mr. Tarr stated there are two mistakes. Mr. Greenberg stated that there needs to be better proofing by someone who understands it before it is included in the agenda package.

Mr. Tarr stated he will provide the parcel number for Caminetto to Mr. Adams, as it was not complete for two years in a row.

Mr. Tarr suggested that Mr. Adams remind District Staff to use spell check.

Mr. Greenberg presented Resolution 2022-08.

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On MOTION by Mr. Henry and seconded by Ms. Wheeler, with all in favor, Resolution 2022-08, Relating to the Annual Appropriations and Adopting the Budgets for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2022, and Ending September 30, 2023, as amended; Authorizing Budget Amendments; and Providing an Effective Date, was adopted.

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### **SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Consideration of Resolution 2022-09, Making a Determination of Benefit and Imposing Special Assessments for Fiscal Year 2022/2023; Providing for Collection and Enforcement of Special Assessments, Including But Not Limited to Penalties and Interest Thereon; Certifying Assessment Roll; **Providing** Amendments to the Assessment Roll; Providing a Severability Clause; and **Providing an Effective Date** 

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Mr. Greenberg presented Resolution 2022-09.

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**MEDITERRA CDD DRAFT** 172 On MOTION by Mr. Tarr and seconded by Ms. Gartland, with all in favor, Resolution 2022-09, Making a Determination of Benefit and Imposing Special 173 Assessments for Fiscal Year 2022/2023; Providing for the Collection and 174 175 Enforcement of Special Assessments, Including But Not Limited to Penalties 176 and Interest Thereon; Certifying an Assessment Roll; Providing for 177 Amendments to the Assessment Roll; Providing a Severability Clause; and 178 Providing an Effective Date, was adopted. 179 180 181 **EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS** 182 183 184 Mediterra, Inc. 185 186 187 188 189 190 191 192

Consideration of Access and Maintenance Easement Agreement for Stormwater Management Facilities with The Club at

Ms. Willson presented the Access and Maintenance Easement Agreement. She stated that many of the pipes are in tracts of areas included on plats that are not specifically identified tracts. The position of the actual stormwater pipes on Exhibit B sufficiently narrows the area in which the CDD is obligated to maintain improvements. The only alternative to the overly broad legal description would be to engage a contractor to do a metes and bounds for each pipe, which is not necessary to enter into the area and maintain the improvements. This has not been sent to The Club for review.

Mr. Tarr asked if the CDD will actually write a check for \$10 to The Club, as stipulated on Page 1. Ms. Willson stated this is shown as additional specific consideration and is common. There are other considerations laid out in the Agreement; typically, it is not actually paid and is considered an additional legal consideration in the Agreement.

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On MOTION by Mr. Henry and seconded by Ms. Wheeler, with all in favor, the Access and Maintenance Easement Agreement for Stormwater Management Facilities with The Club at Mediterra, Inc., subject to final review by The Club, and authorizing the Chair to execute, if there are no changes, was approved.

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### **NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Consideration of License Agreement by and Between the Mediterra Community Development District and Community Association, Inc., Regarding the Installation and Maintenance of a Cap **Rock Wall** 

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213	TENT	1 ORDER OF BUSINESS	Discussion: Erosion – Lake 6				
214 215		Mrs. Adams stated that she discussed this matter with Mr. Burns and forwarded it to					
216	Mr. Ti	lton.					
217		Mr. Tilton stated that he inspected the property with Mr. Burns. This is something the					
218	CDD in	nherited when it acquired the property for the pond; the CDD did not build the pond. The					
219	major	ity of the rocks are on CDD property and are now settling, moving and leaving holes as the					
220	soil er	odes into the pond. This is now causing a safety issue.					
221		Mr. Tilton explained why the rocks v	were installed, noted that the repair costs are				
222	estima	ated at \$50,000 and provided alternatives. He discussed whether to keep the rock and					
223	install	fabric or remove the rocks and install turf according to the South Florida Water					
224	Mana	gement (SFWMD) Permit and the 4:1 slope requirement. He suggested completing the					
225	projec	ct in the spring, when water levels are low. Mr. Burns' only request was to install signage					
226	and co	omplete the repairs correctly and swiftly. Staff will install a "Caution" sign. Mr. Tilton to					
227	provid	de repair alternatives and costs at the next meeting.					
228		The technique of injecting mortar grout, foam products, which Mr. Tilton did not					
229	recom	nmend, also was discussed.					
230		Mr. Greenberg asked for a letter to be	sent advising residents that the CDD is aware of				
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<ul><li>233</li><li>234</li><li>235</li></ul>	ELEVE	LEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS  Presentation of Annual Quality Assurance  Audit: Lake Maintenance					
236	A.	Memorandum					
237	В.	<b>Evaluation Sheets/Photos</b>					
238	C.	Lake 35 Restoration Photos					
239		Staff responded to the following questi	ons and comments:				
240	>	Lake 73: The photograph was inadvert	ently included in the Report and has since been				
241	remov	ved.					

Term "Off Color Water": Mr. Tilton stated that color is not an issue as far as any water quality requirements in the permitting; it may be an aesthetic issue. Mr. Willis stated he used this term to let SOLitude know the condition, as it might be due to extra nutrients in the water.

Mr. Tarr asked if SOLitude can provide an update of what they did or did not do that caused a change.

Alligators: CDD policy is to remove alligators once they become a danger to humans, which is about 8'. Mr. Willis reported two 4' alligators.

Mr. Tarr asked if the CDD should send a notice to residents.

Discussion ensued regarding responsibility and implementing a policy to remove alligators. It was noted that alligators are considered the first line of defense against pythons and it might be difficult to locate them since they move within the pipes; residents can advise the trapper where alligators were last sighted. Supervisors Henry, Tarr and Wheeler felt that the CDD should remove the alligators and Supervisors Greenberg and Gartland disagreed.

Regarding potential liability, Ms. Willson stated there is no explicit signage requirement but, based on a review of recent incidents and case law, it is known that there are alligators in Florida so District Counsel typically recommends advising of the existence to alert visitors or other individuals who are not familiar with the problem. Communities have either done that in an annual mailing or an annual e-blast; the CDD can coordinate that communication with The Club. Some CDDs post signage at lakes where alligators are observed or at the entrance to the community. District Counsel's general recommendation is to send some sort of annual notice and, if there is a nuisance alligator that displays aggressive behavior, then take other action.

Mr. Greenberg felt that the CDD should ask the MCA to handle alligators the same way as for bears such that, if there is a sighting, the MCA sends a notice and, if it is aggressive or presents a problem, the CDD will deal with it. He asked Mr. Adams to include a paragraph about alligators in the annual letter to residents. Ms. Willson stated that reminding everyone of the alligator situation and whether one was recently seen would be good to include in the annual letter.

Regarding Lake 6, Mr. Greenberg reiterated his request for Staff to send affected residents a letter indicating that the CDD is aware of the issue.

Staff responded to Mr. Greenberg's request for updates on the following items:

- 272 Lake 13: Mrs. Adams stated the contractor delayed work until spring 2023. Mr. Willis 273 stated he updated his Lake Audit Report to reflect the same.
- 274 Lakes 15 and 22: Mr. Willis will present proposals at the next meeting.
- 275 Mrs. Adams stated removal of palm seedlings from the lake banks is a CDD matter and
- 276 SOLitude Lake Management has been doing that for the past several weeks.
- 277 Elittoral Shelf Plants: Mr. Willis is obtaining costs; project will be completed in Fiscal Year
- 278 2022.

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### TWELFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Continued Discussion: Nature Trail Design and Analysis (Plans, Cost, etc.)

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Mr. Tilton reviewed the aerial sketch of the trails and requested direction from the Board regarding designing the path. He provided estimates for easterly and westerly routes; an easterly route is more costly.

The Board discussed various concerns about resident privacy and constructing in the wetland area. Mr. Tilton was directed to address the following and report his findings at the next meeting:

- 289 Route: Create a route with the best visibility of wildlife.
- 290 Relocate the shaded yellow line away from Corso and into the wetland area and add additional plantings around the lake, as a buffer.
- 292 Regarding a boardwalk at one of the cart paths, determine if it is possible to keep walkers separate from golfers.
- Johnson Engineering, Inc., Draft Professional Services Supplemental Agreement No. 23
- 295 Mr. Tilton presented Johnson Engineering, Inc., Draft Professional Services 296 Supplemental Agreement No. 23. He expects the permitting process to take close to a year.
- 297 Mr. Tarr asked about the mitigation fee. Mr. Adams stated \$170, 000 was budgeted for design and permitting.

Mr. Tarr shared his conversation with Mr. Richards, prior MCA General Manager, that his community is applying for a one-mile long 4' wide nature trail in its preserve and hoped the mitigation cost will be much less than the \$150,000 expected, without a board walk. Mr. Tarr asked the project name in the Agreement to be updated.

Mr. Tarr voiced his opinion that the July 13, 2021 Hourly Rate Schedule is outdated. Mr. Tilton stated that certain items will remain at those rates; a rate change request was submitted for consideration at a future meeting.

On MOTION by Ms. Gartland and seconded by Ms. Wheeler, with all in favor, the Johnson Engineering, Inc., Professional Services Supplemental Agreement No. 23, as amended, was approved.

### THIRTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Ms. Gartland asked if this item is being skipped and if the project was completed. Mr. Greenberg stated he wants to defer this so Staff can research it more and make recommendations. He did not know if the email was factually correct or if there were mitigating factors to consider. Mr. Adams stated that he and Gary checked and signed off on the project.

Based on the \$42,000 amount, of which the Board is considering a penalty of \$17,000, Mr. Cintron asked the Board to consider paying \$25,000. Mrs. Adams stated she approved the \$25,000 for payment on July 25, 2022. Mr. Greenberg stated that the contract provided for the hold back amount and the rest of it should be paid. Staff will look into paying Cintron.

This item will be on the October agenda as old business.

# FOURTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Acceptance of Unaudited Financial Statements as of July 31, 2022

**Update: Wildfire Management Activities** 

The Financial Highlights Report was distributed in the meeting.

Mr. Tarr asked for an explanation of the new appearance of the "Capital outlay-aeration FCB loan pymt\*-new" budget line item of \$509,296 Year to Date. Mr. Adams stated it was the 2017 Note.

Ms. Gartland asked if there is a reason the "Future aeration replacement" line item is \$19,993 instead of the \$9,000 budgeted. Mr. Adams stated the CDD expended more than budgeted, which is built on the depreciation schedule Mrs. Adams prepared a few years ago. Mrs. Adams stated that she updates the schedule every year before budget season to determine the most accurate amount possible.

In response to Ms. Gartland's question, Mr. Tarr stated that there will be times when the CDD expends more funds than budgeted; unspent funds go into surplus funds, instead of into a reserve account.

Mr. Greenberg and Mr. Tarr discussed their dissatisfaction with the Accounting Department. Mr. Tarr felt that CDD Staff should review and catch errors before Reports are sent to the Board.

The Board agreed with Mr. Greenberg's suggestion to not accept the Unaudited Financial Statements as of July 31, 2022 and for Staff to investigate, correct and present updated July and August Unaudited Financial Statements at the next meeting.

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# FIFTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

# Approval of May 18, 2022 Regular Meeting

Minutes

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- Mr. Greenberg stated that he hoped everyone sent their corrections to Staff.
- 350 The following changes were made:
- 351 Line 24: Change "Kan" to "Kane"
- 352 Line 47: Change "Wheeler" to "Gartland"

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On MOTION by Mr. Henry and seconded by Ms. Gartland, with all in favor, the May 18, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes, as amended, were approved.

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## SIXTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

# **Staff Reports**

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- 360 A. District Counsel: Kutak Rock LLP
- There was nothing further to report.
- 362 B. District Engineer: Johnson Engineering, Inc.
- There was nothing further to report.
- Information Regarding Geotube Use for Lake Bank Refurbishment
- This bullet point will be removed from future agendas.
- 366 C. District Manager: Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC
- NEXT MEETING DATE: October 19, 2022 at 9:00 A.M.
- 368 O QUORUM CHECK

369		The next meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
370	D.	Operations Manager: Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC
371		Key Activity Dates
372		The August Key Activity Dates Report was included for informational purposes.
373		Mrs. Adams stated that the date for the Lake 13 Bank Stabilization project listed on Page
374	3 wil	be updated to reflect that the project will be scheduled for spring 2023, in conjunction
375	with	the golf course.
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377	SEVE	NTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS Action/Agenda or Completed Items
378 379		Items 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 26 and 27 were completed.
380		Items 12 and 21 will be combined, due to duplication.
381		Regarding Item 13: Mr. Greenberg asked what the violation was about. Mrs. Adams
382	state	d this pertained to homeowners installing sand beach areas. She recalled the decision a
383	the la	ast meeting was not to do anything. Mr. Heny recalled the decision was to send a lette
384	putti	ng the homeowner on notice but the CDD will not take any action. Mr. Greenberg recalled
385	askin	g Mr. Adams to send a toned downed letter. He asked for this to be added to Old Business
386	on th	e next agenda.
387		Item 15: MCA withdrew request.
388		Item 16: Revised description. Mr. Henry is to be reimbursed travel expenses.
389		Item 25: Item withdrawn. No one could identify task.
390		Item 26: Partially completed.
391		The Board agreed with the suggestion to add a column indicating the person responsible
392	for a	task and removing it from the description area. Mr. Greenberg asked Mrs. Adams and Mr
393	Willis	to review the list and identify the completed items prior to the meetings.
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395	EIGH	TEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS Old Business
396 397	Α.	Update: Maintenance for East "Wet Ditch" East Side of Imperial Parkway and Permi
398		Obligations for Mediterra to Maintain
399		Mr. Greenberg asked Mrs. Adams to contact the County for an update.

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Mr. Greenberg asked why this item is on the agenda. Mr. Tarr recalled that the CDD received a copy of the insurance certificate from Cintron but not Sky Management. Mr. Willis stated there were two joinders, one for each.

Mr. Tarr stated, for clarification, that Cintron Landscaping never hunted the deer. As Mr. Willis stated they were listed on the MCA's program as a participant, Mr. Greenberg asked Mr. Willis to obtain a copy of the second certification and report his findings at the next meeting. This will be added as an Action Item and be removed from "Old Business" on future agendas.

## **NINETEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

# **Supervisors' Requests**

Mr. Tarr asked Staff to review the agenda materials before it is sent to the Board.

Ms. Wheeler stated that she asked Mrs. Adams to provide a chart listing lake numbers and neighborhoods to avoid having to look at the map.

Mr. Henry asked if insurance renewals are on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Mrs. Adams replied affirmatively. Mr. Greenberg asked if bids are being obtained. Mr. Adams stated they monitor, receive proposals and budget accordingly. Mr. Henry asked for insurance information to be included on the next agenda.

### TWENTIETH ORDER OF BUSINESS

## Public Comments (3 minutes)

 Resident Dave McGee asked if the Lake Quality Report will be on the CDD website. It was noted that it is in the agenda and already on the website.

## TWENTY-FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

# Adjournment

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting adjourned.

On MOTION by Mr. Henry and seconded by Ms. Wheeler, with all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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**MEDITERRA CDD** 

September 7, 2022

# MEDITERRA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

# STAFF REPORTS C

# **MEDITERRA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

# **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023 MEETING SCHEDULE**

# LOCATION

Bella Vita I Room at the Sports Club at Mediterra, 15735 Corso Mediterra Circle, Naples, Florida 34110

DATE	POTENTIAL DISCUSSION/FOCUS	TIME
October 19, 2022	Regular Meeting	9:00 AM
November 16, 2022	Regular Meeting	9:00 AM
December 7, 2022*	Regular Meeting	9:00 AM
January 18, 2023	Regular Meeting	9:00 AM
February 15, 2023	Regular Meeting	9:00 AM
March 15, 2023	Regular Meeting	9:00 AM
April 19, 2023	Regular Meeting	9:00 AM
May 17, 2023	Regular Meeting	9:00 AM
June 21, 2023	Regular Meeting	9:00 AM
August 16, 2023	Public Hearing & Regular Meeting	9:00 AM

# Exception

<sup>\*</sup>December meeting date is two weeks earlier to accommodate the holidays

# MEDITERRA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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# MEDITERRA CDD Key Activity Dates Updated: October 2022

Description	Reference	Submit To	Due Date	Date
Cane Toad Removal	SOP	N/A	The Cane Toad & Tadpole removal project is scheduled to commence in March. 2 night visits per month (March through November).Program will include 18 visits.	3/22 thru 11/2022
Wetland Maintenance	SOP	N/A	Wetland Maintenance as required by SFWMD is to be performed at a minimum of two times per year. Commenced Monday, March 28th and completed on Monday, May 16th. Fall schedule will commence the last week of October and should be completed by the second week of November.	4/2022 & 10/2022
Lake & Wetland Contract	SOP	N/A	Solitude Lake & Wetland Contract set to expire January 31,2024. Required sealed bidding in October 2023 and Board agenda item for consideration December 2023.	10/2023 & Agenda item 12/2023
Annual Financial Report	190.008/218.32 & 39	Florida Department of Financial Services	45 days after the completion of the Annual Financial Audit but no more than 9 months after end of Fiscal Year. Auditor placed on notice of deadline being no later than April 30th annually, and provided in their May agenda package for Board's consideration/approval.	Due 6/1/2023
Proposed Budget	189.016, 189.418 & 200.065	Due to local governing authority (county or municipality)	Due to local governing authority (county or municipality) by June 15th each year.	6/15/2023
O & M Assessment letter	SOP	N/A	Staff to provide Chairman's draft assessment letter to the Board 48 hours in advance of mailing to the Residents of proposed increases. Notices must be mailed thirty days in advance of meeting to adopt the budget and received by WHA (Corporate) fourty days in advance of the hearing date.	7/1/2023 draft notice to Chairman & 7/7/23 notice to WHA
Assessment Roll Certification Insurance Renewal	Local County requirement.	Local County Tax Collector N/A	For most counties, submission and certification of the annual assessment roll is due by September 15th each year.  Bind Insurance for upcoming Fiscal Year with an effective of October 1st thru	9/15/2023
insurance Renewal	304	IIV/A	September 30th	10/1/2023

Adopted Budget	189.016, 189.418 & 200.065	Due to local governing authority (county or municipality)	Due to local governing authority (county or municipality) by October 1st each year.	10/1/2023
TRIM Compliance Report	200.068	•	No later than 30 days following the adoption of the property tax levy ordinance/resolution (if levying property taxes)	10/15/2023
Canna Lilly cut back	SOP	N/A	Seasonal cut back and removal of large stands of Canna Lilly on lake banks owned by the District, to reduce seasonal unsightliness and promote new lush and vigorous growth. Program to be considered/completed between February & March of each year if necessary.	Feb. & March Annually
Qualified Public Depositor Annual Report to CFO	280.17	Department of Financial Services- Division of Treasury - Collateral Management.	By November 30 of each year, file annual report for the period ending September 30, 2022	11/30/2022
Fiscal Year Annual District Filing Fee and Update Form	190,189.064 & 189.018 & Chapter 73C-24, F.A.C.	Florida department of Economic Opportunity (Special District Accountability Program)	Annual filing fee of \$175 is paid to the Florida department of Economic Opportunity. The filing of the Update Form is required to verify the status of the Special District and to update any changes (including changes to the registered agent). Filing Fee invoice and Update Form is mailed out by the State on October 1st of each year. The fee and form are due and must be postmarked by the following December 3rd.	12/3/2022
Laptop @ MCS	SOP	MCA GM Bill Bowden	Mr. Adams to create a cloud link on the website and will upload records of proceedings. This project is still in progress however the Webmaster is reviewing all items at this time to ensure ADA Compliance. Upon speaking with Corporate, the Webmaster has not been able to provide an estimated completion date.	On-going
Certification of District Registered Voters	190(3)(a)(2)(d)	District receives annually from the local Supervisor of Elections	Due April 15th of each year and must be read into the record at a regularly scheduled meeting (no additional filing is required)	4/15/2023
Interconnecting Drain Pipe inspection and cleanout	SOP	N/A	Annual inspection and clean out of all lake and wetland interconnecting drain pipes and control structures, that are owned and operated by the District, where the percentage of pipe block exceeds 25%.	1/31/2023 thru 6/2023

Bank Stabilization Project	SOP	N/A	Bank restoration @ North Hole #18 by Green on Lake 13 (as of 2022 current proposal cost \$11,875.00 and does not include sod, which will be installed by Thomas Lively, Director of Agronomy. Lake 13 rescheudled to be completed between April and May. Project should take one week to complete.	April & May 2023
Lake Audit Report	SOP	N/A	Annual inspection and report of all District owned lakes. Report includes review of specific items related to water quality, lake maintenance deficiencies, littoral plant health and population, structural integrity of lake banks, aerator operation and any unauthorized activities in or adjacent to the lakes.	May/June 2023
Littoral Planting Projects	SOP	N/A	Lakes will be identified during the annual Lake audit.	7/1/2023
Phase Three East - Stormwater Pond 74	SOP	N/A	The original issue date was April 16, 2020. Modified May 19, 2022. The duration of the permit is extended until October 4, 2027 per the request to SFWMD. 90 day reminder is included, as reflected. Once the stormwater planning exercise is completed, it will have to be repeated every five years.	1/1/2026 (reminder) 10/7/2027 (deadline)
Stormwater Management Needs Analysis Report	FL Statutes 403.9301 and 403.9302	20 year needs analysis	New legislation that requires the District to analyze its existing stormwater infrastructure necessary to comply with the statutory requirements to create a 20-year needs analysis.	6/30/22 and every five years there after
Preserve Fire Reduction Program - Three Year Rotation Program	SOP	N/A	As approved at the June 16, 2021 meeting; project commenced on January 3rd; and will continue every three years. Project to be completed by Cintron Landscape Services. Project to be completed within 100 days. Project completed Monday, July 11th. Deadline to complete - Friday, May 20th. Contractor went 34 business days past the deadline resulting in a \$17K penalty for Board's discussion.	1/3/2022 thru 5/20/22 & completed 7/11/22
Est Cortile Court	SOP	N/A	First annual monitoring report submitteed June 30, 2022 with a required 2nd annual report due June 30th 2023.	6/30/2023
Qualified Public Deposit Identification and Acknowledgement Form	280.02	Maintain original document in District Reports	Complete each time a new account is opened with a Qualified Public Depository.	

Bond - Disclosure	Bond Indenture Update	E.M.M.A. (Electronic Municipal Marketing Access) and Bond Trustee	being limited thereto, a schedule of all insurance policies required by the Indenture which are then in effect, stating with respect to each policy the name of the insurer, the amount, number, and expiration date, and the hazards and	November 14, and 30 days from certification of assessment roll annually
Bonds - Arbitrage	IRS Regulation	IRS - if a rebate is due.	The Bond Indenture refers to IRS rules which state an issuer must pay (an Arbitrage) rebate installment for computation dates that occur at least once every 5 years. Rebate payments are due within 60 days after each computation date. The final rebate payment for an issue is due within 60 days after the issue is discharged. See IRS Regulation Section 1.148-3(e) through (g).	

# MEDITERRA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

# ACTION/AGENDA OR COMPLETED ITEMS

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1	03.01.18	ACTION	Per Mr. Greenberg, Mr. Adams to ensure removal of Completed items from List that are 6 months or older from the date moved to COMPLETED.	Mr. Adams	Х		
2	01.16.19	ACTION	Johnson Eng to take annual sediment samples only at outfall lakes with muck & Lake 35 at same time each year & reduce water quality samples to once in July except for Lake 55 adding September, only if there are issues. Staff to provide year over year tables for nitrogen and phosphorous.	Mr. Tilton	х		
3	03.03.21	ACTION	Board to include Mrs. Adams, Mr. Willis & Mr. Greenberg in email requests to Mgmt. Mrs. Adams to respond to Board requests indicating the person responsible to provide that information. Mr. Willis to track all requests.	Mrs. Adams Mr. Willis	Х		
4	03.03.21	ACTION	Management office to email Mr. Greenberg proposed meeting agenda three days prior to sending it to the Board.	Admin Staff	Х		
5	03.03.21	ACTION	Mr. Willis to review CDD website for accuracy & notify MCA GM of cancelled meetings or date changes to send e-blast to residents.	Mr. Willis	Х		
6	04.21.21	ACTION	Staff to obtain unit pricing for all contracts moving forward.		Х		
7	04.21.21	ACTION	Mr. Adams: Add cloud link on website and upload records of proceedings.	Mr. Adams	Х		
8	01.19.22	ACTION	Mr. Adams: Work with MCA Manager to ensure that in the future Staff has an opportunity to proof communications before they are sent out.	Mr. Adams	Х		
9	02.10.22	ACTION/ AGENDA	Mr. Tilton: Identify areas not covered by a prior easement. Ms. Willson: Prepare Easement Agreement or other document to incorporate the CDD's responsibility and right to maintain, repair & inspect and to reaffirm that all other easement areas previously identified are covered by the CDD's right to operate, maintain and repair. <b>04.20.22</b> Mr. Tilton & Ms. Willson to prepare Lease Agreement with golf course & homeowners. <b>05.18.22</b> Mr. Lemus to revise GIS map regarding location of the pipes of the 4 individual homeowners, as a Lease Agreement was not needed. Ms. Willson to present the License Agreement with the MCA on the next agenda.	Mr. Tilton Ms. Willson Mr. Lemus	X		
10	02.10.22	ACTION	If the time between mtgs is shortened to three weeks from the last mtg due to emergency, there will be "no 10-day" advance requirement for draft minutes; draft minutes would be in the agenda and Supervisors will state edits during the meeting. <b>05.18.22</b> To remain as ongoing item.		Х		

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11	04.20.22	ACTION/ AGENDA	Mrs. Adams: Have MRI revise & update Inspection Reports to add blockage to ROV. <b>05.18.22</b> Was completed but will remain an ongoing agenda item.	Mrs. Adams	Х		
12	04.20.22	ACTION/ AGENDA	Mrs. Adams: Keep reminder on Activities List to confirm County road work is completed & to install riser at outfall structure COCO 1. <b>05.18.22</b> MRI to inspect & submit proposal for riser. <b>09.07.22</b> Mrs. Adams: call Cintron.	Mrs. Adams	Х		
13	04.20.22	ACTION/ AGENDA	Mr. Tilton: Prep letter putting Lots 7 and 8 homeowners on notice about violating CDD's property rights. <b>05.18.22</b> Mr. Adams: Prep letter to homeowners and give update at the Sept meeting. <b>09.07.22</b> Mr. Adams to send letter and will be put under Old Business on the next agenda.	Mr. Adams	x		
14	04.20.22	ACTION	Mr. Tilton: Try convincing SFWMD that the walking trail in the conservation area was a permitted use in the original plan; the CDD was just doing it now. <b>05.18.22</b> Discussion with SFWMD continues. Mr. Tilton to research records to determine if a walking trail were included in the original plan.	Mr. Tilton	х		
15	05.18.22	ACTION	Ms. Gartland and Ms. Wheeler to be reimbursed for travel costs to attend August public hearing. <b>09.07.22</b> Reimburse Mr. Henry.	Mr. Adams	Х		
16	05.18.22	ACTION/ AGENDA	Response regarding maintenance for East "Wet Ditch" was pending. This will be on the September agenda. <b>09.07.22</b> Mrs. Adams to contact the County for an update.	Mrs. Adams	Х		
17	05.18.22	ACTION/ AGENDA	Re: Walking Trail - Authorizing Mr. Tilton to proceed with design plan to present at Aug meeting. <b>09.07.22</b> Certain tasks partially completed. Mr. Tilton: Present a revised trail at the next meeting.	Mr. Tilton	Х		
18	09.07.22	ACTION	CDD Staff: Investigate info in Cintron email and provide recommendations to Supervisors once all are in attendance.	CDD Staff	Х		
19	09.07.22	ACTION	Ms. Willson: Work with Mr. Adams' office to create comprehensive list of ads that must run in both counties and ones to run in only Collier County.	Ms. Willson Mr. Adams	Х		
20	09.07.22	ACTION	Auditor: Include subsequent event disclosures & stylistic changes in future reports.	Auditor Mr. Adams	Х		
21	09.07.22	ACTION	Mr. Adams: Make adjustments to assessment tables in FY 2023 budget.	Mr. Adams	Х		
22	09.07.22	ACTION	Mr. Tarr to provide Mr. Adams the parcel number for Caminetto, to input in the Assessment table.	Mr. Tarr	х		

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23	09.07.22	ACTION/ AGENDA	Staff to have "Caution Sign" installed before rocks at Lake 6 on CDD property and send letter to affected residents. Mr. Tilton to provide repair alternatives and costs at the next meeting.	Mr. Willis Mr. Tilton	Х		
24	09.07.22	ACTION	Mr. Willis to ask SOLitude to provide follow up information about the services they performed or did not perform.	Mr. Willis	Х		
25	09.07.22	ACTION	Mr. Adams to include a paragraph about alligators in the lake in the annual letter to residents.	Mr. Adams	Х		
26	09.07.22	ACTION	Mrs. Adams to ensure accounting paid Cintron the \$25,000 due.	Mrs. Adams	Х		
27	09.07.22	ACTION	CDD Staff to investigate, correct and present updated July and August Unaudited Financial Statements at the next meeting.	Mr. Adams	Х		
28	09.07.22	ACTION	CDD Staff to reformat Action Items List.	Mr. Willis	Х		
29	09.07.22	ACTION	Mrs. Adams and Mr. Willis to review the Action Items List and identify completed items prior to the meeting start time.	Mrs. Adams Mr. Willis	Х		
30	09.07.22	ACTION	Mr. Willis to obtain copy of the second Certificate of Insurance (COI) for deer hunter and report findings at the next meeting.	Mr. Willis	Х		
31	09.07.22	ACTION	Mrs. Adams/Mr. Willis to provide a chart listing lake number and surrounding neighborhood to the Board.	Mr. Willis	Х		
32	09.07.22	ACTION/ AGENDA	Mrs. Adams to present insurance renewal information on the next agenda.	Mrs. Adams	Х		
33	09.07.22	ACTION/ AGENDA	Mr. Willis to present proposals for Lakes 15 and 22.	Mr. Willis	Х		
35	09.07.22	ACTION/ AGENDA	Mr. Tilton to revise title in the Professional Services Agreement and new design routes for Nature Trail, as discussed.	Mr. Tilton	х		

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1	10.16.19	ACTION	Per Mr. Tarr, Staff to ensure contractor monitors the 2 signature lakes at Mediterra West and make certain that the spikerush does not exceed 15' from control level. <b>01.19.22</b> Spikerush in 71, 72 and 74 to be addressed.			х	04.20.22
2	11.18.20	ACTION	Mrs. Adams to ask SOLitude to copy her on all aeration repair notices sent to RCS. 03.16.22 Mrs. Adams advised this was oversight as employees thought the repair was already completed; progress was now being made.			х	04.20.22
3	03.03.21	ACTION	Going forward MRI to revise Inspection Rpts to include pipe size, legend page & correct scrivener's error regarding pipe size at Structure #142.			х	04.20.22
4	10.20.21	ACTION	Mr. Tilton to review the area under consideration by the MCA for an east gate and advise Mr. Tarr and the Board accordingly.			х	04.20.22
5	01.19.22	ACTION	Mr. Adams: Give update on \$600 in reserves related to Unaud. Financials.			Х	04.20.22
6	01.19.22	ACTION	Mr. Tilton: Work w/ Cintron on appropriate time to inspect to satisfy the issues in the CDD.			х	04.20.22
7	02.10.22	ACTION	Mr. Adams to arrange for Supervisors to participate via Zoom in the event of absence should they need to attend virtually.			Х	04.20.22
8	02.10.22	ACTION	Ms. Gartland to to make revisions to the final version of the Annual Newsletter to be sent via e-blast To be sent out before the next meeting.			Х	04.20.22
9	02.10.22	ACTION	District Manager: Resolve noise complaints from compressors on Lake 62; repairs NTE \$1,000. Advise resident of funds allocated. Compressors to be turned back on. 03.16.22 Mrs. Adams advise resident of soundproofing measures and advise the Board whether the issue is resolved.			х	04.20.22
10	02.10.22	ACTION	District Manager to schedule future meetings for 9:00 a.m. instead of 3:00 p.m., and book rooms in advance for next year if possible.			Х	04.20.22
11	02.10.22	ACTION	Mr. Willis: Circulate Agreements btwn CDD & MCA about deer hunting & most recent Cert of Insurance (COI) for discussion at the April meeting.			х	04.20.22
12	02.10.22	ACTION	Mr. Tilton to provide a fire reduction progress report at the next meeting.			Х	04.20.22
13	03.16.22	ACTION	Staff to research the matter of parcels managed by the CDD that were not deeded to SFWMD in the 2006 deed.			х	04.20.22
14	03.16.22	ACTION	Mrs. Adams to send Mr. Tarr pictures of CDD outfall structures Cocoa 1 and Cocoa 2 requiring dirt removal.			Х	04.20.22

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15	03.16.22	ACTION	Mrs. Adams to get clarification regarding MRI's inspection report regarding ownership & responsibility for the pipe(s) that run from the golf course.			х	04.20.22
16	03.16.22	ACTION	Staff to inspect a home reported to have created a beach area and determine if it is located on CDD property.			Х	04.20.22
17	06.16.21	ACTION	Mr. Adams: Revise budget by 40% for Preserve Fire Reduction Prog & add assigned fund balance line item for FY 2023, to show buildup of reserves.			х	05.18.22
18	06.16.21	ACTION	Mr. Adams would revise FY 2023 proposed budget so "Actuals are through 5/31/22" to present at the July 2022 meeting.			х	05.18.22
19	02.10.22	ACTION	District Manager to address the impedance issues related to the structure located on the swale along Imperial Golf Estates in the most cost-effective means possible. Before and after pictures to be taken.			Х	05.18.22
20	03.16.22	ACTION	Mr. Willis to clarify meaning of website "New User" and "Bounce Rate"			Х	05.18.22
21	03.16.22	ACTION/ AGENDA	Mr. Tilton to ask if bird boxes can be installed in/along the conservation easement area. <b>04.20.22</b> Mr. Tilton to speak to Ms. Gartland to narrow down the details before he asked SFWMD and to obtain SFWMD response in writing.			Х	05.18.22
22	04.20.22	ACTION/ AGENDA	Mr. Adams to let MCA know the Agreements for both groups involved in the Deer Population Management Program were due to be renewed. Carry on the next agenda, under OLD Business. <b>05.18.22</b> Results from Biologist are pending.			Х	05.18.22
23	04.20.22	ACTION	Mr. Adams to prepare message reminding residents not to put doggy bags down the street drains and send to Mr. Bowden to e-blast to residents.			х	05.18.22
24	04.20.22	ACTION/ AGENDA	For next meeting, Ms. Willson to research and advise of potential walking trail ADA issues.			х	05.18.22
25	04.20.22	ACTION/ AGENDA	Mrs. Adams to finalize the summer meeting schedule to present at the next meeting, as meeting would now be held in the afternoon.			х	05.18.22
26	05.18.22	ACTION/ AGENDA	Ms. Willson to prepare a License Agreement with the MCA to install cap rock near the front wall along Veterans Memorial Boulevard, subject to Mr. Bowden confirming MCA is acceptable to the CDD's terms. <b>09.07.22</b> MCA withdrew request.			Х	09.07.22

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27	05.18.22	ACTION/ AGENDA	Mrs. Adams to add times to the Fiscal Year 2023 Meeting Schedule identical to the prior year and try to schedule all or as many meetings in the morning.			Х	09.07.22
28	05.18.22	ACTION	Board Members to submit comments on the Stormwater Management Needs Analysis Report to Mr. Adams within 30 days, to aggregate and submit to Mr. Tilton. Mr. Adams was authorized to advise Mr. Tilton to submit the Report subject to final review. Mr. Tilton to research records to locate missing date. <b>09.07.22</b> Mr. Tilton confirmed he submitted the Report to the County.			Х	09.07.22
29	05.18.22	ACTION	Mr. Willis to mail updated GIS map to the Board. <b>09.07.22</b> Mrs. Adams will provide updated and enlarged maps to Mr. Tarr and Ms. Gartland upon in person attendance.			Х	09.07.22
30	05.18.22	ACTION	Mr. Adams to revise FY 2023 proposed budget as discussed.			Х	09.07.22
31	05.18.22	ACTION	Mr. Tilton to inspect wetland disturbance on East Cortile Court to determine possible erosion issues.			х	09.07.22
32	05.18.22	ACTION	Mrs. Adams to notify SOLitude of blown debris behind Lake 70.			Х	09.07.22
33	05.18.22	ACTION/ AGENDA	Mr. Greenberg and Mr. Chase to prepare letter to the community regarding Walking Trail. Mr. Adams to schedule Workshop. Ms. Willson to provide names of ADA Specialists.			Х	09.07.22
34	05.18.22	ACTION	Mr. Tilton to provide the Board with information on geo-tubes, and identify a location to do a trial run next year. <b>09.07.22</b> Item withdrawn. No one could identify task.			Х	09.07.22
35	05.18.22	ACTION	Re: Cintron and Wildlife Management Activities. Mrs. Adams: Notify Mike to expect Mr. Tilton's call about project. Mr. Tilton: Advise of outcome. Mr. Greenberg: Notify Ms. Willson if a breach of contract letter is necessary.			Х	09.07.22

# MEDITERRA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

**From:** Mike Cintron <mike@cintronlandscape.com>

Sent: Friday, September 2, 2022 11:37 AM

**To:** Cleo Adams < <a href="mailto:crismondc@whhassociates.com">cc: Luellen Cintron < | cleen @cintron | cleen | c

**Subject:** Fine waive request

Cleo: Please send this email to the board members today, thank you.

Hello Cleo and CDD Board Members:

We are writing this email to formally request the waiving of the fine of \$17,000 for going over our allotted scheduled date to finish. While we understand the need to impart possible fines on contractors, we don't believe there is any reason for it to be considered in this case.

As an overview for any board members that we have not had the opportunity to ever meet or do business with, we have been doing both tree service and landscaping in the community for many years. We have a wonderful reputation with many many residents as well as the managers at MCA and the Club and all of the subcommunities that we service in Mediterra. We have not once experienced the lack of consideration in getting paid for services rendered as well as unclear communication as we have during this project.

We began the project on January 3rd with our then tree service manager Chaz Irvin, who was the on site point of contact for this. While it took a few back and forth exchanges with the engineers to fully understand the way the clearing was to be done, we ironed that out rather quickly.

Some of the reasons why it took longer:

- 1. We took great care while doing this project to consider all homeowners requests (we had many that didn't like us parking nor stacking any debris near their properties, even for short periods of time). Ultimately, while we were doing this project for CDD, it directly affects the residents and we always do what we can to respect that. I believe it is why we have the reputation we do.
- 2. There were illegally dumped items in areas that our crews cleaned before we had clarification that it was to be left until it was addressed. (If any board members are interested in being shown the areas where the dumping is still being done, we can take you on a cart and do so)
- 3. Taking our crews off the job until payment was made\*see below
- 4. Our tree service manager, of 12 years, Chaz Irvin moved out of state with short notice.
- 5. Overall labor shortage (not unlike most companies in this area)
- 6. Working around various construction sites and areas.

As I said before, we started the job on January 3rd, and did not see payment for our first invoice (dated in February) until April 5th. As we told Cleo in March, we pulled our crews off of the project

until we received atleast one of the payments. At that point, we had tens of thousands of dollars of expenses in payroll and dump fees and could not afford to keep doing work without payment. It is now September 2nd and we have yet to see the payment of the \$25,000 that Cleo said she would have corporate send us on July25th. (\$42,000 minus the \$17,000 fine that was to be discussed on the 8/17 meeting)

We were more than open to meet in person with the board to defend our various reasons as to why it took longer than expected and will still do so this Wednesday if necessary. However, I ask that we have to no longer spend our valuable time on this. We would really like to receive our final payment of \$42,000. It is unfortunate that due to the management of this project, we will need to seriously consider doing anything else for the CDD in the future.

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Best Regards, Mike & Luellen Cintron Cintron Landscape Services, Inc Office(239)768-1472

# MEDITERRA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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Mike @ Centron

# AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MEDITERRA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND CINTRON LANDSCAPE SERVICES, INC. FOR PRESERVE AREA CLEARING SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made and entered into this day of September 2021, by and between:

**Mediterra Community Development District,** a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated in Collier and Lee Counites, Florida, and whose mailing address is 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431 ("District"); and

**Cintron Landscape Services, Inc.,** a Florida corporation with a mailing address of 7430 Musketeer Lane, Fort Myers, Florida 33912 ("Contractor", together with District, "Parties").

# RECITALS

WHEREAS, the District is a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to the Uniform Community Development District Act of 1980, as codified in Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes* (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the District was established for the purpose of planning, financing, constructing, operating and/or maintaining certain infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the District has a need to retain an independent contractor to provide preserve area clearing services; and

WHEREAS, Contractor submitted a proposal and represents that it is qualified to provide preserve area clearing services and has agreed to provide to the District those services identified in **Exhibit A**, attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein ("Services"); and

WHEREAS, the District and Contractor warrant and agree that they have all right, power and authority to enter into and be bound by this Agreement.

**Now, THEREFORE,** in consideration of the recitals, agreements, and mutual covenants contained herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged by the Parties, the Parties agree as follows:

- **SECTION 1. INCORPORATION OF RECITALS.** The recitals stated above are true and correct and by this reference are incorporated by reference as a material part of this Agreement.
- **SECTION 2. DUTIES.** The District agrees to use Contractor to provide the Services in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. The duties, obligations, and responsibilities of the Contractor are described in **Exhibit A** hereto.

- A. Contractor shall provide preserve area clearing services, as described in **Exhibit A**, except that all Services listed as Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 shall be completed within the timeframe set forth in in Section 2B below. The Services shall include any effort specifically required by this Agreement and **Exhibit A** reasonably necessary to allow the District to receive the maximum benefit of all of the Services and items described herein and demonstrated in **Exhibit A**, including but not limited to, the repair, construction, installation, and all materials reasonably necessary. To the extent any of the provisions of this Agreement are in conflict with the provisions of **Exhibit A**, this Agreement controls.
- B. Services shall commence January 3, 2022, and be completed within one hundred (100) working days of the commencement date, unless extended in writing by the District in its sole discretion or terminated earlier in accordance with Section 13 herein. Contractor and the District recognize that time is of the essence with this Agreement and that the District will suffer financial loss if the Services are not completed within the times specified herein. Should the Contractor fail to complete the Services within the time set forth herein, the Contractor shall pay to the Owner as liquidated damages and not as a penalty the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) per day. Contractor and the District acknowledge and agree that the District may terminate this Agreement for cause if Contractor cannot substantially adhere to the agreed upon timing provided in this Section.
- C. This Agreement grants to Contractor the right to enter the lands that are subject to this Agreement, for those purposes described in this Agreement, and Contractor hereby agrees to comply with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations.
- **D.** Contractor shall perform all Services in a neat and workmanlike manner. In the event the District in its sole determination, finds that the work of Contractor is not satisfactory to District, District shall have the right to immediately terminate this Agreement and will only be responsible for payment of work satisfactorily completed and for materials actually incorporated into the Services.
- E. Contractor shall be solely responsible for the means, manner and methods by which its duties, obligations and responsibilities are met to the satisfaction of the District. While providing the Services, the Contractor shall assign such staff as may be required, and such staff shall be responsible for coordinating, expediting, and controlling all aspects to assure completion of the Services.
- F. Contractor shall report directly to the District Manager. Contractor shall use all due care to protect the property of the District, its residents and landowners from damage. Contractor agrees to repair any damage resulting from Contractor's activities and work within twenty-four (24) hours.
- G. Contractor shall keep the premises and surrounding area free from accumulation of waste materials or rubbish caused by operations under the Agreement. At completion of the Services, the Contractor shall remove from the site waste

materials, rubbish, tools, construction equipment, machinery and surplus materials. If the Contractor fails to clean up as provided herein, the District may do so and the cost thereof shall be charged to the Contractor.

# SECTION 3. COMPENSATION, PAYMENT, AND RETAINAGE.

- A. The District shall pay Contractor One Hundred Sixty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$168,000.000) for the Services as identified in **Exhibit A** attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Contractor shall invoice the District for the Services pursuant to the terms of this Agreement. The District shall provide payment within forty-five (45) days of receipt of invoices. Such amounts include all materials and labor provided for in **Exhibit A** and all items, labor, materials, or otherwise, to provide the District the maximum benefits of the Services.
- **B.** If the District should desire additional work or services, the Contractor agrees to negotiate in good faith to undertake such additional work or services. Upon successful negotiations, the Parties shall agree in writing to an addendum, addenda, or change order(s) to this Agreement. The Contractor shall be compensated for such agreed additional work or services based upon a payment amount acceptable to the parties and agreed to in writing.
- C. The District may require, as a condition precedent to making any payment to the Contractor, that all subcontractors, material men, suppliers or laborers be paid and require evidence, in the form of lien releases or partial waivers of lien, to be submitted to the District by those subcontractors, material men, suppliers or laborers, and further require that the Contractor provide an Affidavit relating to the payment of said indebtedness. Further, the District shall have the right to require, as a condition precedent to making any payment, evidence from the Contractor, in a form satisfactory to the District, that any indebtedness of the Contractor, as to services to the District, has been paid and that the Contractor has met all of the obligations with regard to the withholding and payment of taxes, Social Security payments, Workmen's Compensation, Unemployment Compensation contributions, and similar payroll deductions from the wages of employees.

SECTION 4. WARRANTY. The Contractor warrants to the District that all materials furnished under this Agreement shall be new, and that all services and materials shall be of good quality, free from faults and defects, and will conform to the standards and practices for projects of similar design and complexity in an expeditious and economical manner consistent with the best interest of the District. In addition to all manufacturer warranties for materials purchased for purposes of this Agreement, all Work provided by the Contractor pursuant to this Agreement shall be warranted for two (2) years from the date of acceptance of the Work by the District. Contractor shall replace or repair warranted items to the District's satisfaction and in the District's discretion. Neither final acceptance of the Work, nor final payment therefore, nor any provision of the Agreement shall relieve Contractor of responsibility for defective or deficient materials or Services. If any of the materials or Services are found to be defective, deficient or not in accordance with the Agreement, Contractor shall correct, remove and replace it promptly after

receipt of a written notice from the District and correct and pay for any other damage resulting therefrom to District property or the property of landowner's within the District.

# SECTION 5. INSURANCE.

- **A.** The Contractor shall maintain throughout the term of this Agreement the following insurance:
  - (1) Worker's Compensation Insurance in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.
  - (2) Commercial General Liability Insurance covering the Contractor's legal liability for bodily injuries, with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit bodily injury and property damage liability, and covering at least the following hazards:
    - (i) Independent Contractors Coverage for bodily injury and property damage in connection with any subcontractors' operation.
  - (3) Employer's Liability Coverage with limits of at least \$1,000,000 (one million dollars) per accident or disease.
  - (4) Automobile Liability Insurance for bodily injuries in limits of not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit bodily injury and for property damage, providing coverage for any accident arising out of or resulting from the operation, maintenance, or use by the Contractor of any owned, non-owned, or hired automobiles, trailers, or other equipment required to be licensed.
- B. The District, its staff, consultants and supervisors shall be named as additional insured. The Contractor shall furnish the District with the Certificate of Insurance evidencing compliance with this requirement. No certificate shall be acceptable to the District unless it provides that any change or termination within the policy periods of the insurance coverage, as certified, shall not be effective within thirty (30) days of prior written notice to the District. Insurance coverage shall be from a reputable insurance carrier, licensed to conduct business in the State of Florida.
- C. If the Contractor fails to have secured and maintained the required insurance, the District has the right but not the obligation to secure such required insurance in which event the Contractor shall pay the cost for that required insurance and shall furnish, upon demand, all information that may be required in connection with the District's obtaining the required insurance.

## SECTION 6. INDEMNIFICATION.

- A. Contractor agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the District and its officers, agents, employees, successors, assigns, members, affiliates, or representatives from any and all liability, claims, actions, suits, liens, demands, costs, interest, expenses, damages, penalties, fines, judgments against the District, or loss or damage, whether monetary or otherwise, arising out of, wholly or in part by, or in connection with the Services to be performed by Contractor, its subcontractors, its employees and agents in connection with this Agreement, including litigation, mediation, arbitration, appellate, or settlement proceedings with respect thereto. Additionally, nothing in this Agreement requires Contractor to indemnify the District for the District's percentage of fault if the District is adjudged to be more than 50% at fault for any claims against the District and Contractor as jointly liable parties; however, Contractor shall indemnify the District for any and all percentage of fault attributable to Contractor for claims against the District, regardless whether the District is adjudged to be more or less than 50% at fault.
- **B.** Obligations under this section shall include the payment of all settlements, judgments, damages, liquidated damages, penalties, forfeitures, back pay awards, court costs, arbitration and/or mediation costs, litigation expenses, attorneys' fees, paralegal fees, expert witness fees (incurred in court, out of court, on appeal, or in bankruptcy proceedings), any interest, expenses, damages, penalties, fines, or judgments against the District.

**SECTION 7. LIMITATIONS ON GOVERNMENTAL LIABILITY.** Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed as a waiver of the District's sovereign immunity or the District's limits of liability as set forth in Section 768.28, *Florida Statutes*, or other statute, and nothing in this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of any third party for the purpose of allowing any claim which would otherwise be barred under such limitations of liability or by operation of law.

Section 8. Compliance with Governmental Regulation. The Contractor shall keep, observe, and perform all requirements of applicable local, State, and Federal laws, rules, regulations, or ordinances. If the Contractor fails to notify the District in writing within five (5) days of the receipt of any notice, order, required to comply notice, or a report of a violation or an alleged violation, made by any local, State, or Federal governmental body or agency or subdivision thereof with respect to the services being rendered under this Agreement or any action of the Contractor or any of its agents, servants, employees, or materialmen, or with respect to terms, wages, hours, conditions of employment, safety appliances, or any other requirements applicable to provision of services, or fails to comply with any requirement of such agency within five (5) days after receipt of any such notice, order, request to comply notice, or report of a violation or an alleged violation, the District may terminate this Agreement, such termination to be effective upon the giving of notice of termination.

SECTION 9. LIENS AND CLAIMS. The Contractor shall promptly and properly pay for all labor employed, materials purchased, and equipment hired by it to perform under this Agreement. The Contractor shall keep the District's property free from any materialmen's or mechanic's liens and claims or notices in respect to such liens and claims, which arise by reason

of the Contractor's performance under this Agreement, and the Contractor shall immediately discharge any such claim or lien. In the event that the Contractor does not pay or satisfy such claim or lien within three (3) business days after the filing of notice thereof, the District, in addition to any and all other remedies available under this Agreement, may terminate this Agreement to be effective immediately upon the giving of notice of termination.

SECTION 10. DEFAULT AND PROTECTION AGAINST THIRD PARTY INTERFERENCE. A default by either party under this Agreement shall entitle the other to all remedies available at law or in equity, which may include, but not be limited to, the right of damages, injunctive relief, and/or specific performance. The District shall be solely responsible for enforcing its rights under this Agreement against any interfering third party. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall limit or impair the District's right to protect its rights from interference by a third party to this Agreement.

**SECTION 11. CUSTOM AND USAGE.** It is hereby agreed, any law, custom, or usage to the contrary notwithstanding, that the District shall have the right at all times to enforce the conditions and agreements contained in this Agreement in strict accordance with the terms of this Agreement, notwithstanding any conduct or custom on the part of the District in refraining from so doing; and further, that the failure of the District at any time or times to strictly enforce its rights under this Agreement shall not be construed as having created a custom in any way or manner contrary to the specific conditions and agreements of this Agreement, or as having in any way modified or waived the same.

**SECTION 12. SUCCESSORS.** This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns of the Parties to this Agreement, except as expressly limited in this Agreement.

SECTION 13. TERMINATION. The District agrees that the Contractor may terminate this Agreement with cause by providing thirty (30) days' written notice of termination to the District stating a failure of the District to perform according to the terms of this Agreement; provided, however, that the District shall be provided a reasonable opportunity to cure any failure under this Agreement. The Contractor agrees that the District may terminate this Agreement immediately for cause by providing written notice of termination to the Contractor. The District shall provide thirty (30) days' written notice of termination without cause. Upon any termination of this Agreement, the Contractor shall be entitled to payment for all work and/or services rendered up until the effective termination of this Agreement, subject to whatever claims or off-sets the District may have against the Contractor.

**SECTION 14. PERMITS AND LICENSES.** All permits and licenses required by any governmental agency directly for the District shall be obtained and paid for by the District. All other permits or licenses necessary for the Contractor to perform under this Agreement shall be obtained and paid for by the Contractor.

**SECTION 15. ASSIGNMENT.** Neither the District nor the Contractor may assign this Agreement without the prior written approval of the other. Any purported assignment without such approval shall be void.

SECTION 16. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS. In all matters relating to this Agreement, the Contractor shall be acting as an independent contractor. Neither the Contractor nor employees of the Contractor, if there are any, are employees of the District under the meaning or application of any Federal or State Unemployment or Insurance Laws or Old Age Laws or otherwise. The Contractor agrees to assume all liabilities or obligations imposed by any one or more of such laws with respect to employees of the Contractor, if there are any, in the performance of this Agreement. The Contractor shall not have any authority to assume or create any obligation, express or implied, on behalf of the District and the Contractor shall have no authority to represent the District as an agent, employee, or in any other capacity, unless otherwise set forth in this Agreement.

SECTION 17. HEADINGS FOR CONVENIENCE ONLY. The descriptive headings in this Agreement are for convenience only and shall neither control nor affect the meaning or construction of any of the provisions of this Agreement.

SECTION 18. ENFORCEMENT OF AGREEMENT. In the event that either the District or the Contractor is required to enforce this Agreement by court proceedings or otherwise, then the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover all fees and costs incurred, including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs for trial, alternative dispute resolution, or appellate proceedings.

SECTION 19. AGREEMENT. This instrument shall constitute the final and complete expression of this Agreement between the Parties relating to the subject matter of this Agreement. None of the provisions of Exhibit A shall apply to this Agreement and Exhibit A shall not be incorporated herein, except that Exhibit A is applicable to the extent that it states the scope of services for the labor and materials to be provided under this Agreement.

SECTION 20. AMENDMENTS. Amendments to and waivers of the provisions contained in this Agreement may be made only by an instrument in writing which is executed by both Parties.

SECTION 21. AUTHORIZATION. The execution of this Agreement has been duly authorized by the appropriate body or official of the Parties, the Parties have complied with all the requirements of law, and the Parties have full power and authority to comply with the terms and provisions of this Agreement.

SECTION 22. NOTICES. All notices, requests, consents and other communications under this Agreement ("Notice" or "Notices") shall be in writing and shall be hand delivered, mailed by First Class Mail, postage prepaid, or sent by overnight delivery service, to the Parties, as follows:

> If to District: Mediterra Community Development

> > District

2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W Boca Raton, Florida 33431 Attn: District Manager

Hopping Green & Sams, P.A. With a copy to:

119 S. Monroe Street, Suite 300

Tallahassee, Florida 32301 Attn: District Counsel

B. If to the Contractor:

Cintron Landscape Services, Inc. 7430 Musketeer Lane Fort Myers, Florida 33912 Attn:

Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, any Notice shall be deemed received only upon actual delivery at the address set forth above. Notices delivered after 5:00 p.m. (at the place of delivery) or on a non-business day, shall be deemed received on the next business day. If any time for giving Notice contained in this Agreement would otherwise expire on a non-business day, the Notice period shall be extended to the next succeeding business day. Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays recognized by the United States government shall not be regarded as business days. Counsel for the District and counsel for the Contractor may deliver Notices on behalf of the District and the Contractor. Any party or other person to whom Notices are to be sent or copied may notify the Parties and addressees of any change in name or address to which Notices shall be sent by providing the same on five (5) days written notice to the Parties and addressees set forth in this Agreement.

SECTION 23. THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES. This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the Parties hereto and no right or cause of action shall accrue upon or by reason, to or for the benefit of any third party not a formal party to this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement expressed or implied is intended or shall be construed to confer upon any person or corporation other than the Parties hereto any right, remedy, or claim under or by reason of this Agreement or any of the provisions or conditions of this Agreement; and all of the provisions, representations, covenants, and conditions contained in this Agreement shall inure to the sole benefit of and shall be binding upon the Parties hereto and their respective representatives, successors, and assigns.

**SECTION 24. CONTROLLING LAW AND VENUE.** This Agreement and the provisions contained in this Agreement shall be construed, interpreted, and controlled according to the laws of the State of Florida. All actions and disputes shall be brought in the proper court and venue, which shall be Collier County, Florida.

SECTION 25. WAIVER OF TRIAL BY JURY. THE PARTIES HEREBY EXPRESSLY COVENANT AND AGREE TO WAIVE THE RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN CONNECTION WITH ANY LITIGATION OR JUDICIAL PROCEEDING RELATING TO, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, OR CONCERNING THIS AGREEMENT OR THE CONDUCT, OMISSION, ACTION, OBLIGATION, DUTY, RIGHT, BENEFIT, PRIVILEGE OR LIABILITY OF A PARTY HEREUNDER TO THE FULL EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW. THIS WAIVER OF RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IS SEPARATELY GIVEN AND IS KNOWINGLY, INTENTIONALLY AND VOLUNTARILY MADE BY THE PARTIES. EACH PARTY ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THIS WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL IS A MATERIAL INDUCEMENT TO THE OTHER PARTIES IN ENTERING INTO THIS AGREEMENT AND THAT SUCH PARTY HAS BEEN REPRESENTED BY AN ATTORNEY OR HAS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT WITH AN ATTORNEY IN CONNECTION WITH THIS JURY TRIAL WAIVER AND UNDERSTANDS THE LEGAL EFFECT OF THIS WAIVER. THIS WAIVER IS INTENDED TO AND DOES ENCOMPASS EACH INSTANCE AND EACH ISSUE AS TO WHICH THE RIGHT TO A JURY TRIAL WOULD OTHERWISE ACCRUE. THIS WAIVER SHALL APPLY TO THIS AGREEMENT AND ANY FUTURE AMENDMENTS, SUPPLEMENTS OR MODIFICATIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT.

SECTION 26. COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC RECORDS LAWS. Contractor understands and agrees that all documents of any kind provided to the District in connection with this Agreement may be public records, and, accordingly, Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of Florida law in handling such records, including but not limited to Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes. Contractor acknowledges that the designated public records custodian for the District is Chuck Adams ("Public Records Custodian"). Among other requirements and to the extent applicable by law, the Contractor shall 1) keep and maintain public records required by the District to perform the service; 2) upon request by the Public Records Custodian, provide the District with the requested public records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time period at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes; 3) ensure that public records which are exempt or confidential, and exempt from public records disclosure requirements, are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the contract term and following the contract term if the Contractor does not transfer the records to the Public Records Custodian of the District; and 4) upon completion of the contract, transfer to the District, at no cost, all public records in Contractor's possession or, alternatively, keep, maintain and meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records pursuant to Florida laws. When such public records are transferred by the Contractor, the Contractor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. All records stored electronically must be provided to the District in a format that is compatible with Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF formats.

IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT 561-571-0010,

# ADAMSC@WHHASSOCIATES.COM, 2300 GLADES ROAD, SUITE 410W, BOCA RATON, FLORIDA 33431.

**SECTION 27. SEVERABILITY.** The invalidity or unenforceability of any one or more provisions of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining portions of this Agreement, or any part of this Agreement not held to be invalid or unenforceable.

SECTION 28. ARM'S LENGTH TRANSACTION. This Agreement has been negotiated fully between the Parties as an arm's length transaction. The Parties participated fully in the preparation of this Agreement with the assistance of their respective counsel. In the case of a dispute concerning the interpretation of any provision of this Agreement, the Parties are each deemed to have drafted, chosen, and selected the language, and any doubtful language will not be interpreted or construed against any party.

**SECTION 29. COUNTERPARTS.** This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which when executed and delivered shall be an original; however, all such counterparts together shall constitute, but one and the same instrument. Additionally, the Parties acknowledge and agree that the Agreement may be executed by electronic signature, which shall be considered as an original signature for all purposes and shall have the same force and effect as an original signature. Without limitation, "electronic signature" shall include faxed versions of an original signature, electronically scanned and transmitted versions (e.g. via PDF) of an original signature, or signatures created in a digital format.

**SECTION 30. E-VERIFY.** The Contractor shall comply with and perform all applicable provisions of Section 448.095, *Florida Statutes*. Accordingly, to the extent required by Florida Statute, Contractor shall register with and use the United States Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees. The District may terminate this Agreement immediately for cause if there is a good faith belief that the Contractor has knowingly violated Section 448.091, *Florida Statutes*. By entering into this Agreement, the Contractor represents that no public employer has terminated a contract with the Contractor under Section 448.095(2)(c), *Florida Statutes*, within the year immediately preceding the date of this Agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have signed this Agreement on the day and year first written above.

MEDITERRA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

CINTRON LANDSCAPE SERVICES, INC.

Its:

Exhibit A: Scope of Services

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# **Initial Hand Trim to Mimic Prescribed Fire**

Conservation Area boundary is to be surveyed and staked by a professional survey crew prior to work initiation. Contractor will perform the maintenance detailed below for the first 60 feet perpendicular to the Conservation Area boundary line. Management activities should take place under the supervision of a qualified environmental professional.

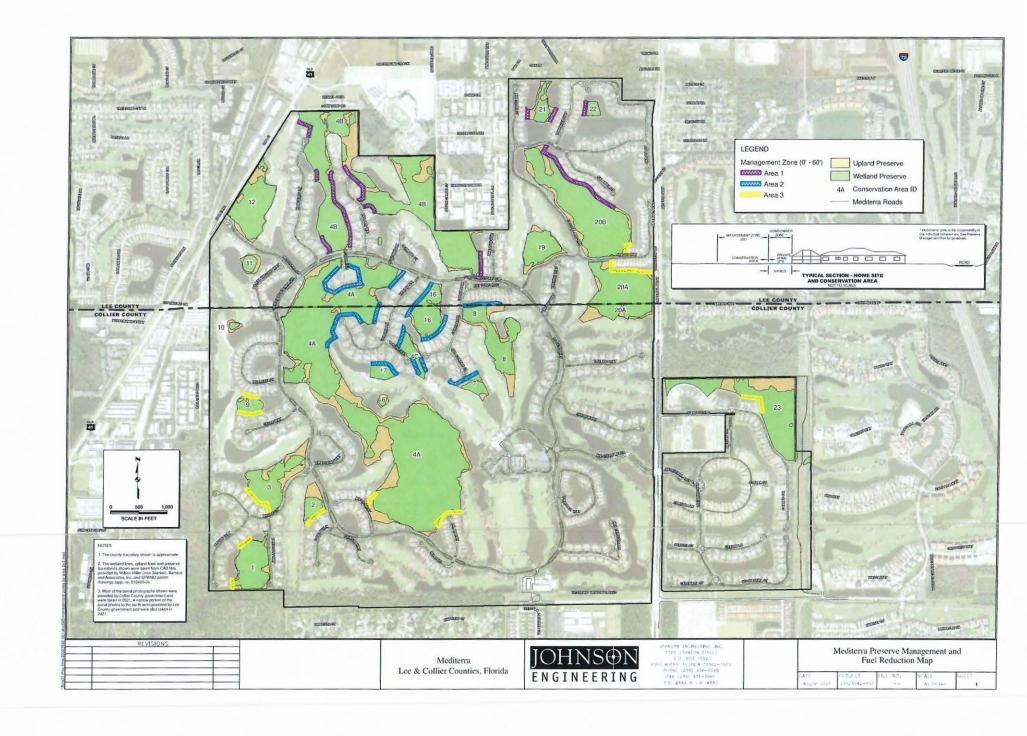
- Saw palmetto fronds will be cut back to the trunk to mimic a prescribed fire.
- Dead and fallen trees will be cut and removed from preserve areas.
- Vines will be hand pulled if they are climbing above three (3) feet in height.
- Dead palm fronds will be removed. Palms must NOT be hurricane cut. Removal of dead palm fronds is intended to solely reduce fuel loads within the preserve.
- Snags will be removed if they present an issue of health, safety, and welfare (i.e. in danger of
  impacting homes and associated structures).
- Accumulated pine straw and vegetative debris are to be removed.
- All trimmings will be removed from the preserve areas.

# **Maintenance Trimming**

- Annual maintenance trims of native vegetation may only take place upon review and approval
  by SFWMD Environmental Resource Compliance Staff. Maintenance trimming will only be
  allowed if staff determines additional management is warranted to maintain the ecological
  integrity of the preserves and keep fuel loads at an acceptable level.
- Removal of vegetative debris, such as fallen palm fronds or dead plant material, may occur as needed, to reduce fuel loads in the preserves (NFPA 2007).

# **Unlimited Maintenance**

- Invasive exotic/nuisance plant species, including non-native grasses, included on the Florida
  Exotic Pest Plant Council's Category I and II lists shall be removed annually or when they
  reach more than 5% coverage at a minimum.
- Native and/or non-native ornamentals, not part of the existing natural vegetative community,
   are not allowed within the preserve area and may be removed at any time.
- Supplemental plantings may be required to ensure compliance with the minimum 80% coverage of desirable species.





#### CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY) 11/8/2021

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IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must have ADDITIONAL INSURED provisions or be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

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Acentria Insurance- Ft. Myers Office 11215 Metro Parkway Bldg 1 Suite 4	PHONE (A/C, No, Ext): 239-939-1010 FAX (A/C, No):	
Fort Myers FL 33966	E-MAIL ADDRESS: coifm@acentria.com	
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INSURED	INSURER B: United Specialty Insurance Company	12537
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CINTRON LANDSCAPE SERVICES, INC.
MIKE CINTRON
7430 MUSKETEER LANE
FT. MYERS, FL 33912
Signed:

# Tax Collector

#### Local Business Tax Receipt

Dear Business Owner:

Your 2021-2022 Lee County Local Business Tax Receipt is attached below for account number 0405848.

If there is a change in one of the following, refer to the instructions on the back of this receipt.

- Business name
- Ownership
- Physical location
- Business closed

This is not a bill. Detach the bottom portion and display in a public location.

I hope you have a successful year.

Sincerely,

R. Malle Branning

Lee County Tax Collector

#### 2021 - 2022 LEE COUNTY LOCAL BUSINESS TAX RECEIPT

Account Number: 0405848

May engage in the business of:

PROFESSIONAL LANDSCAPING COMPANY

The business and qualifier on this Business Tax Receipt is "REGISTERED" in compliance with ordinance 08-08.

THIS LOCAL BUSINESS TAX RECEIPT IS NON REGULATORY

Account Expires: September 30, 2022

Payment Information:

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Location:

7430 MUSKETEER LN FT MYERS FL 33912

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### Form W-9 (Rev. October 2018) Department of the Treasury

#### Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

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# MEDITERRA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

## MEDITERRA NORTH & SOUTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT'S

## PRESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN INITIAL TRIMMING

### MEDITERRA NORTH & SOUTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT'S

#### Preserve Management Plan Initial Trimming

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### CONTRACT MEDITERRA NORTH & SOUTH CDD'S PRESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN INITIAL TRIMMING

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this <u>day of April, 2018</u> by and between <u>EARTHBALANCE</u> (hereinafter referred to as Contractor) with an address of <u>2570 Commerce Parkway</u>, <u>North Port, FL 34289</u> and the Mediterra North & South Community Development District's, a community development district established pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, with an address c/o Wrathell Hunt and Associates, LLC, 9220 Bonita Beach Road, suite 214, Bonita Springs, FL 34135 (hereinafter the "District")

WHEREAS, the District's solicited proposals from various vendors for work necessary for the Preserve Management Initial Trimming Plan within the District, as outlined on the attached Exhibit "A" (Map) and,

WHEREAS, <u>Contractor</u> has represented to the District's that <u>Contractor</u> possesses all of the necessary licenses, skill, knowledge, expertise, equipment and personnel necessary to competently perform the Preserve Management Initial Trimming Plan,

WHEREAS, <u>Contractor</u> has represented to the District's that <u>Contractor</u> has physically inspected the existing conditions of the Preserve's and is aware of and is knowledgable to the current conditions of the Preserves and based its proposal as outlined in the Preserve Management Plan Initial Trimming.

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the premises, the terms, conditions and representations contained herein, and for other good and valuable consideration <u>Contractor</u> and the District's agree as follows:

- 1. The above and foregoing are true and correct.
- 2. <u>Contractor</u> will Initiate the Initial Hand Trim to Mimic Prescribed Fire (as denoted above and on the attached Exhibit A (Map); Exhibit B (Detailed Specifications).
- 3. District agrees to pay \$117,994.00; upon completion in compliance with this Agreement to the satisfaction of the District, up to a maximum total cost of \$117,994.00 for the entire project.
- 4 <u>Contractor</u> will provide all material, equipment, supplies, and labor necessary for the initial trimming of the Preserve Management Plan within the District's.
- 5. Within three (3) days of the date of execution of this Agreement, and prior to the issuance of a Notice To Proceed, <u>Contractor</u> shall furnish District with Certificates of Workers Compensation, General Liability and vehicle policy limits, as follows:
  - A. Commercial General Liability: Coverage shall have minimum limits of \$1,000,000 Per Occurrence, Combined Single Limit for Bodily Injury

Liability and Property Damage Liability. This shall include Premises and Operations; Independent Managers; Products and Completed Operations and Contractual Liability.

B. Workers' Compensation: Insurance covering all employees meeting Statutory Limits in compliance with the applicable state and federal laws.

The coverage must include Employers' Liability with a minimum limit of \$1,000,000 for each accident.

Current, valid insurance policies meeting the requirement herein identified shall be maintained by <u>Contractor</u> during the duration of this Agreement. There shall be a thirty (30) day written notification to the District in the event of cancellation or modification of any insurance coverage. The District shall be listed as the Certificate Holder and included as an Additional Insured on the Comprehensive General Liability Policy, and <u>Contractor</u> shall have the insurance carriers deliver copies of such Certificate(s) to the District.

- 6. This Contract and work may not be assigned by <u>Contractor</u> without the express prior written approval of the District, which approval may be withheld in the sole discretion of the District.
- 7. The District shall have the right to unilaterally cancel the Contract for refusal by <u>Contractor</u> to allow public access to all documents, papers, letters, or other materials subject to the provisions of Chapter 119, F.S. and made or received by the Contractor in conjunction with the Contract.

<u>Contractor</u> agrees to comply with Florida's public records laws, specifically to:

- (a) Keep and maintain public records that ordinarily and necessarily would be required by the District's in order to perform the service.
- (b) Provide the public with access to public records on the same terms and conditions that the District's would provide the records and at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in this chapter or as otherwise provided by law.
- (c) Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law.
- (d) Meet all requirements for retaining public records and transfer, at no cost, to the District's all public records in possession of **Contractor** upon termination of the contract and destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. All records stored electronically must be provided to the District in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the District.

- (e.) IF CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT (561) 571-0010 OR AT GILLYARDD@WHHASSOCIATES.COM OR BY MAIL AT 2300 GLADES ROAD SUITE 410W; BOCA RATON, FL 33431.
- 8. <u>Contractor</u> shall be responsible to apply for, obtain and pay for all permits or development orders necessary to begin and perform the work. <u>Contractor</u> shall perform all work in strict compliance with all applicable statutes, rules, laws, ordinances and regulations.
- 9. The District's performance and obligation to pay under this Contract is contingent upon an annual appropriation by the District.
- 10. Unless a contract between <u>Contractor</u> and any subcontractor provides otherwise, the provisions of Section 287.0585, F.S. shall apply as to late payments by <u>Contractor</u> to subcontractors.
- 11. <u>Contractor</u> shall pay all subcontractors, sub-subcontractors, materialmen and suppliers in accordance with the provisions of Section 255.001, F.S..
- 12. <u>Contractor</u> warrants and certifies to the District that neither <u>Contractor</u> nor any affiliate of <u>Contractor</u> have been convicted of a public entity crime as such is defined in Section 287.133, F.S.
- 13. <u>Contractor</u> warrants that <u>Contractor</u> has not employed or retained any company of person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for <u>Contractor</u> to solicit or secure this agreement and that <u>Contractor</u> has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual, or firm, other than a bona fide employee working solely for <u>Contractor</u> any fee, commission, percentage, gift or other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award of this agreement.

#### TERMS OF CONTRACT

The contract shall be for a period of thirty days, commencing Monday.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The contract shall terminate on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The District reserves the right to cancel this contract as outlined in these specifications if work is not performed in a satisfactory manner as determined in the sole and absolute discretion of the District. Notice shall be in writing and delivered by certified mail to the contractor.

The aggregate amount of proposal(s) within the contract is in the sum of \$ 117,994.00.

The Mediterra North & South Community Development District's reserves the right to terminate the contract in accordance with the following provisions:

**TERMINATION**- The performance of the work under this contract may be terminated by the District's in the District's sole and absolute discretion, with or without cause in accordance with this clause in whole, or from time to time in part, whenever the District's shall determine that such termination is necessary. Any such termination shall be effected by delivery to the contractor of a notice of termination specifying the extent to which performance of the work under the contract is terminated, and the date upon which such termination becomes effective. In the event of termination without cause the date of termination shall be at least thirty (30) days from date of delivery of written notice either hand delivered or sent certified mail return receipt requested.

After receipt of a notice of termination, and except as otherwise directed the contractor shall:

- a. Stop work under this contract on the date and to the extent specified in the notice of termination.
- b. Place no further orders or subcontract for materials, services, facilities except as may be necessary for completion of such portion of the work under this contract as is not terminated.
- c. Terminate all orders and subcontracts to the extent that they relate to the performance of the work terminated by the notice of termination.
- d. Settle all outstanding liabilities and all claims arising out of such termination of orders and subcontracts, the approval of ratification of the District to the extent he may require, which approval or ratification shall be final for all purposes of this clause.
- e. Transfer title and deliver to the District's, in the manner, at the times, and to the extent, if any, directed by the District's, the fabricated or non-fabricated parts, work in process, completed work, supplies, and other material produced as part of, or acquired in connection with the performance of, the work terminated by the notice of termination.
- f. Complete performance of such part of the work which shall not have been terminated by the notice of termination.
- g. Take such action as may be necessary or as the District's may direct, for the protection and preservation of the property related to this contract which is in

the possession of the contractor and in which the District's has or may acquire an interest.

h. Deliver to the District's waivers and releases of liens and / or satisfaction of liens, for all labor, materials and supplies provided prior to the effective date of the notice of termination.

After receipt of a notice of termination, the contractor shall submit to the District's his termination claim, in satisfactory form. Such claim shall be submitted promptly, but no later than one (1) month from the effective date of termination unless one or more extensions in writing are granted by the District's. No claim will be allowed for any expense incurred by contractor after the effective date of the notice of termination. Upon failure of the contractor to submit his termination claim within the time allowed, the contractor shall be deemed to waive any right to any further compensation.

The contractor and the District's may agree upon the whole or any part of the amount or amounts to be paid to the contractor by reason of the total or partial termination of work pursuant to this clause, PROVIDED HOWEVER, that such agreed amount or amounts, exclusive of settlement costs shall not exceed the total contract price as amended accordingly and the contractor shall be paid the agreed amount.

The total sum to be paid to the contractor shall not exceed the total contract price as reduced by the amount of payments otherwise made and as for further reduced by the contract price of work not terminated. Except for normal spoilage, and except to the extent that the District's shall have otherwise expressly assumed the risk of loss, these shall be excluded from the amounts payable to the contractor the fair value, as determined by the District's, or property which is destroyed, lost, stolen, or damaged so as to become undeliverable to the District.

In arriving at the amount due the contractor under this clause these amounts that shall be deducted (1) all non-liquidated advance or other payments on account therefore made to the contractor, applicable to the terminated portion of this contract, (2) any claim which the District's may have against the contractor in connection with this contract, and (3) the agreed price for, or in the proceeds or sale of, any materials, supplies, or other things kept by the contractor or sold, pursuant to the provisions of this clause, and not otherwise recovered by or credited to the District's.

Should the Contractor desire to give notice to the District's, it must be given by a (60) Day written notice, sent by certified United States mail, with return receipt requested, addressed to the party for whom it is intended, at the place last

specified, and the place for giving of notice in compliance with the provisions of this paragraph. For the present, the parties designate the following as the respective places for giving of notice, to-wit:

#### FOR Contractor

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

SS#/Tax ID:

2570 Commerce PKWY, Worth POA, F1 34289

FOR DISTRICT:

Mediterra North & South CDD's 9220 Bonita Beach Road, #214 Bonita Springs, FL 34135 (239) 498-9020 (239) 989-2939 (M)

15. Venue and jurisdiction for any litigation arising out of this agreement shall be in the state court of appropriate jurisdiction in Lee & Collier County, Florida.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have executed this agreement on the day and date first above written.

Attest:

MEDITERRA SOUTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** 

District Manager

Signed, sealed and witnessed in the

presence of:

As to Contractor: FarthBalance Corp.



#### **Price Quote**

PROJECT NAME: Mediterra Preserve Management Plant Initial Trimming

ATTENTION:

Chuck Adams, Director of Operations

Mediterra CDD c/o Wrathell, Hunt and Associates

9220 Bonita Beach Road, Suite 214

Bonita Springs, FL 34135 adamsc@whhassociates.com

PRICE QUOTED:

Description	Total Price
Debris Removal	\$117,994.0

#### **SCOPE OF WORK:**

#### **Debris Removal**

**EarthBalance**® will provide all labor and materials necessary to trim and remove debris from the preserve at the Mediterra CDD located in Lee and Collier Counties, Florida. This task will include the removal of branches and debris within the preserve as outlined in the Mediterra Preserve Management Plan. Trimming and debris removal will occur in the areas hatched as "management zone" on the attached map. All debris will be removed from the site entirely and disposed at an approved facility. All work will be directed by a qualified project manager.

**EarthBalance**® will perform the services described above for a fixed fee of \$117,994.00.

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### Price Quote (continued)

PROJECT NAME: Mediterra Preserve Management Plant Initial Trimming

#### **CONDITIONS:**

This quote shall remain valid for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days beyond the submittal date of **April 10, 2018** If not accepted within this period, **EarthBalance**® reserves the right to modify any portion thereof, or withdraw the quotation in its entirety. This agreement and the attached terms and conditions shall be effective upon its full execution.

**QUOTED BY:** Erik Sandsmark

Regional Manager EarthBalance®

2570 Commerce Parkway North Port, FL 34289

esandsmark@earthbalance.com

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement is executed on the dates hereinafter stated.

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#### PRICE QUOTE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. <u>Services</u>. EarthBalance® hereby agrees to provide all supervision, labor, materials, equipment, and other facilities to complete the Work as described in the attached Price Quote ("Scope of Work" or "Work"). EarthBalance® agrees to use its best efforts in completing the Work. The Work shall be accomplished in a workmanlike and professional manner using the degree of skill and care ordinarily exercised by a reputable member of EarthBalance's® profession practicing in the same or similar locality. No other warranty, express or implied, is made or intended, unless provided in the Scope of Work.

This agreement is limited to tasks identified in the attached Price Quote and does not include additional or repeat Work resulting from changes to the project or the information upon which this agreement is based. Modification to the final work products performed at the request of the Client that is not the result of the Contractor's errors or omissions shall be billed to the Client as additional services.

- 2. <u>Time.</u> This quote shall remain valid for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days beyond the date of submittal. If not accepted within this period, **EarthBalance®** reserves the right to modify any portion thereof, or withdraw the quotation in its entirety. This agreement shall be effective upon its full execution.
- 3. <u>Duty to Cooperate.</u> Client agrees to cooperate with **EarthBalance®** in all respects in connection with **EarthBalance's®** efforts to discharge the Scope of Work. Client shall make Client's property available to **EarthBalance®**, shall timely comply with **EarthBalance's®** requests for information, and shall execute all documents reasonably required by **EarthBalance®** in discharging the Scope of Work. Client agrees to inform **EarthBalance®** of any known job site hazards including, but not limited to, hazardous substances, buried debris, ordnance or explosives, sinkholes, wildlife hazards, etc.
- 4. <u>Payment.</u> Client agrees to pay a fee for the Work performed based upon the information contained in attached Price Quote. As soon as may be practicable at the beginning of each month, **EarthBalance**® shall invoice Client for all work performed in the prior month and any other sums due **EarthBalance**®. Client shall pay the invoice amount within thirty (30) days after the invoice date. **EarthBalance**® may cease performing work under the attached Price Quote if any payment due hereunder is not paid within thirty (30) days of the invoice date.

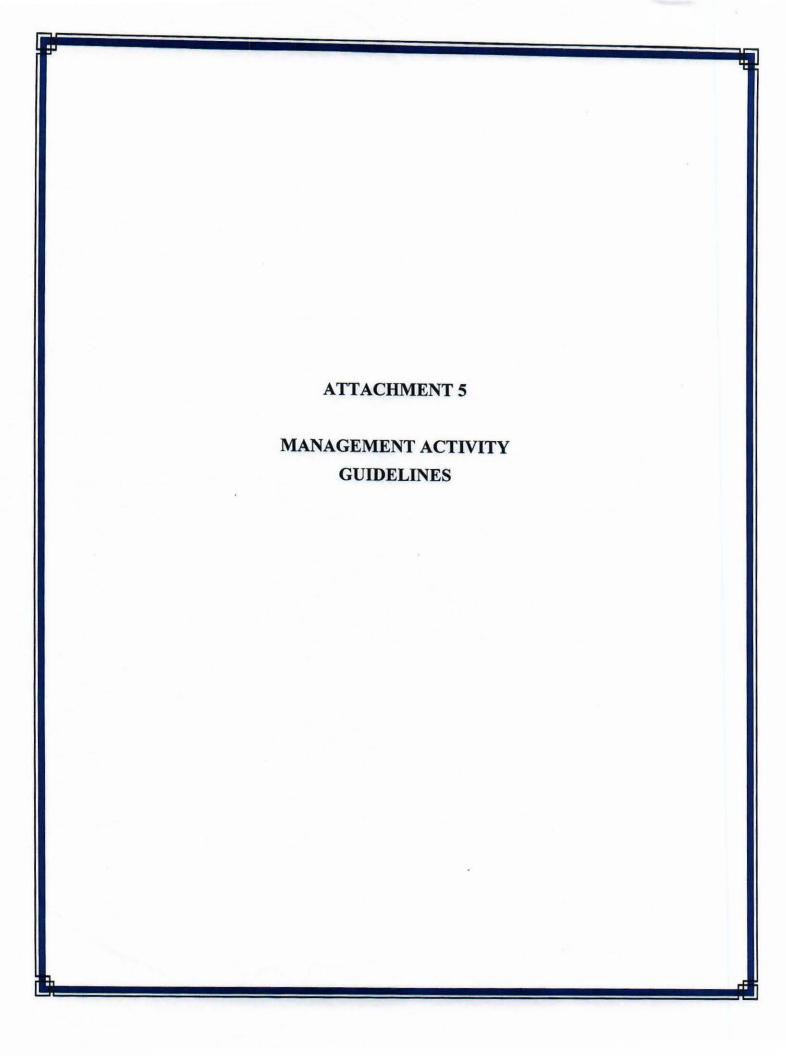
Client agrees that **EarthBalance®** may place a lien upon the Property for Work performed under the attached Price Quote and that **EarthBalance®** may record and enforce the lien for Work performed in accordance with the provisions of Florida's Construction Lien Law. In any litigation arising out of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorney's fees and costs. In addition, if **EarthBalance®** places this executed Price Quote in the hands of an attorney for the collection of any sums due hereunder, Client agrees to reimburse **EarthBalance®** for its reasonable attorney's fees and costs relating thereto.

- 5. <u>Termination and Default</u>. This agreement may be terminated by either party giving the other party thirty (30) days written notice of intent to terminate. In addition, upon default by Client, monetary or otherwise, this agreement may be terminated by EarthBalance® with seven (7) days written notice of intent to terminate if the default remains uncured after such notice period. EarthBalance's® liability to Client or any related party for any claim related to or arising out of (i) this agreement or (ii) EarthBalance's® Work shall be limited to two times the amount of fees paid by Client hereunder.
- 6. Force Majeure Event. EarthBalance® shall not be liable to Client for damages resulting from delay in or termination of EarthBalance's® Work because of fire or casualty, riots, strikes, picketing, boycotts, lockouts, labor disturbances, shortages of materials, war, terrorism or combined action of the workmen or others, governmental delays, or any acts of God including, but not limited to, severe snowstorms, earthquakes, hurricanes, floods, or any other cause or condition beyond its control making it inadvisable in EarthBalance's® determination to proceed with the Work (collectively, a "Force Majeure Event"). EarthBalance® shall have no obligation to resume Work discontinued under this Section. If EarthBalance® elects not to resume the Work, Client's sole and exclusive remedy shall be payment on a pro-rata basis for the percentage of Work that has actually been completed as of the date of its receipt of EarthBalance's® notice of the Force Majeure Event.
- 7. <u>Miscellaneous</u>. The invalidity of any provision of the agreement shall not impair the validity of any other provision. If any provision of this agreement is determined to be unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be deemed severable and the remaining provisions of the agreement shall be enforced.

This agreement shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with, and the validity of this agreement shall be judged by, the laws of the State of Florida.

This agreement sets forth the entire agreement and understanding of the parties hereto. It may only be amended, modified or terminated by the written mutual consent of all of the parties hereto and duly executed by the authorized representatives of the parties hereto.

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# "EXHIBIT B"

#### Initial Hand Trim to Mimic Prescribed Fire (3- to 5-year frequency)

Conservation Area boundary is to be surveyed and staked by a professional survey crew prior to work initiation. Contractor will perform the maintenance detailed below for the first 60 feet perpendicular to the Conservation Area boundary line.

- Saw palmetto fronds will be cut back to the trunk to mimic a prescribed fire.
- Dead and fallen trees will be cut and removed from preserve areas.
- Vines will be hand pulled if they are climbing above three (3) feet in height.
- Dead palm fronds will be removed. Palms must NOT be hurricane cut. Removal of dead palm fronds is intended to solely reduce fuel loads within the preserve.
- Snags will be removed if they present an issue of health, safety, and welfare (i.e. in danger of
  impacting homes and associated structures).
- Accumulated pine straw and vegetative debris are to be removed.
- All trimmings will be removed from the preserve areas.

#### **Maintenance Trimming**

- Annual maintenance trims of native vegetation may only take place upon review and approval
  by District Engineering Staff. Maintenance trimming will only be allowed if staff determines
  additional management is warranted to maintain the ecological integrity of the preserves and
  keep fuel loads at an acceptable level.
- Removal of vegetative debris, such as fallen palm fronds or dead plant material, may occur as needed, to reduce fuel loads in the preserves (NFPA 2007).

#### **Unlimited Maintenance**

- Invasive exotic/nuisance plant species, including non-native grasses, included on the Florida
  Exotic Pest Plant Council's Category I and II lists shall be removed annually or when they
  reach more than 20% coverage at a minimum.
- Native and/or non-native ornamentals, not part of the existing natural vegetative community,
   are not allowed within the preserve area and may be removed at any time.

# Mediterra Community Development District Preserve Management Plan Management Zone Initial Clearing RFP 03/18

Thank you for your interest in providing a proposal for vegetation removal within certain portions of the District Preserve Management Plan. The primary purpose of this project is to remove and/or reduce flammable materials within the Management Zone (first 60' of conservation area shown in purple cross hatch on attached map) The work is intended to begin in mid-April and to be completed within 30 days (max).

- 1) Methods of removal and materials subject to removal within the Management Zone are more specifically detailed in sections 3.0, 3.1, 3.1.1, 3.1.2 and 3.1.3 of the attached Mediterra Preserve Management Plan dated March 2018.
- 2) All debris subject to removal from the Management Zone is to be removed from site and disposed of at a state licensed horticultural disposal or recycling site. Transporting from Management Zone to street may be completed utilizing carts/ATVs and trailers where the debris can be loaded into vehicles for transport off site. Chipping street side into box trucks or trailers is acceptable. No on-site overnight staging/storing of debris or equipment will be allowed.
- 3) Street side off loading areas shall be properly marked for traffic and public safety (cones/safety signs etc) and shall be cleaned to their original condition before leaving the site for the day or upon completion of the work in that area.
- 4) Access to Management Zones will be <u>tightly coordinated</u> with owner representative and shall not be assumed by contractor. Existing District Easements are available to access all areas from roadside or golf course, between and/or behind homes.
- 5) Approved work hours are 8am to 5pm Monday through Friday. Crews shall be closely supervised at all times to insure accurate implementation of the specifications and professional oversite/interaction with property owners.

### MEDITERRA Preserve Management Plan

SFWMD Permit No. 11-01761-P USACOE Permit No. 199900076 (IP-SB)

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#### 1.0 Introduction

#### 1.1 Background

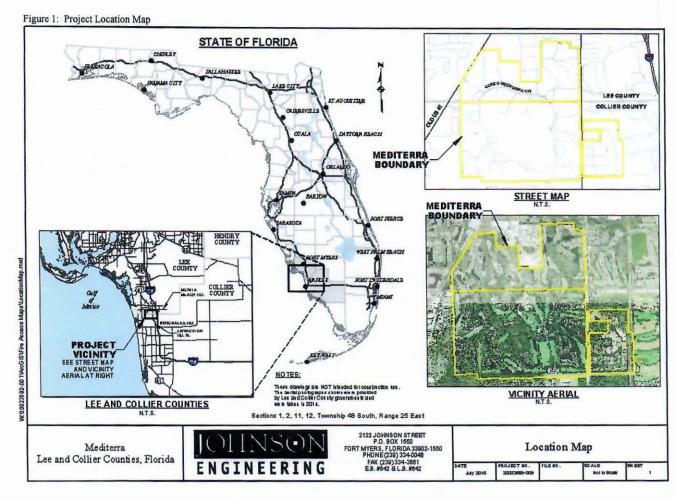
The Mediterra residential community received approval of ERP Permit Number 11-01761-P from the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) on November 10, 1999. Approval from the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) was received through DA Permit Number 199900076(PI-SB) in January 2000. Copies of these permits are provided in Attachment 1. The project encompasses approximately 1,445 acres in Sections 1,2,11, and 12 of Township 48 South, Range 25 East in Lee and Collier Counties, Florida. A project location map is provided as Figure 1. Mediterra is comprised of single family residential homes, two golf courses, and twenty-one (21) natural preserve areas. The preserves are afforded protection by Deeds of Conservation Easement (Conservation Easements) to the SFWMD, which were required as compensation for wetland impacts resulting from the initial construction of the community. A copy of each recorded conservation easement is provided in Attachment 2. The Mediterra North Community Development District (CDD) (Lee County) and Mediterra South CDD (Collier County) are tasked with overseeing the management of the preserves and compliance with permit special conditions.

As was standard at the time of SFWMD permit issuance, management activities in the approved maintenance plan focused on wetland restoration and included invasive vegetation removal and hydrologic enhancement. Prescribed burning and beneficial maintenance of native vegetation were not required and are, in part, restricted by the conservation easements, which prohibit the removal or destruction of trees, shrubs, or other vegetation, that was not in accordance with a SFWMD approved maintenance plan. Nearly two decades later, the preserves at Mediterra have transitioned from an open mid-canopy over a diverse understory, toward a closed mid-canopy and reduced diversity and coverage of beneficial groundcover. For communities permitted now, regulations governing the creation and maintenance of preserves have changed, and the environmental benefits of prescribed burning and maintenance of native vegetation are now commonly considered and required as part of preserve management plans. Additionally, many of these activities are now required to be considered as part of Wildfire Hazard Mitigation Plans during local permitting approval (City of Bonita Springs Ordinance No. 15-28 §3-417e). Mediterra is looking to create a preserve management plan to reflect the known benefits of these types of land management activities.

#### 1.2 Goals

The existing Deeds of Conservation Easement do not currently allow for fuel reduction, or beneficial maintenance of native vegetation due to the following exclusions stated in the easements:

- 2c) Removal or destruction of trees, shrubs, or other vegetation, except for the removal of exotic or nuisance vegetation in accordance with a SFWMD approved maintenance plan;
- 2d) Excavation, dredging, or removal of loam, peat, gravel, soil, rock, or other material substance in such a manner as to affect the surface.



Under Section 3, the easements do allow for passive recreational uses upon written approval by the SFWMD. Based on the Section 3 allowance, the caveat in Section 2c regarding a "SFWMD approved maintenance plan," this Preserve Management Plan is being developed for submittal to SFWMD to incorporate additional land management activities.

This Preserve Management Plan is designed to take a proactive approach to maintaining the health and diversity of preserve areas within the Mediterra community while simultaneously reducing and preventing risks to the community resulting from a wildfire occurring within those preserves.

This management plan, once approved by the reviewing agencies, will set forth allowable preserve management activities, but is not meant to replace the special conditions of the permits and conservation easement. Rather, it serves as a tool to aid the operating entity, the Mediterra CDDs, in managing the preserve areas of Mediterra to increase the health and diversity of the natural systems while reducing the potential for property damage caused by catastrophic wildfires. It is the responsibility of the CDDs to be familiar and comply with the conditions of the permits and conservation easements in perpetuity.

#### 2.0 EXISTING CONDITIONS

The conservation areas of the Mediterra community total nearly 400 acres, covering approximately one-third of the total land area. These areas were incorporated during the design phase of Mediterra to provide aesthetically pleasing views from residences and the golf course and create visual interruptions between smaller sub-communities while preserving higher quality wetland habit as required by various permitting agencies. This allowed the preserve and conservation areas being intertwined with golf course and residential dwellings throughout the development. The design of the preserve areas relative to homes and other development along with the species composition of the preserves and the vegetative structure and fuel load within the preserves offer a descriptive picture of the fire susceptibility of a community.

#### 2.1 Design

Like many large developments in southwest Florida, Mediterra was designed specifically to retain large expanses of native areas within the development. Retaining these natural areas was accomplished by designing the communities around existing wetlands and incorporating those

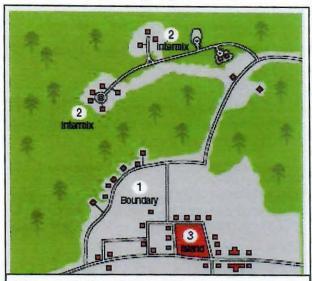


Figure 2: Wildland / Urban Interface arrangement categories (FDACS 2010)

wetlands into the stormwater management system to help regulate their hydrology. Additional upland buffers were also retained to help protect the wetlands from encroachment. This design often results in "fingers" of residential development with preserves, golf course, or lakes on either side. This development pattern results in a Wildland Urban Interface arrangement that is best described as "intermix" for much of Mediterra. Figure 2 depicts the three common types of wildland / urban interface. The "intermix" WUIs are considered problematic and costly to firefighting resources and research has indicated that wildfire damage becomes worse with more WUI and intermix development (Irwin 1987).

#### 2.2 Species Composition

Predominant vegetative communities within the preserves of Mediterra include cypress stands and pine flatwoods, with some small pockets of freshwater marsh and prairie. The cypress communities within Mediterra are associated with occurrences of hydric and mesic flatwoods. In general, most of the cypress stands on site are transitioning from areas with near 100% cover of bald cypress (Taxodium distichum), to slash pine (Pinus elliotti) intermixed with cypress and cabbage palm (Sabal palmetto). Midstory vegetation is increasing and consists of shrubs such as wax myrtle (Myrica cerifera), myrsine (Myrsine cubana) and various hollies (Ilex spp.). Further transition of these wetland areas results in increased coverage by pines and encroachment of saw palmetto (Serenoa repens) into understory. The flatwoods with saw palmetto understory often occur near residential structures. This is a relatively common pattern in larger communities, where development was planned in upland areas to minimize wetland impacts and mitigation costs.

Just as certain building materials behave differently or are more flammable than others when exposed to wildfire, certain plant species also perform differently or are more flammable when exposed to wildfire. For example, pine trees are highly fire resistant as long as the flame height does not reach into the crown. However, pines drop needles that often form a thick layer of combustible duff on the ground allowing a fire to move more readily across the landscape. Cabbage palms are also resistant to most fires as they can recover from losing their fronds,

however the bases of discarded palm fronds or "boots" (Figure 3) often remain on the trunk and can collect pine needles and other combustible material allowing a fire to move up from the ground into the canopy. Saw palmetto is especially suited to survive fires and is often the first species to reemerge after a wildfire has passed through an area, however saw palmetto has been described as Florida's natural equivalent to a "lake of gasoline" (FDACS 2010) igniting easily and carrying fire quickly during dry conditions while launching firebrands hundreds of feet into the air. "Firebrands are airborne, burning materials or embers that are carried upward by a wildfire and deposited elsewhere. Firebrands can be carried distances of a mile or more by rising hot air currents and winds associated with wildfire. Saw palmetto, cabbage palm, and other types of vegetation tend to form airborne embers when they burn, making firebrands a particular danger in Florida" (FDACS 2010)



Figure 3: Cabbage Palm Boots. (UFEI 2017)

Unfortunately, the vegetative palette found in preserve areas of Mediterra includes several species that are considered highly-flammable by FDACS including slash pine, cypress, cabbage palm, saw palmetto, wax myrtle and gallberry. **Table 1** provides a list of "more-flammable" trees and shrubs found in Florida and **Table 2** provides a list of "less-flammable" trees and shrubs in Florida (FDACS, 2017). Species commonly found in the preserves of Mediterra are highlighted with light green. Since species composition of the preserves areas cannot be altered, species specific consideration must be given when developing a preserve management plan.

Table 1: FDACS List of More-Flammable Trees and Shrubs

		TREES	
Pines	Bald Cypress	Red Cedar	American Holly
Italian Cypress	Yew	Leyland Cypress	Yaupon Holly
Boxwood	Melaleuca		
	Carlo Report to	PALMS	
Cabbage Palm	Saw Palmetto	No.	
	sales s	SHRUBS	SHAT BELLEVI
Wax Myrtle	Gallberry	Pampas Grass	Arizona Cypress
Arborvitae	Juniper		

Table 2: FDACS List of Less Flammable Trees and Shrubs

	T	REES	
Ash	Magnolia	Sweet Acacia	Pecan
Citrus	Maple	Silver Button	Willow
Crape Myrtle	Redbud	Tabebuia	Sea Grape
Dogwood	Sycamore	Gumbo-Limbo	Catalpa
Jacaranda	Viburnum	Red Mulberry	Hawthorne
Loquat	Winged Elm	Red Bay	Elm
Oaks	Citrus	Green Button	Basswood
Peach	Plum	Mahogany	Hophornbeam
Black Cherry	Sweet Gum	Satin Leaf	Blue Beech
Sparkleberry	Persimmon	Pigeon Plum	River Birch
	P.	ALMS	No bearing the
Pindo Palm	Alexander Palm	Sago Palm	King Sago Palm
Queen Palm	Pygmy Date Palm		
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Agave	Philodendrom	Century Plant	Hydrangea
Aloe	Pittosporum	Coontie	Oleander
Azalea	Red Yucca	Anise	Pyracantha
Viburnum	Beauty Berry	Indian Hawthorne	Camellia
Oakleaf Hydrangea			

#### 2.3 Vegetative Structure and Fuel Load

The preservation of large expanses of natural areas in developments without regular maintenance has resulted in increased fuel loads and alteration of the vegetative structure within the preserves. This increased midstory coverage often outcompetes groundcover species resulting in reduced biodiversity within preserves. Exclusion of fires from natural areas along with restrictions on removing vegetation from preserves allows species like wax myrtle, gallberry, cabbage palm and saw palmetto to increase coverage and grow higher into the midstory. Not only does this increase the fuel load in an area, it also allows the fire to move vertically from the ground into flammable vegetation of the midstory strata and then into the treetops above. Vegetative fuels that enable a fire to move vertically from the ground into the canopy are often referred to as ladder fuels. **Figure 4** depicts two separate types of ladder fuels. The photo on the left shows vines and shrubs crowding into the midstory. The photo on the right shows a midstory of dried cabbage palm fronds that could carry flames into the canopy and be lifted with rising hot air as firebrands.

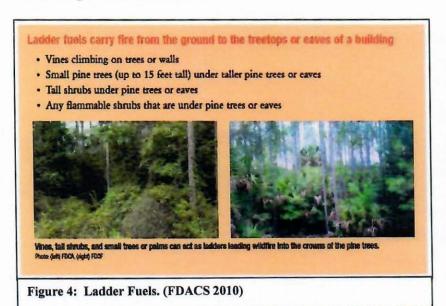




Figure 5: Ladder fuel trapped in palm fronds.

Figure 5 depicts a close-up view of a cabbage palm filled with pine needles, dead palm fronds and other combustible materials that could carry a surface fire into the canopy during wildfires. The preserve areas at Mediterra display an increase in coverage within the midstory strata due to overgrown shrubs and young trees. Figure 6 depicts a typical pine flatwood preserve area at Mediterra where shrubs have become overgrown. This preserve exhibits limited to no separation between surface and canopy fuels, which is a condition that is conducive to a wildfire quickly intensifying.



Figure 6: Example of vegetative structure observed in a preserve at Mediterra.

Figure 7 depicts a pine flatwood area that has been maintained to reduce vegetation in the midstory. Although different habitats will have differing levels of fuel reduction, this photo shows a healthy pine flatwoods habitat with an open midstory. A wildfire occurring in this habitat would likely have lower flame heights, would burn at a lower intensity and the threat to nearby structures would be greatly reduced.

While fuel load was not specifically measured during this assessment, general observations by JEI ecologists, NCFR chief, and FFS staff noted that vegetative structure, fuel load, and vegetative



Figure 7: Example of vegetative structure showing a more open, fire-maintained pine flatwood community. (FPS)



Figure 8: Example of fuel load in Mediterra in February of 2018.

community conditions were conducive to wildfire in several areas throughout Mediterra. These observations occurred during the 2015/2016 El Niño event when precipitation was above average. During wet conditions, it is unlikely a wildfire would start within, or spread to, cypress habitats; however, the pine flatwood areas remain susceptible to wildfire, particularly given the proximity to human activities. During drought conditions, susceptibility to wildfire could be expected to increase along with the ability for wildfire to spread into cypress habitats. These observations have been further substantiated by the two recent wildfires that have occurred within the community in 2017.

Furthermore, Hurricane Irma in September 2017, caused a lot of additional debris to accumulate in the Conservation Areas. Thick duff layers and fallen, dead debris were observed on the site in February of 2018. **Figure 8** shows a typical duff layer in the Mediterra Conservation Area within 60 feet of residential property.

#### 3.0 FUEL LOAD REDUCTION STRATEGY

The Mediterra Preserve Management Plan will utilize selective hand-trimming of native midcanopy/groundcover vegetation as the primary management tool to improve the ecological integrity of the preserves and reduce fuel loads within the development. This fuel load reduction method is proposed for the first 60-feet of the conservation areas. A map depicting the locations of uplands and wetlands within the Conservation Easements is provided in **Attachment 3** Mediterra Preserve Management and Fuel Reduction Map and details the total acreage of proposed trimming. The methods proposed to achieve fuel load reduction are detailed below.

#### 3.1 Hand Trimming to Mimic Prescribed Fire (3 - 5 years)

Trimming must be done in a manor to maintain the integrity of plant material and is to emulate a natural vegetative community, not a landscape area. The goal of hand-trimming is to mimic a natural fire regime to the best extent practicable. No living, healthy trees will be removed during the trimming process. Laborers may use machetes, loppers, and/or chainsaws to trim native vegetation in the mid-

canopy/groundcover, following the oversight of the qualified environmental specialist. Since the goal of the initial trim is to emulate a natural system under a normal fire regime, this thorough type of trim should not occur more frequently than every three (3) to five (5) years. All trimmings will be removed from the conservation areas by hand. The targeted species and their management guidelines are detailed in **Attachment 5** and below.

#### 3.1.1 Saw Palmetto



Figure 9: Saw Palmetto as observed in Mediterra in February of 2018.

The Mediterra conservation areas contain considerable amounts of dense saw palmetto, which is considered one of the most flammable naturally occurring groups of plants in the southern United States (Doran et al. 2004). As such, saw palmetto fronds may be cut back to the trunk to mimic a prescribed fire during the initial trim to reduce fuel loads in

the preserve areas adjacent to residential structures (NFPA 2007). The trimming must be done in a manner to



Figure 10: Saw Palmetto two years post trimming

maintain the integrity of the overall plant material and is intended to emulate a natural vegetative community, not a landscaped area. The trunks of the saw palmetto will not be cut. Saw Palmetto as observed in the Mediterra Community currently is shown in **Figure 9** and the proposed trimming after two years of re-growth is shown in **Figure 10**.

#### 3.1.2 Cabbage Palm

The bases of discarded palm fronds or "boots" of the cabbage palm often remain on the trunk and can collect pine needles and other combustible material allowing a fire to move up from the ground into the canopy. Cabbage palm boots, and fronds hanging below 90 degrees from vertical shall be trimmed and removed. Cabbage palms can benefit from losing their fronds and **Figure 11** shows an example of a cabbage palm after the proposed trimming.

#### 3.1.3 Other Species and Duff Layer

Vines may be cut and hand-pulled if they are climbing above three feet in height. Accumulated pine straw and



Figure 11: Cabbage Palm after proposed trimming

vegetative debris are highly flammable and shall be removed near residential structures (Doran et al. 2004; NFPA 2007). Accumulated duff layers, dead and diseased trees, and palm fronds hanging below 90° from the trunk will be removed.

#### 3.2 Maintenance Trimming (Annually)

As some areas of the preserves likely receive non-target irrigation and fertilization from the golf course and adjacent residences, the potential exists that maintenance trimming may need to be conducted in between the more thorough trims described in Section 3.1. Maintenance trimming should not be

conducted more than once per year. When determined necessary, the goal of the maintenance trims should remain to keep fuel loads at an acceptable level and maintain the ecological integrity of the conservation areas. Removal of vegetative debris, such as fallen palm fronds or dead plant material, may occur no more than once per year, to reduce fuel loads in the preserves (NFPA 2007).

#### 3.3 Unlimited Maintenance

It is important to note the frequency of hand trimming guidelines previously described does not apply to invasive exotic/nuisance plant species, including non-native grasses, as stated on the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council's Category I and II lists. Exotic/nuisance species included on this list can be removed from the preserve areas at any time without prior authorization from SFWMD staff. The current list of Category I and II exotics is provided in Appendix D of this report for reference. At a minimum, exotic plants shall be removed annually or when they reach more than 20% coverage. Additionally, native and/or non-native ornamentals, not part of the existing indigenous vegetative community, are not allowed within the preserve area and may be removed at any time.

#### 4.0 HOMEOWNER RESPONSIBILITY

#### 4.1 Property Maintenance

The homes in Mediterra are generally constructed and maintained to reduce the risk of burning during a wildfire. However, the following maintenance activities should be used to ensure continued structure resistance to wildfires.

- Remove pine needles and other flammable debris from roofs.
- Replace combustible or meltable soffits and gutters with noncombustible, and non-meltable alternatives.
- Arrange landscaping in separate islands that are divided by at least ten feet of turf or low groundcover.
- Prune tree branches within 15 feet of the house. See Figure
   12 for an example of a cabbage palm on private property touching eaves of home.
- Replace "more-flammable" plants such as saw palmetto, wax myrtle, gallberry, and pampas grass with "less- flammable" substitutes such as cocoplum, beautyberry, and other appropriate native shrubs and groundcover.
- Substitute pine straw mulch with less flammable options such as stones, decomposed granite, sod or shredded bark, or keep moist through responsible irrigation.



Figure 12: Cabbage palm fronds in contact with eaves of home.

- Provide 15-foot vegetation clearance around flammable materials such as propane tanks, grills, fire pits, and storage structures.
- Irrigate wisely during dry seasons within local water management guidelines.
- Regularly clean gutters to remove pine needles and other dead vegetation.